



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant Application and Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Construction of Airco Taxiways at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommended Action:

Approval to submit a Project Application (Application) and then subsequently accept a Grant Agreement (Grant) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$11,951,040 to construct new Taxiway "D" and relocate Taxiway Connector "G3" at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE).

- These two taxiways will connect PIE's airfield with the 130-acre Airco parcel that is adjacent to PIE.
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Applications are due to the FAA on June 16, 2023.
- Taxiway "D" will run roughly parallel to PIE's primary Runway 18-36 and will terminate at Taxiway "G" and the end of Runway 36. Taxiway Connector "G3" is an existing angled taxiway that will be shifted to meet current FAA Airport Design requirements.
- Bids for this project were opened on May 18, 2023, and the total lowest bid is \$14,960,000.00.
- Other grant and local funding sources are available under Project 000034A Construct New General Aviation Taxiways and Roads Airport, included in the Capital Improvement Program, funded by the Airport Operating and Revenue Fund. The project budget will be proposed for amendment in the Proposed FY24-29 Capital Improvement Plan.
- The increase in cost is due to the post-pandemic costs of materials such as asphalt, airfield lighting, utility pipes, lime rock, excavation, grating, and airfield signage.
- This Grant is a multi-year reimbursement project that will likely impact FY 2024-FY25.
- PIE staff has prepared an Airport Improvement Program grant application to the FAA in the amount of \$11,951,040.00. When the Grant is issued by the FAA because of this application, it will require immediate electronic signatures by the Board's Chairperson and the County Attorney's office.

If this agenda action is approved by the Board, the Grant is deemed to be approved concurrently because of the tight timeline of FAA funds obligation. PIE normally receives the grant in mid-September for a September 30th obligation of funds.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

The Grant will assist PIE in funding the construction and relocation of two taxiways adjacent to the former Airco golf course. The Taxiway and Taxiway Connector are designated as "D" and "G3".

PIE's engineering consultants have designed this project to comply with all current FAA design standards for these taxiways.

Background Information:

The construction and relocation of the two taxiways is critical to the development of the former Airco golf course, with the 130 acres being one of the last parcels of its size that can be developed in Pinellas County. Development of this parcel must be done for aeronautical tenants and non-aeronautical tenants. For aeronautical tenants to use Airco, taxiways must be developed to allow those tenants to taxi from the Airco site to PIE's airfield. Currently, there is no connectivity between Airco and the airfield.

Fiscal Impact:

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The construction budget for this project is as follows. This budget does not include design (completed) or construction services engineering:

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FAA:	\$11,951,040.00
FDOT:	\$ 1,104,480.00
PFC:	\$ 1,104,480.00
Airport:	\$ 800,000.00 (contingency)
TOTAL:	\$14,960,000.00

Staff Member Responsible:

Thomas R. Jewsbury, Executive Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Partners:

Federal Aviation Administration
Florida Department of Transportation

Attachments:

FAA Application for AIP-53
Intent to Apply E-mail
FDOT Contract Number G1T83 and Amendment Financial Project Number 440565-1-94-01
PFC Acknowledgement Letter from FAA - Application #6