



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Work Related to the Environmental Assessment Study for the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$40,000.00)

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution to approve a reimbursement agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$40,000.00 for work associated to complete the environmental assessment (EA) study for the extension of runway 6/24 at the airport. Specifically, the FAA will review the proposed changes to runway 6/24 for impacts to federally owned navigational systems.

The EA study for the proposed safety extension of runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Airport has been underway since 2009. As part of the proposed project, runway 6/24 would be shifted 150' to the southwest to allow for the future widening of the State Road corridor by the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Since there are federally owned navigational aids (ODAL lighting system) at the end of this runway, the FAA needs to determine if this system also needs to be shifted and what impacts this may have. The proposed reimbursement agreement funds the FAA work associated with this review.

It was originally anticipated that this work would be done as part of the FAA's earlier review of the draft EA. When the FAA-Great Lakes Region Office determined they would not need to sign off on the EA, this work was not undertaken. FAA Technical Operations notified the City in April 2012 that they would need to complete this task under a reimbursement agreement. The FAA has indicated that the review will likely take the remainder of the calendar year to complete.

The reimbursement agreement amount of \$40,000.00 will be funded by a grant contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation-Office of Aeronautics (MDOT-Aero) which is also on the agenda for Council's consideration. The grant is administered by MDOT-Aero and they will make payments directly to the FAA for grant eligible expenses.

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Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, The City has approved an Airport Layout Plan which depicts safety related modifications to runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport and desires to have an environmental assessment completed to determine the impacts of these proposed modifications;

Whereas, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Michigan Department of Transportation - Office of Aeronautics (MDOT-Aero) have approved funding and support for the completion of an environmental assessment for the safety extension of runway 6/24;

Whereas, the FAA requires that a reimbursement agreement be executed for the completion of an environmental review for the proposed modifications to runway 6/24;

Whereas, MDOT-Aero will administer the agreement, including making payments for services directly

to the FAA; and

Whereas, The City has received grant funding from the FAA and MDOT-Aero that will fund the work proposed under this Agreement;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the reimbursement agreement in the amount of \$40,000.00 with the Federal Aviation Administration for environmental review services related to the Environmental Assessment work at the Ann Arbor Airport;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.