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TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: December 2, 2024 Council Agenda Response Memo - Supplement

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**DS-1 - Resolution to Approve a Grant Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Engineering Services for the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$623,200.00)**

**DS -2 - Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City and C&S Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$618,700.00)**

**CM Mallek Question #1:** Budget Impact. At the 12/2 City Council meeting, Council is being asked to consider a resolution to approve a grant contract for engineering services related to a proposed project the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport. While this grant contract only requires a small portion of funds from the city that will come from the Airport Fund Operations and Maintenance budget, what is the anticipated city contribution for the actual construction component and implementation of the project as proposed, and from which city budget will the expected funds come from? (Councilmember Mallek)

**Response:** Based on the \$10 million construction estimate for the project, the City's contribution would be no more than \$500,000 (5%) of the project. These funds are available and would be paid by the Airport Fund with no contribution from the City's General Fund.

**CM Mallek Question #2:** Long-term Budget Impact. What is the anticipated long-term budget impact of the airport project as proposed on the city, compared to the anticipated

long-term budget impact on the city if the no action alternative is taken? (Councilmember Mallek)

**Response:** As the local share of the grant funded project would be paid entirely from the Airport Fund, there is no long-term impact anticipated on the City's budget.

**CM Mallek Question #3:** Safety Impact. Much of the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport project emphasizes safety as the primary goal. Does an alternative possibility exist where needed safety improvements, such as the installation of new navigational aids and runway lighting, can be made without building an extension of the existing runway? If the answer is yes, who would be responsible for funding the safety improvements in that scenario? (Councilmember Mallek)

**Response:** As the City, MDOT-Aero, and FAA have identified that the current airport design does not comply with current FAA airport design standards, grant funding would not be available for piecemeal projects to address only components of the deficiencies. As the FAA and MDOT are willing to fund all the improvements for the airport to meet current design standards, they expect the entire project to be completed to address these deficiencies.