

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation; Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Department of Transportation – Airport Division

Subject: From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport Director, Department of Transportation – Airport Division, Requesting an Appropriation Transfer to Recognize \$10,500,000 in Order to Fund Construction Phase Activities for Capital Project WA0445-MKE South Ramp Taxiway Strengthening.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Department of Transportation is requesting the board authorize the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) and the Office of the Comptroller to process an administrative fund transfer to fund construction activities for capital project WA0445-MKE South Ramp Taxiway Strengthening.

POLICY

Board approval is required to establish projects and increase expenditure authority.

BACKGROUND

The airport and been working with Crow Holdings to develop the former 440th ramp into a modern cargo facility that will improve cargo operations at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport. Earlier this year, the airport submitted County Board File 24-457 updating the board regarding the status of the project. One of the key elements identified in that report was the need to develop a taxiway to the adjoining site and strengthen the pavement in order to handle heavy weight aircraft. At the time of the report, the taxiway project was still in the preliminary engineering phase accumulating the necessary information for project bids. The project is since been bid and projects costs are known so the department has a firm idea of what the construction costs will be.

Based on the bid information, the department is requesting that capital project WA0445-MKE South Ramp Taxiway Strengthening be authorized at \$10,500,000 dollars. As stated in the prior report, the airport will act as the sponsor for a federal grant that will support \$6,600,000 of FAA BIL entitlement funds. The state will fund \$2,300,000 and the county portion of the grant will be provided by the developer in an amount of

\$1,600,000. Since the grant is reimbursement based, the developer will provide full project funding and subsequent reimbursements made by federal and state funds will be credited back to the developer.

Related File Numbers:	24-457
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal impact.

TERMS

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Note

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