



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0883

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: September 3, 2025

TITLE: **WALK-ON** - Resolution Approving an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Design of Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways and Run-up Area Relocation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$637,954 - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving an Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) agreement and accepting anticipated grant funding of up to \$637,954 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the design phase of the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways and Run-up Area Relocation Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE).

Background

The City continues to enhance the safety, efficiency, and operational capacity of FXE's airfield in accordance with its FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP), last updated in 2019. One of the priority improvements identified in the plan is the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways and Run-up Area Relocation Project.

The Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways and Run-up Area Relocation Project is designed to address aircraft congestion and ground movement delays that currently occur at the east end of Runway 27. As aircraft queue for departure, delays frequently occur due to limited taxiway access and insufficient run-up capacity.

The construction of the bypass taxiways will be between Taxiway Alpha, one of the primary taxiways serving Runway 27. The reconfigured run-up area will accommodate more aircraft staging prior to takeoff, with appropriate separation to enhance safety and operational efficiency. Overall, the project aims to reduce bottlenecks, enhance airfield safety and support growing aviation demand at FXE.

The design phase will include, but is not limited to, geotechnical and topographical surveys, conceptual planning and construction cost estimates, development of engineering technical specifications, surface water permitting, and updating the Airport's property map per FAA's latest standards.

The FAA has provided an AIG in the amount of \$637,954 to fund approximately ninety-five percent (95%) of the eligible project design costs, with the remaining five percent (5%), approximately \$33,577, to be funded by the City.

At its meeting of August 28, 2025, the Aviation Advisory Board supported staff's recommendation to approve the AIG agreement and accept this grant.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$637,954, which will be appropriated to the accounts below, contingent upon the approval of the October 7, 2025, Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #25-0723).

Source:

<i>Funds available as of August 28, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-469-9300-542- 331-410-P12540A	Runway 9-27 By-Pass Taxiway and Run-Up Relocation	Intergovt Revenue/ Federal Grant – Airport Development	N/A	N/A	\$637,954
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$637,954

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-469-9300-542- 60-6599-P12540A	Runway 9-27 By-Pass Taxiway and Run-Up Relocation	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$637,954
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$637,954

Source (Cash Match):

<i>Funds available as of August 28, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-469-9100-542- 60-6599-P12540	Runway 27 By-Pass Taxiways	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$140,269	\$140,269	\$33,577
TOTAL ►					\$33,577

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network
- The Business Growth and Support Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Prosperous*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Area
- Goal 3: Recognize and include in economic development planning the role of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airports.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Project Location

Exhibit 2 – AIG No. 3-12-0024-041-2025

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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