



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

**#25-0144**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** March 18, 2025

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the  
Florida Department of Transportation for the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways  
Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$1,886,440 - **(Commission  
District 1)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and accept the grant in the amount of \$1,886,440 for the construction of Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive (FXE) Airport and authorize the City Manager to execute a Public Transportation Grant Agreement.

**Background**

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport is currently undertaking the Environmental Assessment (EA) process with the Federal Aviation Administration to extend Runway 9 and its associated projects. The EA is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2025. The runway extension was included in the 2019 Airport Master Plan that was developed to provide for future airfield and non-airfield development options for 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year periods. The parallel taxiways on both the south and north sides of Runway 9 also need to be extended.

In advance of the EA findings, City staff recommend that the City Commission approve a Resolution that would program Florida Department of Transportation funding towards the potential project needs. Typically, these types of projects are multi-year efforts and require FDOT funding allocations to be secured years in advance, so this action should not be interpreted that the runway extension has been approved. The commencement date, if applicable, for this project is dependent on the outcome of the EA.

Runway 9 extension is designed with a displaced threshold at the western end for the primary benefit of aircraft departing to the east. Additionally, the runway extension will reduce payload penalties for some larger jet aircraft, increase aircraft range as well as increase the overall Airport capacity. The existing parallel taxiways, Echo to the south and Foxtrot to the north, must be extended to provide access to the proposed western extension of Runway 9 (Exhibit 1).

The estimated construction cost for the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension project is \$6,108,100. FDOT will provide a PTGA, which includes \$1,886,440 allocated in fiscal year 2025, and staff anticipate an additional PTGA in fiscal year 2026.

At its meeting on January 23, 2025, the Aviation Advisory Board supported staff's recommendation to approve the PTGA and accept this grant.

**Resource Impact**

This action will result in a positive impact on the City for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 in the amount of \$1,886,440 which was appropriated to the accounts below on the March Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 25-0092.

<b>Funds available as of March 11, 2025</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME (Program)</b>	<b>ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-469-9300-542-60-6599-P12882B	P12882B – Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension - Construct	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$1,886,440	\$1,886,440	\$1,886,440
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$1,886,440

**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 – Map
- Exhibit 2 – Public Transportation Grant Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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