CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#26-0227**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and to Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Execute the Agreement - $3,000,000 - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) to accept $3,000,000 in additional grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension Project at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) and delegating authority to the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Background

FXE is currently conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Runway 9 extension and associated projects. The EA is expected to be completed in fall 2026. The Runway 9 extension was included in the 2019 Airport Master Plan, which outlines future airfield and non-airfield development options over five (5)-year, ten (10)-year, and twenty (20)-year periods. The parallel taxiways on both the north and south sides of Runway 9 also require extension.

In advance of the EA findings, City staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution to program FDOT funding towards the potential project needs. These types of projects often span multiple years and require FDOT funding to be secured years in advance. While the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiway Extension Project is part of the potential overall Runway 9 extension, this action does not constitute approval of the runway extension and the project commencement date, if applicable, will depend on the outcome of the EA. Approval of the Resolution allows the City to be included in the FDOT funding schedule in anticipation of the potential Runway 9 extension project moving forward. If the EA is not approved or the taxiway extension does not move forward, the grant with FDOT will be cancelled.

The Runway 9 extension includes the construction of a displaced threshold (the paved area of the runway that is outside of the landing area) at the western end to benefit aircraft eastbound departures. It will reduce payload penalties for jets, increase aircraft range, and

expand FXE capacity. As part of the Runway 9 extension project, parallel taxiways Echo (south) and Foxtrot (north) must be extended to access the proposed western runway extension.

The estimated construction cost for the Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension project is $6,108,100. FDOT provided a PTGA, which includes $1,886,440 allocated in fiscal year 2025. This funding was recommended by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Aviation Advisory Board on January 23, 2025, and the City Commission approved the grant agreement on March 18, 2025 (CAM #25-0144).

Subsequently, FDOT is providing the Fiscal Year 2026 grant through an Amendment to the PTGA, increasing the grant funds in the amount of $3,000,000. Combined with the FY 2025 allocation, the total funding provided through the PTGA is $4,886,440, covering eighty percent (80%) of the project's total construction cost. The City, via FXE, will provide the required twenty percent (20%) grant match of $1,221,660 from Airport funds, for a total project cost of approximately $6,108,100.

The Aviation Advisory Board is slated to consider acceptance of this PTGA at its meeting on February 26, 2026.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of $3,000,000 which will be appropriated to the accounts below contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0061) on the March 3, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

Funds available as of February 5, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**PROJECT NAME**	**ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-469-9300 334-410-P12882B	P12882B – Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension - Construct	Intergovt Revenue/Florida Department of Transportation	$0	$0	$3,000,000
			APPROPRIATION TOTAL►		$3,000,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**PROJECT NAME**	**CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-469-9300-542-60-6599-P12882B	P12882B – Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension - Construct	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$1,886,440	$1,886,440	$3,000,000
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	$3,000,000

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.

Related CAM
CAM 26-0061

Attachments
Exhibit 1 – Amendment to Public Transportation Grant Agreement
Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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