



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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2026

TITLE: Motion for the City Commission to Accept Grant Funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for Construction of the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport - \$4,307,742 – **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission accept grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways Project, in the approximate amount of \$4,307,742, at the Fort Lauderdale Executive (FXE) Airport. The execution of the proposed Grant Agreement will be contingent upon review and approval by the City Manager and the office of the City Attorney.

Background

The Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways project is designed to address aircraft congestion and ground movement delays that occur at Runway 27 approach. As aircraft queue for departure, delays frequently arise due to limited taxiway access and insufficient run-up capacity.

The construction of the bypass taxiways will occur between Taxiway Alpha, one of the primary taxiways serving Runway 27 and the Runway itself. Overall, the project aims to reduce bottlenecks, enhance airfield safety, and support operational efficiency at FXE.

The construction phase will include, but is not limited to, removal of existing pavement within Taxiway Echo and Taxiway Alpha; excavation and removal of existing asphalt pavement and lime rock base; reconstruction and compaction of the new subgrade and base course; placement and compaction of asphalt pavement; milling, leveling, and overlay operations; installation of new airfield signage and edge lighting systems in compliance with FAA Advisory Circulars; and application of both temporary and permanent pavement markings in accordance with FAA design standards.

On September 3, 2025, the City Commission adopted a resolution approving an Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) agreement and accepting grant funding of up to \$637,954 from the FAA for the design phase of the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-up Area

Relocation Project at FXE (CAM #25-0883).

The FAA has agreed to provide grant funding in the approximate amount of \$4,307,742 for the reimbursement of eligible construction costs for this project. This project is unrelated to the proposed Runway 9 extension project.

To meet the FAA grant acceptance requirements and deadlines, City staff recommend that the City Commission accept the anticipated grant funds at this time. In addition, staff request approval to appropriate the anticipated grant funds, contingent upon the City Attorney’s review of the grant agreement prior to execution.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the approximate amount of \$4,307,742.

Source:

Funds available as of May 26, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-468-9300-542-331-410-P12540C	FXE Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway Project	Intergovt Revenue/ Federal Grant - Airport Development	N/A	N/A	\$4,307,742
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$4,307,742

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-468-9300-542-60-6599-P12540C	FXE Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway Project	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$4,307,742
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$4,307,742

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2026 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiatives.

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 2035* Vision Plan: 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.

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Project Location

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