

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2010/11 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS APPROVAL)

BACKGROUND:

The Airport Master Plan for the Municipal Airport examines all the needs of the airport and recommends improvements to keep the infrastructure in safe condition. Each year the City submits a copy of the identified improvements requesting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). These requests are then forwarded to the FAA for consideration.

The 2010/11 Capital Improvements Plan includes a project to rehabilitate the West Apron area. This project will include removing and replacing all paved areas of the West Apron along with minor electrical improvements. On September 5, 2012, the City was notified that FAA grant funding for this project is available. The official and public notification that the FAA has allocated funds for this project will be by congressional release.

The total estimated cost for the project is \$1,302,281. The FAA portion of this project is \$1,172,053 (90%) and the City's share is \$130,228 (10%). The local share will come from the Airport Construction Fund, which will have an estimated balance of \$150,480 at the beginning of this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Proceed with the project to rehabilitate the West Apron area by accepting the FAA Grant and approving matching funds in the amount of \$130,228 from the Airport Construction Fund.
2. Reject the approval of the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By authorizing this project, the City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard currently seen at our airport facility.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby proceeding with the project to rehabilitate the West Apron area by accepting the FAA Grant and approving matching funds in the amount of \$130,228 from the Airport Construction Fund.