

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/20/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.D. PMO – CIP No. 104350 – Airport Utility Improvements – Budget Authorization
DATE PREPARED: 10/15/26	DISTRICT NO.: 1
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DEPARTMENT: Program Management Office	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on the acceleration of CIP Project No. 104350 – Buckeye Municipal Airport Utility Improvements from fiscal year 2028 to fiscal year 2027; authorize the City Manager to approve project-related expenditures up to \$3,300,000; and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to implement this action.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
Infrastructure

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Municipal Airport Utility Improvements Project (CIP No. 104350) establishes the utility infrastructure needed to support existing Airport operations, activate the initial Vermillion hangars, and prepare the Airport for continued development. As new facilities are added, reliable water, power, and communications infrastructure are essential to bringing those facilities into service and supporting future investment.

The initial construction phase includes replacement of the existing domestic waterline from Well Site No. 1, water connections serving existing and new hangars, replacement of the well's hydropneumatic tank, customer-side electrical infrastructure, City fiber conduit, and airfield utility crossings. These improvements address immediate development needs while establishing infrastructure that can serve subsequent Airport improvements.

The requested authorization allows the City to deliver this work in phases within the approved \$3,300,000 project budget. In addition to the initial DCS Contracting construction work, funding will accommodate APS power-provider costs, engineering and other project expenses, contingency, and remaining utility improvements, including planned septic tank installation south of the runway, as funding permits.

BENEFITS:

Approval of this request would give the City the flexibility to manage and deliver the Buckeye Municipal Airport Utility Improvements Project efficiently within the approved \$3,300,000 project budget.

The project will provide critical water, electrical, and communications infrastructure to support the initial Vermillion hangar development, existing Airport facilities, and future Airport development. The improvements will improve the reliability of the Airport's domestic water system, provide electrical service to the initial Vermillion hangars, expand City IT/fiber infrastructure, and establish utility infrastructure to support continued Airport growth.

Overall, the project will improve the Airport's utility infrastructure, support current development needs, and position the Buckeye Municipal Airport for future expansion and investment.

This authorization enables the City to deliver critical utility capacity and reliability ahead of tenant occupancy, which reduces operational risk and avoids revenue delays tied to hangar activation. Replacing the domestic water main from Well Site No. 1 and adding new service connections prepares the system for increased demand forecast in the Airport's near-term planning scenario and avoids pressure and reliability issues as new hangars are constructed.

The fiber conduit component extends City communications pathways on-airport and ties into priority corridors identified in recent CIP reviews, improving operational communications, security systems, and emergency response while lowering future mobilization and outage costs.

Together, the water, electrical, and fiber upgrades form the foundational utilities backbone for current operations and future Airport expansion, improving service reliability, tenant readiness, and overall Airport resilience.

FUTURE ACTION:

Following contract execution, construction activities will commence in accordance with the approved project schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The requested action will utilize \$2,700,000 of CIP Savings to accelerate the Airport Utility Improvements project, which is currently budgeted for FY2027 (\$600,000) and FY2028 (\$2,700,000). The overall cost of the project is not changing.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

CIP No. 104350 – Airport Utility Improvements has a total project budget of \$3,300,000.00 under account 50211200 – 543235. The project will be funded in FY2027 using available CIP savings, and the corresponding FY2028 budget request will be canceled.

Staff is requesting that City Council preauthorize the City Manager to approve construction actions, professional services, contract amendments, work orders, and other project-related expenditures for the project up to this amount.

The proposed JOC (Contract No. 2025104) with DCS Contracting, Inc. is not to exceed \$1,752,629.72 and represents the initial construction phase. No additional appropriation is requested.

Scope	Value
Hangar Water Connection (Vermillion Dev./initial hangars)	\$74,074.00
Well No. 1 – New 4-Inch Domestic Water Main	\$537,426.00
Electrical Infrastructure	\$78,970.00
Fiber Conduit	\$229,530.00
Hydropneumatic Tank Replacement	\$4,000.00
Additional Allowances	\$828,629.72
Remaining Project Funding	\$947,370.28
Total	\$2,700,000.00

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

FY 2027

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

50211200 - 543235

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CIP104350.pdf](#)