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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT **ITEM NO. 6.20**

DATE: September 14, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Benny Stuth, Airport Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) accepting $729,660 to update the Airport Layout Plan with Narrative Report and appropriate the necessary funds to complete the project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution to:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept and execute the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0123-036-2026 and accept $729,660 in grant funds;
2. Appropriate $729,660 in FAA grant funds to Capital Improvement Project AR202720 for the Airport Layout Plan Update with Narrative Report;
3. Appropriate $76,806 from the Livermore Municipal Airport Enterprise Fund to Capital Improvement Project AR202720 to satisfy the required local match and provide for additional funding for project budget flexibility;
4. Authorize the City Manager to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution, including making minor changes to the grant funding documents.

SUMMARY

The Airport Layout Plan Update with Narrative Report, Airport Geographic Information System (AGIS) Obstruction Survey, and supporting environmental baseline studies will provide the planning, mapping, engineering, and environmental foundation necessary to guide future airport development, maintain compliance with FAA planning requirements, and support future FAA-funded capital improvement projects.

Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute FAA Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0123-036-2026 and accept the $729,660 FAA grant award.

DISCUSSION

Airport Infrastructure Grant Program and Airport Layout Plan

The Livermore Municipal Airport (Airport) is a public-use airport owned and operated by the City of Livermore (the Airport Sponsor). The City undertakes routine capital infrastructure and planning projects to maintain the Airport and keep it operational. The FAA provides grant monies to eligible airports for infrastructure and planning projects through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program.

The FAA requires Airport Sponsors to maintain a current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) as the official planning document identifying existing airport facilities, potential future development sites, land use, and airspace considerations. The Airport's current FAA-approved ALP was completed in 2014 and needs to be updated to reflect existing conditions, current FAA design standards, projected aviation demand, and planned land use. As part of the update process, the project also includes an AGIS Obstruction Survey and supporting environmental baseline studies.

Selection and Grant Requirements

Airport capital projects are identified and prioritized annually through the FAA's Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP), which must be approved by the FAA before becoming eligible for AIG funding. On May 28, 2026, the FAA notified the City that funding for the ALP Update with Narrative Report could be available during the current funding cycle if a complete grant application was submitted by July 20, 2026.

The City submitted its grant application and, following review of the application, the FAA selected the ALP Update with Narrative Report for a $729,660 grant award, representing ninety-five percent (95%) of eligible project costs. On September 4, 2026, the FAA transmitted Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0123-036-2026 to the City.

In order to receive the grant funds, the City must:

1. Program the project into the local Capital Improvement Plan (CIP);
2. Provide the required local funds match;
3. Enter into a Grant Agreement by the acceptance deadline established by the FAA, as authorized by the local legislative body; and,
4. Agree to the applicable FAA Grant Assurances.

On July 27, 2026, the City Council approved the addition of the ALP Update with Narrative Report to the City's Five-Year CIP under Capital Improvement Project AR202720, which also included another project, the Electric Master Utility Plan. Subsequent to that Council action and submission of the original grant application, the FAA requested that the projects identified in Capital Improvement Project AR202720 be separated into two distinct grant applications and grant awards: one for the ALP Update with Narrative Report, including the AGIS Obstruction Survey and environmental baseline studies, and a second for the Electric Master Utility Plan. The FAA did not require the City to similarly separate the locally approved Capital Improvement Project. Accordingly, both FAA grant awards will remain under Capital Improvement Project AR202720, with separate sub-fund codes established to independently track revenues and expenditures associated with each grant.

The Grant Agreement must be signed by September 16, 2026, to remain eligible for funding. Failure to accept and execute the FAA Grant Agreement will delay the project until the next federal funding cycle, resulting in an approximate one-year delay to the ALP Update. Such a delay would postpone future FAA-

funded capital improvement projects that depend on completion of these planning efforts and could impact the Airport's overall capital improvement schedule.

The City Attorney's Office and Administrative Services Department have reviewed FAA Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0123-036-2026.

Next Steps

Following City Council approval of the grant resolution, the City Manager, or designee, would execute the Grant Agreement and accept the $729,660 grant award.

The remaining $76,806, comprised of the local grant match and additional project funding for flexibility, will be funded through the Livermore Municipal Airport Enterprise Fund. This funding opportunity will enable the Airport to leverage available federal AIG funds while completing the Airport's primary planning effort for the next decade.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of FAA grant funds and appropriation of those funds to prepare the Airport Layout Plan Update does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The appropriation of funds for preparation of the Airport Layout Plan Update does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. Therefore, no environmental review under CEQA is required.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

Funding for the project, AR202720, is anticipated to consist of FAA Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) funds and Airport Enterprise Funds. As shown in the table below, the total project budget is $806,466 with $76,806 in Airport Enterprise Funds (Fund 600) and $729,660 in Federal Grant Funds (Fund 601). The required local match is $38,403. The proposed Airport Enterprise Fund appropriation includes an additional $38,403 above the minimum required local match to provide budget flexibility during project implementation, if needed.

Fund	FY 25/26	FY26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31	Total
Airport Enterprise Fund (600)	0	$76,806	0	0	0	0	$76,806
Federal Grant - Airport (601)	0	$729,660	0	0	0	0	$729,660
Total	0	$806,466	0	0	0	0	$806,466

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ATTACHMENTS

1. FAA Application - Airport Layout Plan
2. FAA Amended Application - Airport Layout Plan
3. City CIP Project Sheet
4. Resolution
5. Exhibit A - FAA Grant Agreement

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