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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT **ITEM NO. 6.22**

DATE: September 14, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Benny Stuth, Airport Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) accepting $254,600 to update the Pavement Maintenance Management Plan (Pavement Plan) 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 her designee, to execute the FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement to accept $254,600;
   Appropriate $254,600 in FAA grant funds to Capital Improvement Project AR202718 for the Pavement Plan;
2. Appropriate $1,340 from the Livermore Municipal Airport Enterprise Fund to Capital Improvement Project AR202718 to satisfy the required local match;
3. Authorize the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution, including making minor changes to the grant funding documents.

SUMMARY

The Livermore Municipal Airport is a public-use airport owned and operated by the City of Livermore (the Airport Sponsor). The City of Livermore undertakes routine capital infrastructure and planning projects to maintain the airport and keep it operational. The FAA regularly provides grant monies to local airports for such infrastructure and planning projects through its Airport Improvement Program, but requires cities to maintain an updated Pavement Plan. An updated Pavement Plan will ensure the City is eligible for future FAA grant distributions. The FAA has awarded the City $254,600 to complete the update, but requires the City to enter into a Grant Agreement and provide matching funds. Staff proposes to meet the matching requirement through State of California matching funds and Airport Enterprise Fund appropriations. The FAA grant would cover 95% of Pavement Plan update costs, while local match would cover five percent. If the grant is accepted by September 15, FAA funds can be dispersed. The Grant Agreement is not a project under CEQA, would not cause any significant fiscal or administrative impacts, and implements the Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION

Airport Improvement Program and Pavement Plan

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In order to receive AIP funds, the FAA requires airport sponsors to maintain a current Pavement Plan, which generally provides for strategies to ensure safe, operable airport pavement surfaces at the least feasible cost and identifies proactive maintenance actions. The Airport's existing Pavement Plan was completed in 2021 and must be updated to maintain AIP eligibility. The City has determined that the total Pavement Plan update would cost approximately $270,000. An updated Pavement Plan will ensure the City is eligible for future FAA grant distributions. The FAA offers funding for Pavement Plan updates.

Selection and Grant Requirements

On May 28, 2026, the FAA notified the City of AIP funding availability. City staff submitted an AIP grant application on June 12, 2026 for the Pavement Plan (Attachment 1). The FAA subsequently selected the Pavement Plan for a $254,600 grant award, which would cover ninety-five percent (95%) of the eligible project costs. In order to receive the grant funds, the City must:

1. Program the project into the local Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
2. Provide a five percent funds match.
3. Enter into a Grant Agreement by September 15, 2026, as authorized by the local legislative body.
4. Agree to FAA Grant Assurances, including an updated Pavement Program.

On July 27, 2026, the City Council approved the addition of the Pavement Plan to the City's Five-Year CIP (Attachment 2). Subsequently, the FAA transmitted the Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement electronically on August 20, 2026.

The Grant Agreement must be signed by September 15, 2026. Failure to timely accept and execute the FAA grant award could delay the project until the next federal funding cycle, resulting in an approximate one-year delay to the Pavement Plan. Such a delay would postpone future FAA-funded capital improvement projects that depend on completion of this plan and could impact the Airport's overall capital improvement schedule.

Execution of the FAA Grant Agreement (Exhibit A) would incorporate the applicable FAA Grant Assurances, including the requirement to maintain an effective pavement maintenance management program for federally funded pavements.

Next Steps

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

To satisfy federal matching requirements, and following grant acceptance, staff would apply for a California Department of Transportation State Matching Grant in the amount of $12,730. The State Matching Grant is administered under a separate grant program and requires its own City Council authorization. Accordingly, staff would return to City Council with a separate resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, execute, and appropriate State Matching Grant funds, if awarded. The required local match and additional project funding will be provided through the Livermore Municipal Airport Enterprise Fund. This funding opportunity will enable the Airport to utilize available federal entitlement funds that were otherwise scheduled to expire while satisfying the FAA requirement to maintain a current Pavement Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of FAA grant funds and appropriation of those funds to prepare the Pavement Plan 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 Pavement Plan 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 Pavement Plan would consist of federal, state, and local funds, as shown in Table 1. The total project costs are $268,670, with $1,340 in City Airport Enterprise Funds (Fund 600) and the remainder in Federal and State Grants (Fund 601). If state matching funds are not awarded, additional Airport Enterprise Fund appropriations would be required to satisfy FAA match requirements.

Table 1: Pavement Plan Sources

Fund	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/258	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31	Total
Airport Enterprise Fund (600)	0	$1,340	0	0	0	0	$1,340
Federal Grant - Airport (601)	0	$254,600	0	0	0	0	$254,600
State Grant - Airport (601)	0	$12,730	0	0	0	0	$12,730
Total	0	$268,670	0	0	0	0	$268,670

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GOAL

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ATTACHMENTS

1. FAA Application - Pavement Plan
2. City CIP Project Sheet
3. Resolution
4. Exhibit A - Grant Agreement

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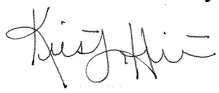

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