



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Rochester International Airport

MEETING DATE:

August 17, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Airport

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

John C. Reed

Action Requested:

Authorizing an agreement between the City of Rochester and the Rochester Airport Company, Inc. to operate and manage the Rochester International Airport.

Report Narrative:

The Rochester International Airport is owned by the City of Rochester. The Rochester Airport Company was established in 1928 and incorporated in Minnesota in 1935 as a subsidiary of Mayo Clinic with the sole purpose of operating and managing the Rochester International Airport.

The Rochester International Airport has been continuously operated by Rochester Airport Company under an agreement with the City of Rochester since the airports inception. The most recent version of this operating and management agreement expired December 31, 2025, and have continued to operate under the terms of the expired agreement while finalizing an update to the operating agreemnet..

The City of Rochester and Rochester Airport Company have worked together to update and modernize the operating and management agreement to include all necessary FAA criteria and clarify each parties responsibilities.

Under the new Operating and Management Agreement, the Rochester Airport Company will continue to operate and manage Rochester International Airport in partnership with the City of Rochester. The Agreement has an initial term of 10 years, with two optional five-year extensions.

The financial terms remain consistent with previous agreements. Any annual net income exceeding \$50,000 will be transferred to the City of Rochester and held for the exclusive benefit of Rochester International Airport.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Fiscal Responsibility & Sustainability
Quality Services for Quality Living

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The revenue generated by this agreement assists the airport with it's mission: "To provide a sustainable community asset that places the customer first, acts with agility and accountability, is responsive to stakeholders, empowers staff, and embeds safety and security in all we do."

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

August 4, 2026: Airport Commission - Recommended authorizing Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Rochester International Airport.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

Airport revenues above airport expenses and a \$50,000 fee for the Rochester Airport Company will be returned to the City of Rochester.

Alternative Action(s):

There are no alternative actions suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

[Agreement - RST Operating Agreement](#)

[Exhibit - Summary of Key Changes RST Operating Agreement](#)

[Exhibit - RST 2017 Airport Operating Agreement](#)