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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

CELIA ZAVALA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
AUTHORIZE APPLYING FOR ACCEPTING A  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
GRANT AND A STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA  
AID TO AIRPORTS PROGRAM AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
MATCHING GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
GENERAL WILLIAM J. FOX AIRFIELD RUNWAY  
PAVEMENT REHABILITATION  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 88900  
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 03-06-0118-019-2018  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Department of Public Works to apply for and accept Federal and State grants for construction of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project Capital Project No. 88900 in the City of Lancaster.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to apply for a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 20.106 grant and a State of California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program Airport

Improvement Program matching grant for construction of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project.

3. Approve an exception to the County's grant policy by delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to timely accept the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 20.106 grant and a State of California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program Airport Improvement Program matching grant for the construction of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project.

4. Authorize the Director or his designee to conduct business with the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of California Department of Transportation on all matters related to the grant funds of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Project, including execution of the grant.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize Public Works to apply for and accept a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and a State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) AIP matching grant for construction of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project.

On June 13, 2017, the Board approved the design of the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project and authorized the Director to apply for and accept a FAA Airport Improvement Program grant and a State of California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program matching grant for the design of the project. Public Works subsequently applied for and accepted a FAA Airport Improvement Program grant and a State of California Department of Transportation California Aid to Airports Program matching grant, and on August 24, 2017, obtained the services of a qualified aviation design consultant to commence the design. The design, with a budget of \$1,000,000, is nearing completion and the preliminary plans, specifications, and estimates are being developed by Public Works and reviewed by the FAA.

The project includes rehabilitation of the existing Runway 6/24 (7,200 feet long by 150 feet wide) with no additions or deletions of paved areas. The runway at the airport is severely degraded and is in a need of rehabilitation to appropriately address the pavement conditions at the airport consistent with FAA standards and the County's Airport Pavement Maintenance Program.

The construction portion of the project is estimated at \$16,000,000 and will consist of removal and rehabilitation of approximately 27 acres of airport runway and taxiway connectors with asphalt concrete over aggregate base; construct drainage improvements, including reinforced concrete pipe and drainage inlets; install striping and pavement markings; and the performance of other appurtenant work in order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards and improve conditions of the runway and taxiway connector pavement.

Following the completion of the design and the award of the grant, Public Works will return to the Board to request adoption of the plans and specifications, authorization to advertise for construction bids, and authorization to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total project cost is estimated to be \$17,000,000; \$1,000,000 for design, which was approved by the Board on June 13, 2017, and \$16,000,000 for construction. Construction costs of \$16,000,000 include the construction contract, change order allowance, consultant services, and County Services cost.

The anticipated FAA AIP grant for construction of \$14,400,000 reimburses a minimum of 90 percent of the construction cost. The anticipated California Department of Transportation CAAP AIP matching grant for construction will fund \$720,000 which equates to a maximum of 5 percent of the FAA AIP grant amount. The remaining \$880,000 will be funded through Public Works' Aviation Enterprise Fund (M02).

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The M02 Enterprise Fund will also fund any costs not funded by the FAA AIP and California Department of Transportation CAAP AIP grants.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Local government approval is required before submitting an application for grant funding pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 21681-21684 and Section 4064 of the Caltrans CAAP Regulations.

Following the FAA AIP matching grant offer, Public Works often has less than one week to execute the grant agreement. To meet this short deadline from the FAA, Public Works recommends that the Board approve an exception to the County's grant policy that requires that all grants are to be accepted by the Board. The exception to the grant policy would allow Public Works to accept the FAA AIP matching grant and the Caltrans CAAP AIP matching grant on behalf of the County. On July 11, 2000, the Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants in the amount of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that a County department prepares a Grant Management Statement for the Board's review prior to carrying out activities covered under the grant. The enclosed Grant Management Statement for grants \$100,000 or more (Enclosure I) for the FAA AIP matching grant has been prepared to conform to this requirement.

All grant agreements will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or his designee.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, the General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Project is exempt from Civic Art fees because the Project includes repairs and maintenance to airport infrastructure.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 13, 2017, the Board made a finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) based on Sections 15301(c), (d) and (i), Sections 15302(c) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), (h), (i), (n), and (x); 2(a) and (b); and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which applies to operation, demolition, repair, maintenance, minor alteration and addition of safety equipment at existing public facilities, and minor public alterations in the condition of land.

The project involves no expansion of an existing uses and does not include removal of trees. Additionally, the project is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstance, substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

Upon the Boards approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk pursuant to Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

All users of the airport will benefit from the completion of the proposed project, which will enhance the safe and efficient movement of aircraft at the airport.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Program Division; and to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

8/14/2018

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff, Capital  
Programs)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**Grant Management Statement  
(Grants \$100,000 or More)**

**Department:** Public Works

**Grant Project Title and Description**

General William J. Fox Field Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation – Construction

<b>Funding Agency</b> Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	<b>Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</b> Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and California Aid to Airports Project Matching Grant (CAAP)	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b> Less than 1 week after receipt of grant agreement
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<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$14,400,000 (FAA) and \$720,000 (Caltrans)	<b>County Match: \$880,000</b>
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**Grant Period:** 3 years (est.)      **Begin Date:** 09/18 (est.)      **End Date:** 06/20 (est.)

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:** 0      **Full Time:** N/A      **Part Time:** N/A

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	No <u>  </u> N/A
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes <u>  </u>	No <u>  </u> N/A
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <u>  </u>	No <u>  </u> N/A
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <u>  </u>	No <u>  </u> N/A
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	No <u>  </u> N/A
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	No <u>  </u> N/A

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**  
 N/A

**Other requirements not mentioned above:**  
 N/A

Department Head Signature 

Date: 6-14-18