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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, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL AIRPORT  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AND CALIFORNIA AID  
TO AIRPORTS PROGRAM MATCHING FUNDS GRANT FOR  
A RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY SLURRY SEAL AT  
GENERAL WM. J. FOX AIRFIELD, CITY OF LANCASTER  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to apply for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant in the amount of \$1,200,000, which will provide 95 percent of the funding for the design and construction of a runway and taxiway slurry seal project at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield, City of Lancaster.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to apply for a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) matching funds grant, which will reimburse 50 percent of the Federally unfunded portion of the total project cost.
3. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy by authorizing the Director of Public Works to accept the AIP and CAAP matching funds grants.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with the FAA and Caltrans on any and all matters related to the grant funds, including executing Grant Agreements and signing requests for reimbursement.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are requesting that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) to apply for an FAA AIP grant in the amount of \$1,200,000, which will provide 95 percent of the funding for the design and construction of a runway and taxiway slurry seal project at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield in the City of Lancaster. We are also requesting your Board to authorize the Director to apply for a Caltrans CAAP matching funds grant, which will reimburse 50 percent of the Federally unfunded portion of the project cost. In addition, we are requesting your Board to approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy by authorizing the Director to accept the AIP and CAAP matching funds grants and to authorize the Director, or his designee, to conduct business with the FAA and Caltrans on any and all matters related to the grant funds, including executing Grant Agreements and signing requests for reimbursement.

On April 18, 2006, your Board adopted the General Wm. J. Fox Airfield Runway and Taxiway Slurry Seal project. The FAA has informed us that grant funding for this project is available during this Federal fiscal year. A formal application is the next step for this project. The FAA requires all grants be based on construction bids. To meet the tight Federal time lines requiring the County to open bids before formally applying for a grant, expedited processing and execution of the grant acceptance documents will be required.

We are asking the Board to approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy of requiring all grants to be accepted by the Board. Authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute the Grant Agreement will expedite the process and ensure that the grant is obtained prior to the end of the Federal fiscal year.

General Wm. J. Fox Airfield has a Board-approved Master Plan that recommends the project be completed in order to maintain the infrastructure at the airport to meet current FAA standards and to improve overall safety and maintenance on the airports. The FAA agrees that the project is eligible for a Federal-aid grant.

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

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility because it supports the strategy to actively seek outside funding sources for this type of project. This action also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence by enabling Public Works to continue maintaining the runways and taxiways of the County airports that, when completed, will result in increased safety for the airport customers and will reduce maintenance costs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost for this project is \$1,265,000, and the anticipated FAA grant commitment of \$1,200,000 will provide 95 percent of the funding necessary for completion. The State grant commitment will reimburse 2.5 percent matching funds and the remaining matching funds will be provided from the Aviation Capital Projects Fund (ACPF). If the State is unable to fulfill its matching commitment, the ACPF has sufficient funds available to finance the 5 percent matching requirement. There are sufficient funds appropriated in the 2005-06 ACPF budget and in the 2006-07 ACPF budget request.

There will be no net County cost associated with this project.

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

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Code Sections 21681-21684 and Section 4064 of the California Aid to Airports Program Regulations, local government approval authorizing the submittal of applications for grant funding is required.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved the guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that a County department prepare a Grant Management Statement for your Board's review prior to the department's carrying out the activities covered under the grant. The enclosed Grant Management Statement has been prepared to conform to this requirement.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt, as specified in Class 1 (x) (1) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

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

All users of the airport will benefit from the completion of this project which will result in increased safety for the airport users and reduction in maintenance costs.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return two (2) approved copies of the Board letter to our Aviation Division.

Respectfully submitted,



*for*  
DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

## Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

### Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

**Department:** Public Works

**Grant Project Title and Description**

General Wm. J. Fox Airfield, Runway & Taxiway Slurry Seal

|                                       |  |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Funding Agency</b>                 | <b>Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</b> | <b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b> |
| Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) | Airport Improvement Program (AIP)                  | August 2006                      |

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| <b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$1,200,000  | <b>County Match:</b> \$65,000 (soft)*                        |
| <b>Grant Period:</b> Until project is completed    | <b>Begin Date:</b> 06/06 (est.) <b>End Date:</b> 6/07 (est.) |
| <b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b> | <b>Full Time:</b> N/A <b>Part Time:</b> 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?                         | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?                             | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)   |     |    |                                     |
|   | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.                 | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

N/A

**Other requirements not mentioned above:**

The County will initiate the grant termination after the Board of Supervisors accepts the completed contract work.

\* Half of the County Match may be funded by California Department of Transportation.

Department Head Signature  Date: 6-8-06