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Meeting Date: 05/20/2025

Airport Acceptance of FAA Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG)

Department: Augusta Regional Airport

Presenter: Herbert L. Judon, Jr., Airport Executive Director

Caption: Motion for acceptance and approval to authorize the Mayor to fully execute the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant # AIP-3-13-0011-059-2025 and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) # AIP-3-13-0011-060-2025.

The federal share of these grants are approximately \$5,047,925 (\$4,000,000 ATP, and \$1,047,925 AIG) respectively.

Background: The Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) is requesting expedited acceptance and execution of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant package. These grants were just released on Friday, May 9, 2025 and must be completed and returned within two weeks.

These FAA/federal grants are part of the Airport Terminal Program (ATP) and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) programs slated to fund the upcoming AGS Passenger Checkpoint Modernization project. The grant execution is a required prerequisite to the subsequent construction notice to proceed (NTP). Both are time sensitive as it is the Airport's goal to substantially or fully complete the passenger checkpoint modernization project prior to the 2026 Masters® Golf Tournament. Completion of this construction project is also a prerequisite for the receipt, from the TSA, of additional screening equipment for the expanded lane footprint.

Through a competitive process, AGS was awarded the ATP grant in late 2024. The AIG grant, a subset of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is a 5-year program--each of the 5 years providing an additional allocation of the Airport's annual Federal Entitlement ("a double entitlement"). Release and execution of these grant agreements were delayed until last week (May 9) as the grant language was under review by the new administration.

Analysis:	This expedited action has precedent; In 2018-2019, the Augusta Commission passed a resolution action allowing the Mayor to preemptively execute short-turnaround Airport grants of this nature.
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Acceptance and approval to authorize the Mayor to fully execute the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant # AIP-3-13-0011-059-2025 and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) # AIP-3-13-0011-060-2025.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	551081301-3313111
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A