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Meeting Date: 05/20/2025

Airport Acceptance of GDOT Grant

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 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Grant # AP025-9000-72(245).

This grant will be executed as part of GDOT's 75%/25% cost share program. The maximum obligation by GDOT is **\$7,794,774.00**. The remaining cost share, funded through Airport Enterprise Funds, is **\$2,598,257.99**.

Background:

The Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) is requesting expedited acceptance and execution of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) grant package. AGS staff was notified of this award during the week of May 5, 2025 and given a May 30, 2025 deadline to execute and return.

This GDOT grant is slated to partially pay for the Airport Ditch Enclosure, which will be in two phases, along with the apron expansion project.

The ditch enclosure project addresses a critical issue that, when complete, will fortify the Airport's "safety area" which protects and supports aircraft (and vehicles) in instances when there are excursions from the runways and/or taxiways.

The apron expansion project will provide additional pavement on the airfield's southeast sector. Once complete, this apron will have direct connectivity to the runway and taxiway system. This infrastructure and access will better position AGS for future aeronautical business and activities. Also, the additional pavement provides increased aircraft parking, operational flexibility, and potential revenue generation during the annual Masters Golf Tournament Airport operation.

These funds were unanticipated and announced during the latter portion of the State's FY25 budget cycle via an amended funding budgetary action.

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 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Grant # AP025-9000-72(245).

Funds are available in the following accounts:

551081305-3343112

**REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:**

N/A