

RESOLUTION #R-3-2025

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL AND FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL OF GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RUNWAY 15-33 WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission (“Commission”) was established by the City of Loveland (“Loveland”) and the City of Fort Collins (“Fort Collins”) (together, the “Cities”) pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for the Joint Operation of the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport dated January 22, 2015 (“2015 IGA”), to effectuate changes to the governance structure and pursue development of the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport (now known as the Northern Colorado Regional Airport) as a regional airport (“Airport”). The IGA was amended in 2016 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2015 IGA, as amended, the Cities reserved certain management and policy making issues that require approval of the City Councils, including the approval of and participation in federal and state grant agreements. The Cities granted certain authority to the Commission, including the authority to enter into grant agreements, so long as such grant agreements do not include commitment of Airport revenues and funds for grant matches of more than \$300,000 from appropriated funds included in the Airport’s adopted budget, provided such grants are within the respective City Managers’ authority; and

WHEREAS, the Cities desire to begin a capital improvement project consisting of construction of the Runway 15-33 Widening Project (the “Project”) that Airport staff anticipates will cost \$19,385,103; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) provides formulary grant funding through the Airport Improvement Program (“AIP”) based upon certain criteria to eligible airports to enable those airports to maintain, repair, and construct various areas of Airport pavement in order to support the aeronautical uses at the Airport. This funding includes entitlement funding, awarded annually to eligible airports based on a formula (“AIP Entitlement Funds”), and discretionary funding, awarded through a competitive process to supplement entitlements (“AIP Discretionary Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) utilizes state-collected aviation fuel taxes to fund a portion of the local match required for the FAA’s AIP grants (“CDOT Match Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the FAA also provides grant funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and its Airport Infrastructure Grant program (“AIG Funds”) that can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, terminals, airport transit connections, and roadway projects; and

WHEREAS, the Cities applied for AIP Entitlement Funds, AIP Discretionary Funds,

CDOT Match Funds, and AIG Funds to fund the Project (collectively, the “Grants”); and

WHEREAS, based on discussions with the FAA and CDOT, Airport staff anticipates the award of approximately \$740,187 in AIP Entitlement Funds, \$15,985,407 in AIP Discretionary Funds, \$1,690,254 in AIG Funds, and \$428,433 in CDOT Match Funds; and

WHEREAS, based on discussions with the FAA and CDOT, Airport staff anticipates that the Airport’s local match will be an amount not to exceed \$496,342 for the AIP grants and \$44,480 for the AIG Funds, for a total of \$540,822; and

WHEREAS, while Airport staff is confident based on indications from the FAA and CDOT that the Airport’s local match will continue to decrease as the FAA and CDOT provide increased funding, the Airport’s total local match could be as much as \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, the FAA’s fiscal calendar and budget year create a situation in which the Grants, when awarded, will leave the Cities with a very short timeline to approve the awarded Grants; and

WHEREAS, to ensure execution of the Grants within the FAA’s timeline, Airport staff seeks a recommendation of the Commission to the Cities to approve the Grants for the Project and authorize execution of the Grants with a local Airport match in a total amount not to exceed \$750,000, with Airport staff’s expectation that the match will be significantly less than that amount, to enable expedient execution of the Grants within the FAA’s timeline; and

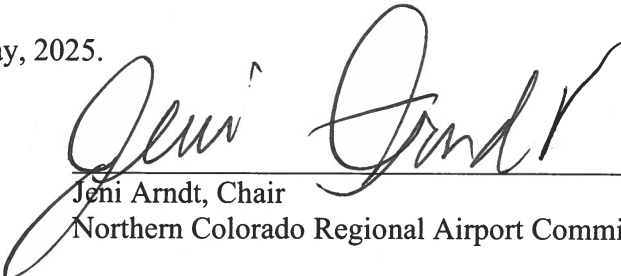
WHEREAS, the Commission desires to recommend to the Loveland City Council and Fort Collins City Council to approve the Grants for the Project and authorize all actions necessary to execute the Grants with a total local Airport match in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the Commission recommends that the Loveland City Council and Fort Collins City Council approve the Grants for the Project and authorize all actions necessary to execute the Grants with a total local Airport match in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date and time of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2025.


Jeni Arndt, Chair
Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission

ATTEST:

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Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney