



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: May 28th, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving an agreement with SEH for a Taxiway North planning study and authorizing a grant request to the FAA

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BACKGROUND:

The existing taxiway at the Grand Rapids – Itasca County (GPZ) airport is at the end of its useful life and the 2024 project will consist of the design for the reconstruction of the south half of the taxiway, with bidding proposed in 2025 and construction proposed to occur in 2026. A planning study will be conducted on the north half of the taxiway to evaluate current design standards, specifically direct access from the apron at Taxiway A1 and the intersection of Taxiway A and Runway 5/23.

The existing intersection between crosswind Runway 5/23 and parallel Taxiway A does not meet design standards. Parallel Taxiway A does not meet the runway at a 90-degree angle which is considered a safety hazard to pilots and visibility to both runway ends while crossing or taxiing to takeoff on the runway. This study will evaluate alternatives and solutions to meet design standards.

Additionally, a grant request to the FAA to cover 90% of this study is attached.

Total cost of planning study and design is \$249,200

FAA (90%) - \$224,280

MnDOT (5%) - \$12,460

Local (5%) - \$12,460, of which the City share will be ½

Total City obligation is \$6,230.00. Agreement is contingent on grant approval.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion approving an agreement with SEH for a Taxiway North planning study and authorizing a grant request to the FAA