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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of 07/11/2022

### **Title/Subject**

Resolution 2230- Airport Environmental Assessment Grant Acceptance

### **Summary and Background**

This resolution will authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to sign all documents necessary to accept a grant of \$183,112 from the FAA to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) on property at and near the airport. Specifically, this EA is necessary prior to a planned award from FAA to relocate Ott Road off the east end of the runway.

Moving Ott Road is called for in the Airport Master Plan in order to eliminate the potential for people/vehicles to locate within the "Runway Protection Zone," (RPZ). Ott Road currently touches a small sliver of the RPZ; however, the Airport Master Plan also calls for extending the runway by 500' to reach a total length of 5,000 feet, in which case the roadway would be well within the RPZ area. The FAA is not likely to agree to a future runway extension until Ott Road is realigned out of the future RPZ area. The need for a runway extension is well documented in the Airport Master Plan, as 5,000' is a trigger-length for allowance of a larger class of aircraft.

The FAA's current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Hermiston Airport assumes awarding the airport \$3.5 million in 2024 in order to acquire land and relocate Ott Road.

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

### **Fiscal Information**

FAA grants are awarded at a 9:1 matching ratio. Acceptance of this award will cost the City \$18,311. This grant has been long anticipated, and funds are available in the Airport Reserve account.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

#### Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2230 and accept FAA Grant Funding
2. Reject Resolution 2230 and reject FAA Grant Funding

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to approve Resolution 2230.

**Submitted By:**

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