



CITY OF INDEPENDENCE AIRPORT BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Airport Board

FROM: Brett Soukup, Airport Director

DATE OF MEETING: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: CIP for 5-year planning

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has provided a tentative projection for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding for Independence Municipal Airport. This projection is based on current information, anticipated funding levels, and shared priorities. While informative, this plan is not a guarantee of project funding, especially for items beyond FY2026.

Key Points

- **Expiring Funds:**
 - FY2026 includes both expiring entitlement funds and the final year of IIJA funding.
 - IIJA program concludes after FY2026, but funds allocated in that year may be used for up to four years.
- **Funding Split Assumptions:**
 - FY2026 projects: 95% federal / 5% local match.
 - FY2027 projects: 90% federal / 10% local match.
- **Available Entitlements:**
 - Estimates depend on the passage of the FY2026 appropriation bill.
 - Discretionary funds are not included in the projections.
- **Planning Considerations:**
 - IIJA funds are included in some projects to ensure viability.
 - If the City chooses not to apply IIJA funds as shown, an updated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be required.
 - Projects should be aligned with expiring entitlements to avoid potential loss of funding

Discussion

The FY2026 funding year is significant because it marks the expiration of current entitlement funds and the conclusion of IIJA allocations. Our tentative project schedule should account for these timelines to ensure no funds are forfeited.

In addition to reviewing the FAA's proposed plan, it is important that we discuss **potential projects not currently reflected in the CIP**. Bringing these forward now will help determine whether they can be incorporated into future funding years and ensure they are positioned for consideration should additional or discretionary funds become available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.