

Recommendation re: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant Agreement for the Terminal Hold Room Project at Lakeland Linder International Airport (LLIA)

Staff requests City Commission authorization to execute a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant Agreement for the Terminal Hold Room Project at Lakeland Linder International Airport (LLIA).

The Terminal Hold Room Project will expand the existing passenger hold room to address current capacity limitations and accommodate projected passenger demand. The expansion will connect directly to the existing terminal, reducing congestion, improving passenger circulation, and enhancing the overall customer experience. The project also includes additional passenger amenities, including expanded restroom facilities, family restrooms, and a children's play area, providing improved accommodation for travelers while supporting the Airport's continued commercial service growth.

In May 2026, the FAA selected the Terminal Hold Room project for grant funding through the highly competitive Airport Terminal Program (ATP). The grant will fund up to \$4.8 million of the project. The Airport's share is \$252,632, which is available in the Airport Renewal & Replacement Fund.

To date, the project has completed the design phase of the project, and it is currently advertised for construction bids, with the bid opening scheduled for August 24, 2026. Following the bid opening, the Airport will submit the final grant package to the FAA's District Office. The FAA is expected to return the grant agreement by August 27, 2026, allowing execution prior to September 1, 2026, as required to obligate the federal funding and maintain the project schedule. After the FAA grant is executed, staff will bring the construction contract to the City Commission for approval and ask for an appropriation for the project.

Staff recommends City Commission approval to execute the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Terminal Program Grant Agreement for the Terminal Hold Room Project and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents to administer the grant on behalf of the City.

Exhibit A Terminal Hold Room

