

Item Title: Approval of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds for the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDU)

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the RDU Authority's acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration grant in the amount of \$13,522,729.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The RDU Authority must receive approval from its four "sponsor" localities before accepting federal grants. The localities are the cities of Durham and Raleigh, and Counties of Durham and Wake.

Background: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) periodically allocates grant funds to airports to support operations or capital investments. The Raleigh-Durham airport (RDU) is a recipient of a new \$13.5 million grant, which will be applied to the reconstruction of Taxiway E.

Taxiway E is a critical element of the airfield network. It was built in the 1980s and the pavement has reached the end of its useful life. This project will reconstruct Taxiway E with new pavement in the present location, all in accordance with modern FAA design specifications. The project includes the addition of paved shoulders, taxiway edge lights, centerline cans, conduit for potential future lights, and airfield guidance signs.

The RDU Airport Authority's Board accepted the grant award during its regular meeting on August 18, 2022.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: This grant funding for RDU does not affect Wake County's budget or finances. With this action, the Board is approving RDU's receipt of the funds.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. RDU Letter to Wake County
2. FAA Grant Agreement with RDU