

**Item Title:** Acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer to Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Offer of \$12,583,007 to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority for Taxiway B Reconstruction (FAA Grant #3-37-0056-050-2018).**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The FAA requires the counties of Wake and Durham, along with the cities of Raleigh and Durham, to accept grant offers made by the FAA to the Authority under the Airport Improvement Program.

**Background:** The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDU) was created in 1945 to provide collaborative, regional management of the airport. In recent years, the Authority has added infrastructure to expand operations, including a new Terminal 2, a renovated Terminal 1, and new parking facilities.

Through its Vision 2040 planning process, the Authority has identified many infrastructure improvements necessary to maintain and expand airport operations. One high priority project is reconstructing Taxiway B, which serves the main runway. The authority applied for, and has been awarded, a FAA grant to rebuild the taxiway. The Authority will incorporate these revenues into its 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. RDU staff expect to begin this project in Spring of 2019, after completing other taxiway projects. The three other airport partners will consider this acceptance during August Board meetings.

**Board Goal:** This action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** No impact to Wake County funds.

**Additional Information:**

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority approved acceptance of the grant at its July 19, 2018 meeting. The grant offer will be considered by the City of Raleigh on August 21st, the City of Durham on August 20th, and Durham County on August 13th.

**Attachments:**

1. Grant Offer Letter
2. Grant Agreement