



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/9/2025

File #: 25-1063

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Aviation

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

United States Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025 for the Garberville Airport Runway Safety Area Improvement Project (Project No. 24146)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear-Free Ordinance with regard to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025; and
2. Approve, and ratify the Assistant County Administrative Officer's execution of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025; and
3. Authorize the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all documents related to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025; and
5. Receive and file the attached bid tabulation for the Garberville Airport Runway Safety Area Improvement Project (Project No. 24146); and
6. Award the Garberville Airport Runway Safety Area Improvement Project (Project No. 24146) to, and authorize the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute an agreement that is substantially similar to the sample construction project agreement attached hereto with, G.R. Wilcox Enterprises Inc. for an amount not to exceed Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$87,407.47), upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
7. Authorize the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute contract change

orders with G.R. Wilcox Enterprises, Inc. up to an amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$8,741), after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management, and the County Administrative Office; and

8. Authorize the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute an agreement substantially similar to the attached professional services agreement with Lochner for aviation engineering and construction administration services (Attachment 6) after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

On June 3, 2025, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors ("Board") approved the bid authorization for the Garberville Airport Runway Safety Area Improvement Project ("Project"). The Project consists of replacing a drainage culvert on the south end of Runway 36 that is showing signs of structural failure and has reached the end of its useful life.

To meet United States Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") requirements, the public bidding process was conducted prior to receiving Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025. On June 18, 2025, the County of Humboldt received one (1) bid for the Project from G.R. Wilcox Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$87,407.47).

The Department of Aviation submitted a project application for a grant of federal funds for the Project based on the above-referenced bid totals and the total Project costs as follows:

Construction	\$87,407.47
Engineering (Design, Project Administration, Inspections)	\$95,370.00
Administration (Airport Admin, Advertising)	\$20,106.81
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:	\$202,884.28

On Aug. 26, 2025, the FAA issued Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025 with a maximum federal obligation of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$192,740) as follows:

GRANT NUMBER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FAA MAXIMUM OBLIGATION (95%)	COUNTY COST (5%)	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025	Garberville Airport Runway Improvements	\$192,740.00	\$10,144.28	\$202,884.28

The FAA required execution of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025 no later than Sept. 5, 2025. Given the short turnaround time, the Board's prior approval of the Project bid, and the Project cost being included in the approved budget for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Aviation executed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025 and now requests that the Board ratify the execution.

Finally, the Department of Aviation contracts with Lochner (formerly Armstrong Consultants) to manage bidding, construction and closeout of FAA projects and requests authority for the Interim Director of Aviation, or a designee thereof, to execute an agreement substantially similar to the attached professional services agreement with Lochner for aviation engineering and construction administration services (Attachment 6) after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Aviation Capital Projects (3539-170); Federal Aviation Administration - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (3539-170)	FY25-26
Budgeted Expenses	\$202,884.28
Total Expenditures	\$202,884.28
Funding Sources (3539-170)	FY25-26
County Cost (5%)	\$10,144.28
Federal Funds (95%)	\$192,740.00
Total Funding Sources	\$202,884.28

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025 will provide funding in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$192,740) to the County of Humboldt. The County of Humboldt would be responsible for up to Ten Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$10,144.28), or five percent (5%), of the overall project costs.

Expenditure appropriations related to the Project have been budgeted in the adopted fiscal year 2025-26 budget for Aviation Capital Project budget unit 3539-170.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The recommended actions will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025. However, this alternative doing so would result in the forfeiture of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$192,740) in federal funding, making it the County of Humboldt's financial responsibility to fully fund the Project. This would place an unanticipated burden on local funds and impact the Department of Aviation's ability to support other priority projects and services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Interim Director of Aviation, or a Designee Thereof, to Execute Any and All Documents Related to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025
2. United States Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0092-015-2025
3. Bid Tabulation
4. Award Recommendation Letter
5. Sample Construction Project Agreement
6. Draft Professional Services Agreement with Lochner

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 06/03/25

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