



**CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI**

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 28, 2026
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 11, 2026

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**Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) Grant No. 73 Acceptance from
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating Airport Grant No. 73 (a multi-project grant) in the amount of \$7,711,443.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Airport Improvement Program for the Baggage Handling System Improvements Project, Taxiway Echo Rehabilitation Project, and design for the West Apron Expansion and Realignment Project in the Airport Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Grants Fund; transferring \$384,044.40 from the Airport Operating Fund to the Airport CIP Reserve Fund for the 5% cash match; amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures each by \$8,095,487.40.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of Airport Grant No. 73 totaling \$7,711,443.00 from the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for airport development projects under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The grant requires a 5% local match (\$384,044.40 from the Airport Operating Budget and \$21,823 already transferred to Airport CIP Reserve Fund) totaling \$405,867.40 for overall funding availability of \$8,117,310.40.

The grant is a multi-project grant that will support the following three projects:

1. Terminal Rehabilitation Phase III – Baggage Handling System Improvements Project 23102 (RFB 6448)
2. 'Taxiway Echo' Rehabilitation Project 26122 (RFB 7239)
3. 'Taxiway K' – West Apron Expansion and Realignment 26119 (Design)

The ordinance will authorize the execution of all documents necessary to accept, appropriate, and disburse the funds; to execute all agreements, amendments and all other documents necessary to implement the programs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

CCIA is owned and operated by the City of Corpus Christi and located in Nueces County, Texas. CCIA is the seventh largest non-hub airport in the country and enplanes more than 375,000 passengers annually with over 100,000 annual aircraft operations.

Airport staff maintains a prioritized list of capital improvement projects that satisfy eligibility requirements for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funding. The criteria for grant eligible projects are outlined in the FAA's *Airport Improvement Program Handbook*. To be eligible, proposed projects must demonstrate the advancement of one or more AIP objectives such as airport safety, airport security, airport capacity, meeting FAA standards, preservation of airport infrastructure, environmental protection, noise mitigation, and airport planning.

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is funded through the Airport and Airway Trust fund that was developed by congress in 1982. AIP funds are allocated each year to commercial service airports based on their number of commercial enplanements. Since the program was initiated CCIA has applied for and used these funds for various airport improvement projects, such as: runway and taxiway construction, extension, and rehabilitation; ramp construction and rehabilitation; terminal construction and improvements; construction of airport emergency facilities, and airport rescue and firefighting vehicle procurement; airfield lighting construction, and rehabilitation. Most recently, CCIA used entitlement funding for the development of the airport masterplan slated for completion in the Fall of 2026. CCIA's available unexpended entitlement allocations will be \$7,711,443 for FY 26, 25, and partial 24 based on the airports enplaning passengers.

In coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the following projects have been identified as part of FAA Grant No. 73:

- **Terminal Rehabilitation Phase III – Baggage Handling System Improvements Project 23102 (RFB 6448).** This project will consist of the design and construction of a consolidated baggage screening facility in the operational area behind ticketing. The project will result in the relocation of screening equipment to an operational space outside of the public space, thereby increasing capacity of the ticketing lobby and improving passenger experience.

FAA funding	\$5,300,990.00
CCIA match funding	\$279,000.40

- **Taxiway Echo' Rehabilitation Project 26122 (RFB 7239).** Taxiway Echo is a main artery between two primary runways. The project includes Pavement rehabilitation through mill and overlay and installation of pavement markings on Taxiway E (~2000' long by 75'wide), including grading and drainage improvements at intersection of Taxiway E and A, therefore eliminating ponding and extending the useful life of the pavement.

FAA funding	\$1,995,831.00
CCIA match funding	\$105,044.00

- **Taxiway K' – West Apron Expansion and Realignment (Design).** CCIA intends to make safety and efficiency improvements to Taxiway K and the West General Aviation Apron. The current configuration for Taxiway K runs through the middle of the West General Aviation Apron, from the intersection with Taxiway G to the western edge of the apron; it is then assumed to continue through the West GA Apron connecting to Taxiway

J. The current configuration divides aircraft parking apron access requiring pedestrians to cross Taxiway K to access facilities, including the Fixed Based Operator, as well as the crossing of fuel trucks to fuel aircraft. The current configuration also makes the parking apron inefficient due to required safety and object free areas through the middle of the apron. In addition to improving safety and airplane parking efficiency, CCIA proposes expanding the West General Aviation Apron to provide additional aircraft parking. With the proposed taxilane shift, CRP will need additional ramp space to facilitate the current and future aircraft parking needs on the West GA Apron

FAA funding	\$414,622
CCIA match funding	\$21,823

These projects are approved in the CCIA Capital Improvement Program and will be 95% funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to accept and appropriate the grant funds thus delaying these projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Construction funding for the 95% will become available through acceptance, appropriation and budget aligned in the Airport CIP Grant Fund 3020 for \$7,711,443.00.

The fiscal impact for the 5% match requirement is budgeted in FY26 Airport Operating account Fund 4610 for \$384,044.40 and Airport Capital Reserves Fund 3018 for \$21,823.00.

The total fiscal impact including the federal funding in FY 2026 is \$8,117,310.40.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	3020 - Airport CIP Grants
Organization/Activity:	89 - Grants
Department:	53 - Aviation
Project # (CIP Only):	23102 - Terminal Rehab Phase 3 (BHS) - \$5,300,990
	26122 - Taxiway Echo Rehabilitation - \$1,995,831
	26119 - Taxiway Kilo/West Apron Expansion - \$414,622
Account:	550910 – Construction Contract
Amount:	\$7,711,443

Fund:	4610 – Airport Fund
Organization/Activity:	35010 – Development and Construction
Department:	53 - Aviation
Project # (CIP Only):	23102 - Terminal Rehab Phase 3 (BHS) - \$279,000.40
	26122 - Taxiway Echo Rehabilitation - \$105,044
Account:	550910 – Construction Contract
Amount:	\$384,044.40

Fund:	3018 – Airport Capital Reserve
Organization/Activity:	89 – Grants & Capital Project Funds
Department:	53 - Aviation
Project # (CIP Only):	26119 - Taxiway Kilo/West Apron Expansion - \$21,823
Account:	550910 – Construction Contract
Amount:	\$21,823.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to appropriate Grant No. 73 totaling \$8,117,310. The Airport Board recommended approval at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting on June 24, 2026.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
FAA FY2026 Grant Announcement
Presentation