



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 17, 2026

DATE: February 17, 2026
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FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Applications for the Taxiway K & West Apron Expansion Project and International Drive Rehabilitation Project at the Corpus Christi International Airport.

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for \$13,519,788, with a cash match of \$3,379,947, to complete the Taxiway K Reconstruction and West Apron Expansion Project and the International Drive Rehabilitation project at the Corpus Christi International Airport for the Aviation Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Aviation Department to submit applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of State and Community Energy Programs to the FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program. The Corpus Christi International Airport is submitting two applications for construction funding under this grant program.

Taxiway K & West Apron Expansion Project

The Taxiway Kilo & West Apron Expansion project will enhance airfield safety and efficiency by reconstructing deteriorated pavement and expanding apron capacity. Project will consist of a full depth reconstruction of Taxiway K and expanding the West Apron, along with lighting improvements. The current PCI of Taxiway K is nearing the end of its useful life, with a 2024 PCI of 51 (poor condition). The existing west apron is frequently at capacity with increasing business traffic and military, additional tie-down space is needed to accommodate the current and future operations. The improvements will allow for easier traffic flow, connectivity, increase safety, and improve environmental sustainability for our community. The reconstruction of Taxiway Kilo will reduce the risk of foreign object debris (FOD) and improve aircraft movement. Expanding the West Apron will allow the taxi lane to be relocated to the apron's edge, increasing safety for taxiing and parked aircraft. The project also includes installing new taxiway edge lights, signage, and

pavement markings to meet FAA standards. Additionally, drainage and stormwater detention improvements will ensure long-term infrastructure resilience and operational reliability. The design cost for this project is \$426,445, which is funded by Airport Capital Reserves, and will be completed by KSA, a Pape Dawson Company. The total project budget for construction is \$7,540,000, with a federal funding request of \$6,032,000, and a required cost-share of \$1,508,000, if funding is awarded.

International Drive Rehabilitation Project

The CCIA International Drive Rehabilitation Project is approximately 8,100 feet in length and will be constructed within the limits of the existing roadway Right of Ways. The existing pavement is in poor condition with several areas of settling and heaving creating a safety concern, especially without sidewalks to adequately separate pedestrians. Rehabilitation will involve regrading and resurfacing the existing roadway to accommodate increased traffic volumes, installing curbs, sidewalks and lighting to improve safety, and addressing drainage issues to improve water management. The final phases will include improvements to traffic flow patterns, signage, and access control to optimize operational efficiency. The design cost for this project is \$587,173.49, which is funded by Airport Capital Reserves and Grant #74 from the Federal Aviation Administration, and will be completed by Garver Construction. The total project budget is \$9,359,735, with a federal funding request of \$7,487,788, and a required cost-share of \$1,871,947 if funding is awarded.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program is a discretionary grant initiative administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to support critical transportation infrastructure projects that have significant local or regional impact. Formerly known as TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) and RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity), the BUILD program continues to prioritize projects that enhance safety, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, quality of life, and state of good repair.

The USDOT intends to make one round of selections under this NOFO using \$1.5 billion provided by the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) for FY 2026 and will include any additional funding appropriated for National Infrastructure Investments in an Appropriations Act.

The City of Corpus Christi qualifies for 80% federal funding with a 20% cash match from the Aviation Department's Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2027. The Program encourages multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

The City of Corpus Christi previously applied for funding under the FY22 RAISE Grant Program and FY25 RAISE Grant Program, neither project was awarded.

The anticipated award date for the grant is expected to be announced June 2026, with submission of the grant application due February 24, 2026. Upon award, the grant has a required project completion date of September 20, 2035.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Taxiway K & West Apron Expansion Project

2026	2026 - 2027	2027
April - October	November - March	April - December
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Projected schedule reflects City Council award in February 2026 with construction completion by December 2027.

International Drive Rehabilitation Project

2026	2026 - 2027	2027 - 2028
April - October	November - March	April - August
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Projected schedule reflects City Council award in February 2026 with construction completion by August 2028.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to apply for the grant and utilize funding from the Aviation Department's Operating Budget to fund the repairs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. However, if awarded, a cash match of up to \$3,379,947.00 will be appropriated through the Airport Operating Reserves Unrestricted Funds in FY 2027.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 4610 – Airport Operating
 Organization: 60150 – Transfer to CIP
 Department: 53 – Aviation
 Project# (CIP) Only: 26119 – Taxiway Kilo & West Apron Expansion
 Account: 548500 – Operating transfers out
 Amount: \$1,508,000.00

Fund: 4610 – Airport Operating
 Organization: 60150 – Transfer to CIP
 Department: 53 – Aviation
 Project# (CIP) Only: 25003 – International Drive Rehabilitation
 Account: 548500 – Operating transfers out
 Amount: \$1,871,947.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, to the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program in the amount of \$13,519,788, with a cash match of \$3,379,947.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation