

April 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: 2026 Airport Improvement Program FAA Grant Lunken

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262356, “Lunken FAA 2026 AIP Grant,” to provide resources for the design of the Taxiway D reconstruction project and the design of the obstruction removal project adjacent to Runway 7 at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate an Airport Improvement Program grant of up to \$294,000 awarded through the Federal Aviation Administration (ALN 20.106) to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262356, “Lunken FAA 2026 AIP Grant,” to provide resources for the design of the Taxiway D reconstruction project and the design of the obstruction removal project adjacent to Runway 7 at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262356, “Lunken FAA 2026 AIP Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements and do all things necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the following:

1. The City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$294,000 awarded through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to provide resources for the design of the Taxiway D reconstruction project and the design of the obstruction removal project adjacent to Runway 7 at Lunken Airport.
2. The Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262356, “Lunken FAA 2026 AIP Grant”.

Taxiway D at Lunken Airport has exceeded its useful life and no longer complies with current FAA taxiway design standards, requiring total pavement reconstruction and new lighting and signage to be installed. The approved Airport Layout Plan identifies Hangar 3 as an obstruction to Runway 07 at Lunken Airport, causing a safety deficiency that requires the removal of Hangar 3. The AIP grant would provide resources to support the design phase work on each of these projects, which is a prerequisite to a future construction phase.

Acceptance of this grant requires matching resources of up to \$32,667, which will be available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x234x222352, “FAA/ODOT Local Match,” as well as other future eligible grant awards. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant

Designing improvements for Lunken Airport is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” as described on page 139 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply for the grant by May 1, 2026, to comply with the established FAA deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

