



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

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Title

FAA - CIP Submittal & Safety Project Presentation

Body

The Airport Master Plan, a 20-year capital improvement plan adopted by the Council in 2013 and recommended the following five development strategies that emerged from the master planning process:

- 1. Construct taxiway access to the Runway 9 threshold.
- Remove/relocate the hangars adjacent to Taxiway F in order to facilitate taxiway access to the Runway 9 threshold and to increase hangar development space and airfield capacity.
- 3. Maintain the current terminal building location for any future terminal building expansion or construction.
- 4. Implement declared distances in order to meet runway design standards.
- 5. Maximize developable space for aviation-related development.

The Airport Master Plan identified and prioritized Taxiway F relocation project to address safety and design standard issues (see above) with the added benefit of opening-up an area for new aeronautical development. Although 90% of direct project costs are Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant eligible, the airport must compete with other airports for Discretionary Grant funding. The FAA is currently programming Discretionary grant funding for their fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

The purpose of this presentation is to: (1) Provide an overview of the Airport Master Plan; (2) review the recently submitted FAA - CIP; (3) describe the Taxiway F relocation project components; and (4) answer any follow up on the questions raised by the Transportation Board.

The Presentation (Attachment A) will address the following:

- Los Alamos Airport Functions
- Airport Master Plan
- Taxiway Relocation Project
- Project Cost and Schedule
- Transportation Board Presentation Follow Up
- Comments/Questions

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

The estimated cost of the taxiway relocation project if awarded by FAA is \$9.94 million with the following breakouts:

FAA \$8,610,000 (Discretionary funding)

LAC \$813,169 (Grant match and hangar buy-out)

NMDOT \$520,000 (Grant match)

Attachments

