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SYNOPSIS —

New Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security equipment and heightened security requirements resulting from the 9-11-2001 terrorist attack have resulted in the need for security enhancement projects at the Des Moines International Airport. The Baggage Claim Expansion and the Security Screening Modifications have received funding in part through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant with a 90% federal share of \$644,068. The Airport Board authorized the application for this grant and recommended it to City Council for acceptance on May 6, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT —

These projects are estimated at \$1,096,970 and are eligible for FAA AIP grant reimbursement for 90% of the construction cost with an initial federal participation amount of \$644,068. In addition the TSA is providing \$61,370 and an Iowa Department of Transportation commercial air service Vertical Infrastructure grant has been obtained. Funding is available in CIP projects EN004, AIR990000, AIR126, Activity ID 10-2003-006, Index Code 612960 for the Baggage Makeup Expansion and EN004, AIR990000, AIR137, Activity ID 10-2003-011 Index Code 614065 for the Security Screening Modifications.

RECOMMENDATION —

(1) Approve execution and acceptance of an FAA grant for funding of the Airport security improvements project; (2) Ratify and adopt all assurances, warranties, covenants and agreements required by project application and incorporated in Grant offer; (3) Direct Mayor to execute Grant Agreement, City Clerk to attest, and Aviation attorney to certify to grant execution for a 90% federal share FAA grant in an amount of \$644,068 or any additional funding that the FAA would make available to the City of Des Moines at the close of this project.

BACKGROUND —

As the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) began to deploy Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) equipment for baggage check in areas and set standards for passenger screening lanes, it became

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evident that the current areas at the Des Moines International Airport were not large enough to appropriately stage all the new equipment and carry out the necessary screening. Two projects resulted at the Des Moines International Airport which the TSA initially designed, tried to fund, and failed to receive authority to move ahead. Ultimately in January and February of 2003, the airport was forced to take over these projects or face significant passenger delay problems due to lack of passenger and baggage screening areas. The airport oversaw the design of these security enhancement projects and on May 6, 2003, by Resolution No. A03-107, the Airport Board authorized the submission of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant project application to the FAA which proposed to use a combination of airport entitlement and security discretionary funds for these projects and recommended that City Council accept the resulting federal AIP grant.

On June 10, 2003 the airport was informed by the FAA Central Region staff that both the Baggage Makeup Expansion and Security Screening Modification projects were approved for AIP funding but security discretionary funds were not available for these projects as anticipated. Therefore, airport staff reprogrammed funds from the State of Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Grant for the Baggage Makeup Expansion project and on June 27, 2003 the FAA offered a 90% federal participating share AIP grant in an initial amount of \$644,068 which will fund the balance of these projects. On July 1, 2003, by Resolution A03-158 the Airport Board approved the revised funding plan for the Baggage Makeup Expansion project for EDS deployment subject to the execution of this AIP grant by City Council.

