



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/14/2026

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File #: 26-256

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Aviation

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Bid authorization for California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport (ACV) Taxiway A Relocation

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and approve the plans and specifications for the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport Taxiway A relocation project;
2. Authorize the Department of Aviation to advertise the above-referenced project, pursuant to Section 22037 of the California Public Contract Code, with bids to be opened May 14, 2026, at 2:00PM; and
3. Find that the project is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Aviation is requesting bid authorization for the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport Taxiway A Relocation project. The work includes earthwork, grading, installation of base course and new asphalt adjacent to the current Taxiway A, along with airfield markings and new taxiway edge lighting. Once complete the existing Taxiway A will be demolished and seeded for grass. Based on current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Design Standards, the current Taxiway A is too close to Runway 14/32. The current requirement is that the parallel taxiway needs to be 400 feet from the centerline of the runway and currently the taxiway is 300 feet from the runway centerline. This relocation will make ACV compliant to handle design group III aircraft and smaller (wingspan less than 118 feet and tail height no greater than 45 feet).

To meet FAA requirements, the public bidding process must be conducted prior to receiving a grant from the FAA for the construction of the project. After bids are opened on May 14, 2026, the winning bidder will be identified, and a separate item brought back before your Board to recommend entering into a contract with the winning bidder. Additionally, an item will be brought before the Board of Supervisors seeking approval for accepting the grant offer from the FAA, which is anticipated in June of 2026. The contract will be deemed null and void, should the FAA grant funding not be available to the County of Humboldt.

The project was evaluated for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to meet the criteria for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA. The CEQA exemption applies to the replacement or

reconstruction of existing facilities where the new facility will be located on the same footprint as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the facility replaced. In addition, there are no unusual circumstances or historical resources that would make this exemption inapplicable.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Aviation Capital Projects (3539)  
Federal Aviation Administration

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<i>Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)</i>	<i>FY26-27 Projected*</i>
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	<u>15,720,305.00</u>
<i>Additional Appropriation Requested</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>15,720,305.00</u>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<i>Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)</i>	<i>FY26-27 Projected*</i>
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	<u>14,934,289.75</u>
<i>Local Share</i>	<u>786,015.25</u>
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	<u>15,720,305.00</u>

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**Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:**

The engineering estimate for the total cost of the above-mentioned project, inclusive of Construction Cost Schedule I, Construction Cost Schedule II, Construction Administration, and Department of Aviation Administration is \$15,720,305.00. The estimate for the construction cost alone associated with this authorization to bid is \$14,245,725.00. The Department of Aviation has been working closely with the FAA to complete planning steps which will allow Humboldt County to apply for, and be in contention to receive, reimbursement for 95% of the project costs, or an estimated \$14,934,289.75. The county would be responsible for the remaining 5% or an estimated \$786,015.25 (dependent on winning bid amount). The Department of Aviation will include these costs in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 annual budget cycle in budget 3539-170 - Aviation Capital Projects.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no anticipated staffing impact.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board may choose not to approve the plans and specifications and authorization to bid. However, the ACV Taxiway A Relocation Project has been identified as the next priority for infrastructure improvement at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport by the Department of Aviation and FAA. If the county does not pursue FAA funding to assist with this project, the entire cost of the project (estimated \$15,720,305.00) would need to be borne by the County of Humboldt.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. ACV TWY A Relocation - Special Provisions/Bid Notice
2. ACV TWY A Relocation - Plan Documents

3. CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE)

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: N/A

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