



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/3/2025

File #: 25-703

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Aviation

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Bid Authorization for Garberville Airport (O16) Runway Safety Area Improvements; Replace Culvert Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and approve the plans and specifications for the Garberville Airport (O16) Runway Safety Area Improvements; Replace Culvert Project; and
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 June 18, 2025 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 Garberville Airport (O16) Runway Safety Area Improvements; Replace Culvert Project. This work consists of replacing the drainage culvert on the south end of runway 36 that is showing signs of structural failure and has reached the end of its useful life.

To meet Federal Aviation Administration (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 June 18, 2025, the winning bidder will be identified, and a separate item brought back before the Board of Supervisors 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-August 2025. 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 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (3539-170)</i>	FY24-25	FY25-26 Projected*
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>

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

<i>Funding Sources (3539-170)</i>	FY24-25	FY25-26 Projected*
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$218,500</u>
<i>Local Share (Match)</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>

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The engineering estimate for the total cost of the above-mentioned project, inclusive of construction cost, engineering, and construction administration is \$230,000. The estimate for construction cost associated with this authorization to bid is \$100,000. 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 \$218,500. The county would be responsible for the remaining 5%, or an estimated \$11,500 (dependent upon the winning bid amount). The Department of Aviation has included the local Humboldt County share of the project costs in the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 budget. Therefore, there is no impact to the General fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

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 O16 RSA Improvements have been identified as the next priority for infrastructure improvement at Garberville 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 \$230,000) would need to be borne by the County of Humboldt.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. O16 RSA Improvements - Special Provisions
2. O16 RSA Improvements - Plan Set
3. CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE)
4. Bid Notice

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A