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To:David Whitaker, Director<br/>Legislative Policy DivisionFrom:Jason Watt, Director<br/>Airport DepartmentDate:March 21, 2024Re:Responses to Questions for Proposed FY25 Budget-Airport

Please find below responses to your questions sent on 03/15/24, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget for Department of Airport:

1. Please briefly explain the new expense initiatives the Airport Department is planning to implement in FY 2025. Please provide which appropriation/cost center the new initiatives will affect in FY 2025.

## **Response:**

Airport Department new expense initiatives include increases for utilities (27100-100020) and Airport liability insurance (27100-100010).

2. Please briefly explain the new capital funding requests the Airport Department is planning to implement in FY 2025. Please provide which appropriation/cost center the new requests will affect in FY 2025.

## **Response:**

Airport capital funding will be included in the FY24 Midyear Supplemental Amendment. The Airport Department has requested \$425,000 for the mini-take project and \$150,000 for the Airport Layout Plan Property Map. These funds would be placed in capital projects appropriation 20507.

3. Please briefly explain the operational reform and savings proposals the Airport Department is planning to implement in FY 2025. Please provide which appropriation/cost center the new reforms/proposals will affect in FY 2025.

## Response:

The Airport's aviation consultant contract (27100-100010) was reduced to achieve cost savings.

4. Please briefly explain the new revenue initiatives/proposals the Airport Department is planning to implement in FY 2025. Please provide which appropriation/cost center the new initiatives/proposals will affect in FY 2025.

#### **Response:**

The Airport Department does not have any new revenue initiatives for FY25.

5. What are your projected performance metrics for each division/operational program in the current fiscal year? What are your target metrics for each division/operational program for fiscal year 2025?

Response: Please refer to page B10-3 regarding Performance Metrics.

- 6. According to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), the Airport Department had (1) vacancies through February 9, 2024.
  - a. Please indicate your number of vacancies as of March 18, 2024.
  - b. What are the titles of the vacant positions?
  - c. What is the difficulty of filling the vacancies?
  - d. Please briefly explain the Airport Department's strategy to fill the vacant positions or why they will remain vacant.

#### **Response:**

- a. The Airport Department has one (1) vacancy as of March 18, 2024.
- b. The position of Building Services Operations Assistant is open.
- c. The Airport Department is currently trying to fill this position as the one FTE that was hired moved out of state.
- d. The Airport Department is working with the Human Resources Department to fill the vacancy.
- 7. For FY 2025, expenditures for Operating Services will increase by \$105,046 (6%); please explain the cause of this increase. a. How will this increase impact services at the airport?

### **Response:**

The increase in FY25 expenditures for Operating Services is necessary to meet the constant increase of Utilities (Water and Sewage/Drainage). The increase will allow the Airport Department to continue to provide a safe and efficient operation for the users of the Airport.

# 8. For FY 2025, there will be a decrease of \$150,836 (10%) for Professional & Contractual Services; what impact will this have on services to the City Airport?

#### **Response:**

The decrease of \$150,836 for Professional & Contractual Services will not impact the services to the City Airport for FY25. The Airport Department anticipates Federal and State grants to support these contractual activities.