

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 17, 2007

## Aviation

Item No. 4

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**Subject:** Amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Department of Aviation Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-002 to appropriate \$1,750,000 for the Baggage Handling System Improvements and the Security System Upgrade.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Fund of the Department of Aviation.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

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**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Airport Advisory Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** A schedule listing prior Council action is attached.

## Baggage Handling System Improvements, \$450,000 Appropriation

As the airport was completing the new inline baggage handling system project, United, Continental and Frontier Airlines requested that we modify the project to add two baggage carousels to improve the efficiency of their operations. The project budget to complete the carousels will be \$1,350,000 requiring a \$450,000 additional appropriation above the \$900,000 currently available. The expense of this project will be recaptured from the airlines through the rates and charges they pay the airport.

## Security System Upgrade, \$1,300,000 Appropriation

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) opened in May 1999 with a high-grade security system which provided greater than required coverage. Since that time, security technology has improved, airport facilities have expanded, and security requirements have increased in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. These events have resulted in the existing system, and many of its components, needing to be replaced to provide the level of service, capacity, or ease of maintenance required to meet the airport's current and future needs. New security rules for enhancements are being made on a routine basis as Transportation Security Administration (TSA) determines appropriateness based on changing terror threat levels. This project scope was developed prior to many new security directives initiated in August 2006. The expanded scope includes enhancing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) capabilities, adding capacity to the existing system, and installing a cyber keying system at the direction of the TSA. A cargo mandate directive for an expanded Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) area was issued in October 2006 that requires enhancements to two of the existing security gates on the cargo apron. Biometric capabilities are being considered as well, given the trend of security directives issued from Washington. The original project budget was \$7,000,000. The estimated additional costs of the project scope are \$1,300,000. The components of the projects covered by the budget amendment include:

Description Total

Baggage Handling System \$ 450,000

Security System Upgrade \$1,300,000 Total \$1,750,000