

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR FY 2008-09 AERONAUTICS SET-ASIDE TO MATCH
FEDERAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANTS
RESOLUTION FDOA-2007-02**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution FDOA-2007-02, allocating \$1,650,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 to match federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants.

ISSUE:

The 2006 Aeronautics program included a set-aside of \$3,300,000 to match federal AIP grants. The Department reduced the match rate to 2.5 percent for the FY 2008-09. Based on this match rate, an allocation of \$1,650,000 is needed to fund the match for FY 2008-09 AIP grants.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2006, the Commission adopted the 2006 Aeronautics Program that included a set-aside of \$3,300,000 to match AIP grants in FY 2008-09. This allocation provides the authority for the Department to sub-allocate matching funds to individual projects as requested by airport sponsors.

The Department provides Commission staff with monthly reports on allocations for AIP Matching funds. The reports show the sponsor name, the airport name, a project description, the AIP grant amount, the state matching amount, and an explanation on any portions of the AIP grant that were not matched. Because the Aeronautics Account is continuously appropriated, any unused remainder of this allocation would be available in FY 2009-10 to fund additional Aeronautics Program projects.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Allocation of Funds to Match Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants

Resolution FDOA-2007-02

- 1.1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21683.1 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC), the California Transportation Commission (Commission) is authorized to allocate funds for a portion of the local match for federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants to certain airports; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Commission sponsored the legislation that enacted PUC Section 21683.1 in order to maximize the amount of federal airport funds that can be allocated to California; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration requires that airport sponsors certify that matching funds are available as a condition of accepting a federal grant; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2006, the Commission adopted the three-year 2006 Aeronautics Program in the amount of \$5,991,700, including a set-aside of \$3,300,000 for AIP matching grants in Fiscal Year 2008-09; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2005, the Commission approved the Capital Improvement Program, which is an element of the California Aviation System Plan, and lists needed federal airport improvement projects from all funding sources.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, regarding federal Airport Improvement Program grants made by the Federal Aviation Administration to public entities in this State from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, with the approval of the Department of Transportation (Department), at such time as the federal grant offer is accepted by the public entity applicant, there is allocated to each applicant from the Aeronautics Account, two and one half percent (2.5%) of that portion of the grant whose primary benefit is for general aviation in order to provide a part of the local match for the grant in accordance with the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 21683.1 (b) until the total of all such allocations equals \$1,650,000; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department shall provide Commission staff with monthly status reports on sponsors' matching fund applications that have been approved by the Department.