

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 21, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Department of Transportation

Subject: From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport Director, Department of Transportation Requesting an Appropriation Transfer to increase expenditure authority to \$95,200,000 in Order to appropriately align design funds and to fund the construction phase for Capital Project WA0221 – GMIA International Terminal Project

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Department of Transportation is requesting the board authorize the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) and the Office of the Comptroller to process an administrative fund transfer to appropriately align funds spent on the design phase of the project and to increase revenues and expenditures to fund construction activities for capital project WA0221 – GMIA International Terminal Project.

POLICY

Board approval is required to establish projects and increase expenditure authority.

BACKGROUND

The airport had originally anticipated that the construction phase to reconstruct the current E Concourse to support international and domestic arrivals and departures would have occurred in 2020. However, due to the impacts of Covid-19, the project was put on hold. During that time, the project was significantly impacted by inflation causing the airport to re-examine project costs and anticipated cash flows from revenue sources used to cover the cost of the project.

Since 2020, additional design fees were incurred from the time the project was placed on hold until final design was completed. Additional one-time grant funding and federal funding sources are available, and the airport anticipates using these funding sources to support the project along with already identified revenue sources of airport development funds, passenger facility charge cash, and passenger facility charge backed bonds.

Based on recent bids, the anticipated project costs inclusive of revised design costs is \$95,200,000. The project was originally approved for \$55 million in 2019. Since then,

an additional \$2,600,000 was applied toward design increasing total design costs from \$4.5 million to \$7.1 million. Construction costs increased roughly \$38 million to a total of \$88 million. The funding sources identified can support the project. It should be noted that the airport anticipates making a request for the final year of terminal grant funding should the program be offered later this year. Any additional grant funds would likely offset the amount borrowed from PFC backed bonds.

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ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal impact.

TERMS

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Note

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