



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Re: Authorize an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company related to North Parking Lot Improvements at Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

### Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company related to the North Parking lot improvement project at Columbia Regional Airport.

### Discussion

Adequate parking for our customers at Columbia Regional Airport is essential. The increased flights with American Airlines, the return of United Airlines, and the addition of Allegiant Airlines requires staff to significantly increase parking to meet the needs of increased ridership. The design agreement being considered as part of this action is adjacent to the parking area identified in the airport master plan that was completed in 2025.

In anticipation of making improvements to a gravel lot located north of the Terminal, staff appropriated the balance of two closed airport projects totaling \$551,447 into a new project called the North Parking lot project. The improvements include paving the existing gravel lot and turf areas for a total of 425 spaces, which includes concrete curb and gutter. This improvement will also increase parking by approximately 250 spaces.

Staff is requesting council authorize the City Manager to execute an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns & McDonnell to provide design services for improvements to the North Parking lot project at a cost of \$226,300. Construction is expected to be completed this calendar year at a total project cost estimated at \$3.4M.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The agreement with Burns & McDonnell is for a not to exceed amount of \$226,300.

Long-Term Impact:

**Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact**Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

**Legislative History**

Date	Action
12/15/2025	B321-25 Amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by appropriating first quarter of funds.

**Suggested Council Action**

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