



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Re: Authorizing construction of the North Parking Lot Improvements at Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

### Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing a bid call through the Purchasing division for construction of the improvements to the North Parking Lot project at Columbia Regional Airport. 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.

An Interested Parties meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2026. A public hearing is being held on April 6, 2026. The total cost estimate for this project is \$3,226,300, and will be funded by Transportation Sales Tax (TST).

### 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 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.

In anticipation of making improvements to this gravel lot located north of the Terminal, staff appropriated the balance of two closed airport projects totaling \$551,447 into the North Parking lot project, and the balance is being appropriated from TST. The total project cost estimate (including design and construction) is \$3,226,300.

Construction is expected to begin this spring.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project estimate is \$3,226,300 (design and construction) will be funded by TST.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/20/2026	R14-26 Authorizing an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. associated with improvements to the north parking lot at the Columbia Regional Airport
12/15/2025	B321-25 Amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by appropriating first quarter of funds.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the construction of improvements to the North Parking lot project at Columbia Regional Airport.