



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Re: Authorizing an Airport Aid Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and Amending the FY2026 Annual Budget by Appropriating funds.

Impacted Ward: Airport

Executive Summary

Authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) relating to air service promotion for Columbia Regional Airport; and amending the FY2026 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

Discussion

The Columbia Regional Airport applied for and received an air service grant from MHTC in the amount of \$315,000 for air service promotion and marketing purposes, for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. The grant requires a match of \$35,000 for a total project budget of \$350,000. The grant funding will be used for marketing COU to air travelers throughout the 17-county catchment area and in areas served by COU through a broad mix of radio, television, print, websites, and social media.

Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Airport Aid agreement with MHTC, and amend the FY2026 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Appropriating \$315,000 from the State Contributions account and \$35,000 for local match from Transportation Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#) Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
05/19/2025	B101-25 authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for air service promotion; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds
08/19/2024	B190-24 authorizing a fifth supplemental to the airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for air service promotion.
11/06/2023	B269-23 authorizing a fourth supplemental to the airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for air service promotion.
09/05/2023	204-23 authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
08/15/2022	B221-22 authorizing a third supplemental agreement to an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion.
08/16/2021	B253-21 authorizing a second supplemental agreement to an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion.
01/04/2021	B360-20 authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
05/04/2020	B101-20 authorizing a first supplemental agreement to an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport
08/19/2019	B222-19 authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

09/04/2018	B211-18 authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; appropriating funds.
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Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to execute an Airport Aid Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and amend the FY2026 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.