



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2026

Re: Public Hearing: Proposed construction of the Terminal Building Passenger Boarding Bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

Executive Summary

A public hearing is being held concerning the construction of the Terminal Building Passenger Boarding Bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport. This project is included in this year's capital improvement projects to be funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The project cost estimate is \$1,810,000, and will be funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transportation Sales Tax (TST).

Discussion,

Due to the accelerated increase in flights at COU, a passenger boarding bridge was included in this year's capital improvement projects to be funded by the FAA. The total project is estimated to cost \$1,810,000, which includes design and construction. The City will be responsible for the design cost of \$60,000 plus 10% local match for construction costs which will be funded by TST. The FAA will reimburse the City 90% of the construction cost.

The timeline for construction and installation of the passenger boarding bridge is expected to take approximately 24 months.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project cost estimate is \$1,810,000. Funding in the amount \$1,237,758 has already been appropriated to the project. Engineering design cost of \$60,000 plus 10% of construction cost will be paid by TST. The FAA will reimburse the city 90% of the construction cost.

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: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
03/16/2026	R46-26 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a Terminal Building passenger boarding bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport
03/16/2026	R67-26 Authorizing construction of a Terminal Building passenger boarding bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division
03/02/2026	R37-26 Authorizing an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for design services associated with the Terminal Building passenger boarding bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport
2/16/2026	B46-26 Amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,297,758.00 associated with the design and construction of a passenger boarding bridge at the Columbia Regional Airport.

Suggested Council Action

Following public comment and Council discussion, direct staff to move forward with the construction of the Terminal Building Passenger Boarding Bridge project at the Columbia Regional Airport.