



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 16, 2026

Re: Amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by Appropriating Funds related to the Terminal Building Passenger Boarding Bridge project at Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting to amend the FY 2026 annual budget by appropriating \$1,297,758 related to the design and construction of a passenger boarding bridge at Columbia Regional Airport. The FAA will reimburse the City 90% of the construction cost.

Discussion,

Due to the accelerated increase in flights at COU, a passenger boarding bridge is being included in this year's capital improvement projects to be funded by the FAA. The total project is estimated to cost \$1,297,758, which includes \$60,000 for design and \$1,237,758 for construction. The City will be responsible for the design cost, plus 10% local match for construction equal to \$123,776. The FAA will reimburse the City 90% of the construction cost equal to \$1,113,982. The timeline for construction and installation of the passenger boarding bridge is expected to take approximately 24 months.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Appropriating \$1,113,982 from the federal revenue account and \$183,776 from TST (\$60,000 for design plus \$123,776 for 10% local match for construction).

Long-Term Impact: N/A

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: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
NA	None.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by appropriating funds related to the Terminal Building Passenger Boarding Bridge project at Columbia Regional Airport.