

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Re: Amending the FY 2026 Annual Budget by Appropriating funds related to the South Parking Lot Improvement Project at Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting to amend the FY 2026 annual budget by appropriating funds related to the South 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. Staff proposes to add approximately 600 additional parking spaces to a gravel lot south of the airport terminal at an estimated cost of \$400,000. The improvement includes erosion control, grading, base rock, compacted stone, and improved entrances and exits. This parking lot will allow an overflow area for automobiles that will be used during the initial flight expansions and will also allow space for vehicles as staff works to make paved parking improvements that are consistent with the 2025 overall parking master plan in future years. With this legislation, staff is requesting to amend the FY 2026 annual budget by appropriating \$400,000 from Transportation Sales Tax to the South Parking Lot improvement project.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Appropriating \$400,000 from Transportation Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: NA

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: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Legislative History

Date	Action
	None.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize amending the FY 2026 annual budget by appropriating funds to the South Parking Lot improvement project at Columbia Regional Airport.