

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Re: Setting a Public Hearing related to the Proposed Construction of the North Parking Lot Improvements at Columbia Regional Airport.

Impacted Ward: Airport

### Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution to set a public hearing on April 6, 2026 concerning the improvements to the North Parking Lot project at Columbia Regional Airport. The total project cost estimate is \$3,226,300, and will be funded by Transportation Sales Tax (TST).

An Interested Parties meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2026 at the Airport Administration building.

### 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, and is 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



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### 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

Adopt the resolution setting a public hearing on April 6, 2026 for improvements to the North Parking lot project at Columbia Regional Airport.