

**Open Work Session**  
**Discussion on Airport Taxiway Reconstruction Funding**  
**August 18, 2020**

Mr. Tony Rudy, Airport Manager, came before Council and thanked them for passing the Resolution for the Airport Improvement Program funding for the taxiway reconstruction. He said he wants to give Council a very quick background of the funding for this project. He said the project was bid last year for the entire taxiway, but they reduced the scope of that, basically because they did not have all of the funding in place, so a portion of it was completed earlier in the year, and this is phase 2. He said, with the CARES Act money coming in this year, and with the AIP money being 100 percent where typically it is only 90 percent, they decided it is good timing to go ahead and just get this project completed with that funding, and then using the additional CARES funding, but they are still waiting on the FAA to get guidance on that. He said he just wanted to bring that to Council's attention. He said they are looking at \$1.9 million from the CARES funding that will help. Mr. Dodd asked if that is in addition to the \$18 million, to which Mr. Rudy responded, no, it is coming out of the \$18 million, and he has that on his spreadsheet. He clarified, actually he thinks they only had \$1.8 million; however, the way CARES is written, there cannot be any overruns, so they gave it a little buffer hoping they will not go up to the \$1.9 million, but, if there is an overrun, they will be able to capture it within that \$1.9 million. He said he is hoping to hear from the FAA within the next couple of weeks that they are approving this project. He said, obviously, if it is approved and they are getting funding through the AIP portion of it, they have met all of the design criteria, the bidding, prevailing wage, all of the federal requirements, so it is just a matter of them getting the internal guidance to sign off on it. He said he is hoping maybe at the next Council Meeting he will have the grant offer in-hand for that, and they can get this project going. He said they are in discussions with the contractor right now as to how to proceed. He explained, they had to break the project out for dollar value and portions of the construction, so the AIP, which is a lesser amount, was scheduled for milling and filling of pavement where the more expensive portion was full-depth reconstruction to reconfigure some of the angles on the taxiways to bring them up to standards. He said, unfortunately, that was planned on being constructed first, but they are talking with the contractor, and maybe they can rearrange their schedule to try to get the portion they have funding for now. He explained, they have to keep those funding streams separate for different line items in the construction project. He said he just wanted to give Council a briefing that this will be coming to them, and he is hoping by the next Council Meeting they can have that.

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Rudy if he has an assistant coming in, to which Mr. Rudy responded, yes. Mr. Cannon said he thinks it would be good if Council had a chance to meet him at some point in time. He clarified, it is not required, but he thinks it would be very exciting for the Council to meet him, to which Mr. Rudy responded, he can introduce him at the next meeting.

Mr. Cannon asked if the master plan has finally been approved by the FAA, to which Mr. Rudy responded, yes. He said that has actually been signed off, and they will be getting copies of that. Mr. Cannon said he thinks that has really been a huge holdup in 90 percent of the Airport's projects, to which Mr. Rudy responded, yes, it has been.

Mr. Cannon said the more recent success they had was on the parts tax in Annapolis where it took them maybe four or five years to get that. He then asked how Mr. Rudy sees that benefiting them now, to which Mr. Rudy responded, there is a little catch. He explained, to his understanding, there was a sunset

clause that was put in when it was passed by the State, so he believes the term was for five years. He said, if that was not in there, then it may have been a little better incentive for people to actually get their aircraft worked on here in the State, but because of that, it is going to be kind of tough to measure that success. He said Mr. Calvin Peacock and the Airport Commission were looking at seeing if there is a way they can track that either within the State or locally. Mr. Cannon said that is really a true initiative that he thinks they are going to have to focus on as a County with the Eastern Shore Delegation and Annapolis as a whole. He said he sees what Mr. Rudy is saying, and they are not going to create that change if after five years they are afraid it is going to go away, to which Mr. Rudy responded, exactly.

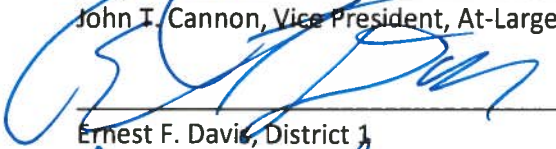
Mr. Taylor asked if the AIP part of this is a separate grant from the one Council approved earlier, to which Mr. Rudy responded, the one earlier in this meeting was the AIP grant. Mr. Taylor asked if that is the same grant Mr. Rudy is talking about now, to which Mr. Rudy responded, no, the \$1.9 million is coming out of the \$18 million CARES funding. Mr. Taylor said, in the material Mr. Rudy turned in, it talks about an AIP grant, and it gives a list of what was approved by the FAA for about \$1.4 million, to which Mr. Rudy responded, he is not sure he is following Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor clarified, he is just trying to figure out if they are going to have another AIP grant to approve, to which Mr. Rudy responded, no. Mr. Taylor asked if the one they approved this morning is it, to which Mr. Rudy responded, that is correct. Mr. Taylor said he just wanted to clear that up. He said these are getting to be pretty substantial amounts of money, and Mr. Rudy may need to do some interfund borrowing because when he comes back in for the CARES Act, which Council will have to approve, they can do that at the same time and just cover everything at one time. Mr. Taylor said that is just a suggestion. There was no further discussion.



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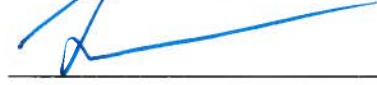
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