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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend the 2022 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 449 of 2021 to Provide an Increase in Funding for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2022 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 449 of 2021 to provide an increase in funding in the amount of \$800,000, for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport ("Airport").

This project will construct a new access/circulation roadway at the intersection of Airport Way and the Loop Road, at the roadway entrance to the Airport terminal facility. The objectives of the project are to provide a route from the Airport Loop Road to the Smart Phone Lot and to improve traffic flow and safety through the intersection of Airport Way and the Loop Road. Initial reviews of the traffic flow have indicated that vehicle speeds coming from the Loop Road "Jug Handle" are difficult to judge from the Airport Way intersection. The traffic circle concept should be easier to transverse for Airport Way traffic without significantly impeding the Jug Handle traffic.

The engineering design will incorporate geometrics in conformance with Federal Highway Administration recommendations, storm water management protocols, standard traffic markings, traffic control signs, wayfinding signs, pavement markings, roadway lighting, new concrete curbing, utility relocations as required, and a decorative center island detail.

The reason for the increase in funding for this project is that preliminary project budgets were initially defined within a different economic environment. Construction projects state-wide and nationally are experiencing unprecedented overall bid increases due to factors such as, but not limited to, supply chain issues, asphalt price increases, construction material increases, and contractor worker-staff shortages. The Airport and Monroe County are closely working with the FAA to adjust the grant funding, as the projects remain refundable with the Federal Aviation Administration.

At the present time, this project will be funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant of 90%, a New York State Department of Transportation grant of 5%, and a local share of 5%. If the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Grant is awarded to Monroe County, then this project will be funded 100% from the grant.

This project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on April 28, 2022.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass–Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$800,000 from \$2,300,000 to \$3,100,000, for a total project authorization of \$3,100,000.
2. Amend Bond Resolution 449 of 2021 to increase financing for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass–Greater Rochester International Airport, capital fund 1987, in the amount of \$800,000 from \$2,300,000 to \$3,100,000, for a total project authorization of \$3,100,000.

This action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(22) (“installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads, and highways”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 1987 once the additional financing authorization requested herein is approved and in any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will be provided by the Monroe County Airport Authority from Airport generated revenues. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


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