

AVIATION BOARD BACKGROUND LETTER

Aviation Board Meeting Date: December 20, 2021

To: Chair Richmond and Aviation Board Members

Cc: Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

From: Ian Turner, Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport

Subject: 21-1729 – Resolution allocating additional funds to extend fiber to City Hall

Summary:

This resolution allocates an additional \$150,000 to Capital Improvement Project 20-414 to extend a fiber connection to City Hall due to construction bids exceeding available funding within the project.

Previous Action:

The Aviation Board approved the airport's 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget by item 19-0551. The La Crosse Common Council approved the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program budget by Resolution 19-1053.

Background:

This project was slated to be initiated in 2020. However, with the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the project was not initiated in 2020 with uncertain economic picture surrounding the aviation industry. As aviation traffic at the airport has increased, it is now possible to move forward with this project. With increases to labor costs, material costs, and ongoing supply chain issues, the cost to complete the project has exceeded the original budgeted amount.

Financial Implications:

The additional \$150,000 is available in Customer Facility Charge funds.

Stakeholder Process:

This item is presented to the Aviation Board and will go before Common Council for final approval.

Alternatives:

No alternative exists that will complete the project.



Staff Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of staff to approve the resolution.

Attachments:

None.

