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City of San Diego's Two Airports to Receive Nearly \$4 Million in Funding for Infrastructure Improvements

FEDERAL GRANTS WILL BE USED FOR IMPROVING RUNWAYS, TAXIWAYS AND OTHER FACILITY UPDATES

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego's two airports, Montgomery-Gibbs Executive and Brown Field, have secured nearly \$4 million in federal funding to make much-needed infrastructure improvements. Three Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants will ultimately ensure the airports remain in optimal condition and provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation.

The first two grants, totaling \$2.8 million, will go toward design costs for the future rehabilitation of Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport's secondary runway, taxiways and terminal apron. The terminal apron is the paved area outside the airport's terminal, where local and visiting aircraft are parked, loaded, unloaded and fueled. Once these grants are received, the design phase of these projects can commence, laying the groundwork for future construction.

The third grant, a little more than \$1 million, will reimburse the consultant who is in the final design phases to rehabilitate the Brown Field Airport taxiways. The Airport is also currently undergoing a more than 20-year redevelopment project, which is expected to have an economic impact of \$1.5 billion for the region and support about 2,500 jobs.

"This federal funding is critical to addressing immediate infrastructure needs at both of the City's airports, helping to prevent delays in project design and construction while ensuring our facilities remain in top condition," said Economic Development Deputy Director and Chief of Airports Jorge Rubio, A.A.E. **"As part of the national air transportation system we are committed to providing safe, reliable and modern infrastructure in a way that promotes long-term resilience."**

"A project like this would not be possible without the advocacy of San Diego's congressional delegation," said Walt Bishop, Mayor Todd Gloria's Director of Government Affairs. **"Their commitment to delivering financial resources will not only enhance our airports, but drive opportunities for business, jobs and community growth locally."**

The grants will cover 95% of the design costs, with the rest of the money coming from revenue the Airports generate from their business and other operations. No General Fund contributions from the City will be used for these projects.



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