



To: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr
From: Jason Watt, Director, Airport Department
Date: March 21, 2023
Re: Responses to Coleman A. Young International Airport FY23-24 Budget Questions

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 17, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Airport Department.

1. Please explain the increase of approximately \$1.6 million in contractual services from FY 2023 to FY 2024.

The Airport Department plans to increase the Kimley-Horn contract by \$800,000 (one-time cost) to cover costs associated with design of a new taxiway to increase the chance of federal funding.

2. Please provide a status update of expansion of the Coleman A. Young International Airport.

The Airport Department is currently working on the finalization of the French Rd to Gilbo Mini Take. Offers will be sent within the next 30 days to all the occupied homes in the area. The offers for the vacant lots in the area will go out after the negotiations with the occupied homes have completed.

The Airport Department is also working on the purchase of the McNichols right of way, which is necessary to establish adequate runway 15/33 safety areas for compliance with FAA rules and regulations, and for preparation for installation of engineered material arresting systems (EMAS) off the end of the main runway 15/33. EMAS is a crushable concrete that can capture an aircraft with none to very little damage. This project will be federally funded at a cost of approximately \$8M and has a completion date of 2026.

cc: Malik Washington, Mayor's Office
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