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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY A, CONNECTOR TAXIWAYS AND ADJACENT APRON AT LITTLE RIVER AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACT AS THE AIRPORT SPONSOR'S OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND SIGN OTHER NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF MENDOCINO COUNTY IF AWARDED (LITTLE RIVER AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

Design for the reconstruction of Taxiway A, taxiway connectors and south apron pavement at Little River Airport began in 2014. On July 27, 2017, Department of Transportation (DOT) opened bids for the project; however, all bids came in higher than estimated and exceeded the amount of funds available in the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant. DOT subsequently submitted a request for a modification to standard in order to rehabilitate the existing taxiway in lieu of full reconstruction, which was approved by FAA. The project was not budgeted in Fiscal Year 2018-19 due to unavailability of funds for the ten percent local match. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has now announced additional supplemental AIP grant funds that are available for projects with no local match required. DOT has submitted an application for said funds to complete the rehabilitation of Taxiway A, connector taxiways and south apron at Little River Airport as well as the adjacent main apron as it is also in need of repair. The deadline to submit applications was before DOT was able to bring the application to the Board for approval. If the grant is awarded, DOT will request a budget adjustment to reflect the increase in expenses and revenues; however the net county cost is expected to be zero.

I recommend and request that the Board ratify the grant application which was submitted to FAA on October 31, 2018, in the amount of \$6,000,000, and authorize the Director of Transportation to act as the airport sponsor's official representative and to execute the grant agreement and sign any other necessary related documents on behalf of Mendocino County if awarded. DOT staff has prepared a draft Resolution for the Board's consideration and adoption.

I will, of course, respond to any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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