

**PORT OF LONGVIEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF
LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR THE
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT TO PURSUE A WSDOT
AVIATION LOAN TO FUND A FUEL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Washington Regional Airport (hereinafter "the Airport") Operating Board, desires to construct a fuel system replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Airport is owned by the City of Kelso, but is operated under an interlocal agreement between the City of Kelso, the City of Longview, the Port of Longview, and Cowlitz County; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 planning began on a fuel system replacement project and was included in the Airport's Strategic Operating Plan list of priority projects adopted by the Airport Operating Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Airport secured funding for the fuel system replacement project through a \$500,000 Cowlitz County Rural Facility Grant and a \$500,000 WSDOT Aviation Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) loan supported by all four government entities of the interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 economic conditions, including record high inflation, increased the project's estimated cost beyond current funding; The WSDOT CARB loan was returned in June 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Airport Operating Board explored project options and selected an alternative layout for the Fuel Project to reduce the scope of work and cut project costs; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2022, WSDOT announced an increase in maximum available CARB loan funds of \$1.2 million per loan; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2022, federal and state legislators expressed support for the Airport after touring it, and other legislators have expressed support for the Airport in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Operating Board continues to identify the fuel system replacement project as a priority infrastructure project for environmental protection and for the operational longevity of the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Operating Board desires to pursue a \$1.2 million loan through WSDOT Aviation's CARB loan program for the funding of the Airport's alternative fuel system replacement project ("Fuel Project"); and

WHEREAS, The Airport's interlocal agreement requires the approval of the governing body of each of the parties to approve the borrowing of funds for capital improvements and would make each party proportionally responsible for any approved debt if the interlocal is terminated; and

WHEREAS, if the CARB loan application is successful, an interlocal amendment would be needed to increase the contributions of each party from \$76,000 to \$91,000 to cover the debt service and the annual budgeting of funds by each party to fund the repayment of the loan;

WHEREAS, the CARB loan award, if approved, would likely be made in December, and would require the parties' formal approval and an interlocal amendment by January prior to final acceptance; and

WHEREAS, because the funding of the Fuel Project will require the future legislative actions of each of the parties which must be separately undertaken, the legislative bodies of each party wish to formally resolve their support for the Fuel Project and their support for the shared contributions to pay the debt service on the CARB loan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Longview, as follows:

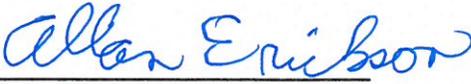
Section 1. Findings. The Port of Longview Commission hereby adopts each and every recital contained within the Whereas clauses as findings of fact in support of this Resolution and further finds that the construction of the Fuel Project will increase safety at the Airport, reduce risk of environmental contamination; and protect a regional asset that is key to supporting economic development in Cowlitz County and southwest Washington.

Section 2. Support for Project. The Port of Longview Commission, as one of four representatives of the Airport Operating Board, hereby resolves their support for the construction of the Fuel Project and the Airport Operating Board's application for a WSDOT CARB Loan in the amount of \$1.2 million for the construction of the Fuel Project.

Section 3. Support for Shared Funding of Construction. The Port of Longview Commission hereby resolves their support for an amendment to the SWRA Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, to be approved at a later meeting, to share equally in the debt service costs to repay the WSDOT CARB Loan and increase the annual Airport ILA contributions for each party in the amount of \$15,000 for a total annual contribution by each party of \$91,000 starting in 2024 where the sole purpose of the increase is the allocation of it to debt repayment of the WSDOT CARB Loan, with the understanding that the repayment/sunset period, with the ability for prepayment, will be addressed in the amendment to the interlocal agreement.

ADOPTED by the Port of Longview Commission on this 9th day of November, 2022.

**PORT OF LONGVIEW
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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