

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB March 7, 2008

Please submit completed questionnaire to josh.martin@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

Alliance Airport Runway Extension Project, Fort Worth, Texas

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

This is an ongoing Runway extension project that will lengthen the runways to 11,000 feet and will allow for greater utilization of the airfield and provide greater capacity as a reliever for DFW. It will also allow for the cargo carriers to safely maximize their loads and not have to compromise fuel, cargo or both. The increased growth of the airfield will provide many jobs and economic activity.

3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

FM 156 Relocation	\$33,293,151
BNSF Mainline Relocation*	\$85,254,467
Runway and Taxiway Extensions	\$96,194,729

Total Estimated Project Cost (2007 dollars) \$216,161,603

(September 2001 total project cost: \$132,775,517)

* Funding for the relocation of the mainline track of the BNSF Railroad has not been determined at this time.

Anticipated sources of funding for the duration of the project:

Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, primarily from FAA, AIP discretionary grants. City of Fort Worth matching funds have come from land credits. Other funding has been obtained for FM 156, specifically, a \$6.5 million priority project in the 2005 Transportation Authorization (TEA-LU) bill and \$5.1 million in the 2006 Tarrant County Bond Fund.

Percent and source of required matching funds:

This project is an FAA approved project dating back to 1992 and has a 95% federal – 5% state, local, private matching requirement. Our match currently is 88% – 12%.

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

Since inception in the early 90's, the Alliance project – anchored by the airport, has created \$6.16 billion in total investment (5.25% public and 94.75% private) with an economic impact of \$28.5 billion. The Alliance project has created 24,000 jobs and more than 25 million square feet of industrial space has been built. **Total FAA Grant funding to date to \$59 million for the runway extension project.** The City's share of all grants for Alliance Airport has been in the form of in-kind land credits. Since development of Alliance Airport, there have been numerous land donations to the City for the airport. The value of these donations to date has been appraised at over \$15,000,000. Additional land will be donated as part of the runway extension. It is anticipated this additional land donation will provide adequate credit to cover the City's share of the runway extension project.

2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

The runway extension project has local, regional and national significance and impacts the infrastructure around the airport. In addition to the runway extension the project will open up the west side of the airport for more airside development and improve access to the Alliance Intermodal facility, which has already proven economic growth benefits to the entire North Texas area. With the advantages of a longer runway at Alliance the nation benefits from this premier intermodal industrial facility that can serve the world.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$30 million

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

FAA

3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

AIP

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total Estimated Project Cost (2007 dollars) \$216,161,603. As previously stated, Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, primarily from FAA, AIP discretionary grants. City of Forth Worth matching funds have come from land credits valued at over \$15 million. Other funding has been obtained

for FM 156, specifically, a \$6.5 million priority project in the 2005 Transportation Authorization (TEA-LU) bill and \$5.1 million in the 2006 Tarrant County Bond Fund. Other options are on the table as the project moves forward.

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

FY01: \$7.85
FY02: \$4.50 million
FY03: \$7.04 million
FY04: \$9.09 million
FY05: \$10.6 million
FY06: \$10.5 million
FY07: (\$2.5 million in House report – NO EARMARKS)
FY08: \$10 million

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

See answer #1.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

The federal government has allocated \$59 million for this project to date. We expect to continue to get federal funding and also additional state and local funds through other means as the project moves forward.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

This funding will fund the construction of the runway extension which is to include: the relocation of FM 156, the relocation of the BNSF rail line, and the runway extension itself including the relocation of utilities, navigation aids, earth movements, fencing, paving and the like.

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

Yes. The airport serves as a reliever airport for DFW International and is eligible under AIP to receive funds for improvement projects.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No. All surrounding communities are part of the entire process.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

The funding for the relocation of FM 156 is now complete and the construction will begin Spring 2008.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

Texas: Tim Ward

Washington: Glenn LeMunyon

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

Tim Ward: tim.ward@hillwood.com (817) 890-1000

Glenn LeMunyon glenn@lemunyongroup.com (202) 547-9050

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

Alliance Airport, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas 76177-4300

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

All of it.

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

FAA and yes, it is eligible.

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

Yes.

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, **Timothy D. Ward** ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF **Fort Worth Alliance Airport and on behalf of the City of Fort Worth, Texas** MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying _____

Timothy D. Ward

Title of person certifying _____

President, Alliance Air Services on behalf of the City of Fort Worth, Texas

Project name as it will appear in the bill _____

Alliance Airport Runway Extention Fort Worth, Texas

Legal name of entity making request _____

Fort Worth Alliance Airport and the City of Fort Worth, Texas

Address _____

2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100

Fort Worth, Texas 76177-4300

Signature

3/7/08
Date