

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: August 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Airport Master Plan

SUBMITTING DEPT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Gary Tomsic

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐ Consent ☐ Committee Reports ☐
Unfinished Business ☐ New Business ☒ Public Hearing ☐ Standing Committees ☐

ATTACHMENTS: None. Each Council Member should have received a copy of the Master Plan.

ANALYSIS/SUMMARY: The Council held a study session on August 21, 2006 to review the details of the proposed Blaine Airport Master Plan. At that meeting, Doug Fenton (and others) urged the the Council to move forward and approve the plan stating that this action did not bind the Council to keep the airport open. He stated that it did allow the City to move forward in preparing grant applications for federal FY 07 which begins on October 1,2006.

There is not specific FAA time table for the approval of the plan. However, Doug is correct in his assessment that the granting cycle is underway and the sooner the plan is approved the sooner grants could be applied for. The Council has two decisions that it must consider. First, should the Master Plan be approved before the Council has an opportunity to review the Alternative Use Committee's report and before it reviews the memo from Jon Sitkin on the cost of closing the airport? Secondly, if the master plan is approved, should the City develop and submit a grant application to the FAA before the Council has an opportunity to determine the future of the airport?

RECOMMENDATION: ☐ Waive 2nd Reading: (Include conditions of approval if applicable) Staff recommends that City Council

The staff has no concern with the approval of the master plan. However, there is a concern with submitting a grant application without knowing where the airport closure issue sits.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: There is no fiscal impact from approving the master plan.

REVIEWED BY: City Manager _____ Finance Dir. _____ City Clerk _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: _____

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