



TO: Mayor
Members of the City Council

FROM: Jennifer K. Eckman, Airport Director

DATE: March 18, 2024

SUBJECT: MIDCO EASEMENT ON AIRPORT PROPERTY

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Approve the easement and subordination agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Jennifer K. Eckman, Airport Director	857-4724
Maria Romanick, Operations and Maintenance Manager	857-4724

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Midco has requested an easement on City property at the airport. The easement is necessary to install new fiber optic lines for airline radio equipment.

B. Proposed Project

Midco has contracted with CTI to bore new duct for new fiber optic lines to support airline radio equipment at the request of an airline tenant. The easement language states the location of the easement with an exhibit and has language to protect the City in the event the Midco lines need to be relocated for a City project. The relocation costs are to be covered by Midco. Restoration of City property to existing condition is also an easement condition. All construction and cleanup will be done by CTI.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

Improved infrastructure for airline equipment will contribute to the operational safety of the airfield.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

The improvements will result in more resilient resources for the aviation community.

C. Fiscal Impact:

The project is being funded entirely by Midco.

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

The City Council aspirations that are achieved with the updated infrastructure include being resilient and prepared.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose to deny the easement request, which would result in continued operations with aging and less reliable equipment.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

The parties involved have been working on this project since August 2023. While there are no time constraints in particular, the next step is approval to begin construction. Any delay in the project would require further coordination with the airport community.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. Midcontinent Utility Easement – Airport Employee Lot Site