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**AVCON Capital Improvements Update
Tri-County Airport
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ONGOING PROJECTS:

T.O. 01—Airport Master Plan

The original “Exhibit A” Airport Property map, which was scoped as part of the Master Plan project, was submitted to FAA for review and approval in August 2019. The draft Master Plan Update and Airport Layout Plan was prepared in August 2020. The documents were updated in September 2020 to add a planned non-precision instrument approach to Runway 01 and were submitted to FAA on 9/17/2020 for review and approval. At FAA request, they were re-submitted to FAA for final review and approval on 10/13/2020. The direct apron-to-runway connector taxiway was shown to be relocated based on FAA comments and the revised documents were resubmitted to FAA on 1/25/2021.

In February, the FAA indicated clarification on the history of the three conservation easements would be needed before approval of the Master Plan Update and Airport Layout Plan. Responding to many FAA questions over several weeks, the easement issue was satisfied in early March. However, after a month of no response, the FAA indicated on 4/21/2021 a need to conduct a wildlife hazard site visit on the airport to ensure the conservation easements were not an unusually attractive wildlife feature. After coordinating with FDOT to cover these costs, this work was completed in June and a report was submitted to FAA on 7/28/2021. The FAA has formally approved/accepted this report. On 9/22/2021, FAA called and indicated they had new concerns regarding the lack of separation between the future Taxiway A Object Free Area and the existing helipad. We responded on 9/24/2021 with a summary explaining this does not appear to be an issue. In mid-October we spoke on the phone with FAA about the helipad. After some discussion, we agreed to revise the ALP with a ‘Pen-and-Ink’ change showing the helipad to be relocated. This will not be shown as a project in the capital improvement program or in the Master Plan; it will only be shown to be relocated at some point in the future.

T.O. 09—Terminal Access & Security Improvements

Project improves public access to terminal building while maintaining necessary security measures and consists of driveway/signage/lighting improvements, fence/gate modifications, and access improvements. 100%/bid documents are in progress.

After working with Jackie Parker for several months on the drainfield and permitting details, he notified us on 11/4 that he could not finish the project. We are now working with Gorman Environmental on the details of the drainfield relocation and permitting.

T.O. 10—Wildlife Hazard Management Program

A Wildlife Hazard Site Visit (WHSV) Report was completed by ERS and approved by the FAA. ERS has completed a Draft Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHM) based on their findings, which was submitted to the Board on November 1st for review and has since been submitted to FAA for review. One thing to note about the WHMP is that the recommendations of the plan are only recommendations, not requirements.

PENDING PROJECTS:

- The upcoming FDOT Work Program for FY2021-2022 is presented below:

	<u>FDOT</u>	<u>FAA</u>
✓ Height Zoning Ordinance Development	\$100,000	
✓ Obstruction Removal	\$125,000	
✓ Infield Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000	
✓ Airport Electrical Vault Replacement	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>
Total Grant Funding:	\$750,000	\$450,000

- Through discussions with FDOT-3, the budget for the Terminal Expansion Project in FY2027 has been increased from \$600,000 to \$1,500,000. This increase will allow for a ~1,800 SF addition to the terminal, as well as a terminal building renovation, signage and landscaping improvements, sanitary improvements, and the addition of a complete, full-service kitchen that the airport has stated is a priority for the terminal.

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