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# AVCON Capital Improvements Update Tri-County Airport September 13, 2022



## ONGOING PROJECTS:

### 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. Premier Paving, LLC., was the low bidder with a total bid of \$764,365.75. The FDOT only had \$613,035 available for construction but was able to provide an additional \$248,944 in grant funding for a total of \$861,979 so the entire project could be constructed. A pre-construction meeting was held at the Airport on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The contractor has started submitting shop drawings and will be on site any day.

### T.O. 12—Obstruction Removal

Project will facilitate clearing existing trees that represent airspace obstructions and safety concerns at the Airport. With limited funds available for the removal work (~\$85,000), the removal of trees will be prioritized to optimize safety enhancements for aircraft and best utilize the available grant funds. Bid alternates will be included in the construction documents to facilitate this. Obstructions that cannot be addressed in this project will be addressed in the “Construct RSA, ROFA, and OFZ Improvements” project in FDOT Fiscal Year 2022-2023. A map of potential removal areas is presented tonight.

We have a meeting scheduled with the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) on September 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss clearing trees in the “rookery” area. We are approaching the meeting with two primary objectives:

1. **Long-Term Ultimate Condition** – Can we fill in all or a portion of the existing manmade pond? We are open to considering filling in the pond with offsite mitigation and piping the drainage through the site, restoration of the 1940 condition with a drainage slough, etc.
2. **Short-Term Action** – Can we cut the trees and drag them out for removal without the use of pontoons, etc.? The trees themselves are airspace obstructions scheduled to be removed in the current Airport Layout Plan. However, the rookery they have become have developed into a very serious aviation safety concern. With five recent aircraft bird-strikes, removing the birds is clearly the airport’s highest priority.

## 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	
▪ Grant executed		
✓ Utility Improvements – Stormwater and Electrical		
▪ Infield Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000	
▪ Airport Electrical Vault Replacement	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>
▪ Grant executed		
<b>Total Grant Funding:</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

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