



February 22, 2010

Ms. Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
205 College Street, Suite 300
Asheville, NC 28801

Re: Approval of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer for the Asheville Regional Airport – FY 2010
Part A

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Each year the Asheville Regional Airport Authority receives entitlement grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). As a co-sponsor of the Asheville Regional Airport, the County of Buncombe is required to execute the grant agreements in order for the airport to receive the funding.

Due to the current continuing resolution in place for the FAA, the grants for FY 2010 are being issued in 2 separate phases, Part A and Part B. The final grant agreement for FY2010 Part A, which is still being prepared by the FAA – Atlanta Airports District Office (ADO), must be executed and returned to the FAA by March 17, 2010. We are requesting the County Board of Commissioners to approve appropriate resolutions authorizing the execution of the documents as soon as the grant agreements become available.

The FY2010 Part A grant is anticipated to total \$902,490.00 and will be used as a reimbursement of design and professional costs related to the recent terminal renovation project at AVL. The Asheville Regional Airport Authority has fully funded this expense including the matching share and no financial assistance is required from Buncombe County in the acceptance of this Grant Offer.

As previously discussed this item will be placed on the County Commissioners agenda for March 2, 2010. It is important that the County take action to approve this item at the meeting identified in order for the grant to be processed by the FAA deadlines. Once the airport receives the final grant paperwork we will coordinate with you for execution by the County Chairman or Manager and attorneys.

I appreciate you assisting the Airport Authority in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Howell".

Kevin E. Howell, CM, IAP
Director of Properties & Development

c: Lew Bleiweis, Airport Director
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