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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Transportation: Governor's Section 13.10 Request for the Use of Federal Economic Stimulus Funding for an Airport Improvement Project -- Agenda Item X

REQUEST

The Governor requests approval for the expenditure of \$9,460,285 in federal economic stimulus funds for the second phase of a runway safety area construction project at General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

BACKGROUND

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides \$1.1 billion nationwide for capital improvement projects at airports. Funds are awarded to projects by the Federal Aviation Administration on a discretionary basis, with priority given to projects that can be completed within two years and that would not otherwise be done with state and local funding during the time period.

CONCLUSION

The Governor's request for \$9,460,285 in federal economic stimulus funds for the General Mitchell International Airport project satisfies a requirement in 2009 Wisconsin Act 2 that a plan be submitted to the Committee for the expenditure of such funds. Since the funding was awarded by the federal government specifically for this project, no alternative uses of the funds are possible under the federal program.

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