



**STAFF REPORT  
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: October 20, 2025  
REPORT # Airport-2025-25**

**AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AIRPORT USE AGREEMENT WITH ALEF AERONAUTICS, INC. OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA TO PERFORM TESTING OF THEIR ELECTRIC FLYING CAR AT THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**DEPARTMENT:** Airport

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jeff Crechriou, Airport Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jeff Crechriou, Airport Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution approving an Airport Use Agreement with ALEF Aeronautics, Inc. of San Mateo, California to perform testing of their electric flying car at the Hollister Municipal Airport and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement.

**DISCUSSION:** In early May 2025, ALEF Aeronautics Inc. (ALEF) contacted the airport with interest in utilizing the Airport to conduct testing operations for their electric flying car. ALEF is developing an electric car designed to drive on the street and take off vertically to fly over traffic when needed.

ALEF and the Airport met to discuss their needs, tour the Airport, and met with Hollister Jet Center (HJC) the Airport's Fixed Based Operator (FBO) on May 6, 2025. Based on this site visit, ALEF, with input from the Airport and HJC, developed a CONOPS document outlining the proposed use, locations, procedures and requirements for conducting their testing operations which is incorporated in the Airport Use Agreement (Agreement) as Exhibit B.

Aircraft operations will have priority over the ALEF testing operations. Testing operations will begin only if there are no conflicts, or terminate as quickly as possible if a potential conflict arises. As depicted in Exhibit A of the Agreement, the two identified testing areas are Location 1 near the West side hangars and the West end of Taxiway C (Charlie) and Location 2 on the East side at the North end of the aircraft parking ramp in an open area.

ALEF is allowed to use the facilities in the identified locations to conduct testing operations up to two (2) days per week, not exceeding eight (8) hours per day, for a maximum of sixteen (16) hours per week. This Agreement shall commence with a one (1) month trial period to evaluate noise levels, foreign object debris (FOD), and other operational considerations. Following the successful completion of the trial period, the Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis for an overall one-year period.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** ALEF will pay \$150.00 per use of the facilities. Payment shall be made payable to the Airport Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Hollister Jet Center. The Airport FBO manages aircraft fueling and the use of the aircraft parking ramps and coordinates with tenants and pilots. For this management and coordination, HJC will keep \$50.00 per use and pass through \$100.00 per use to the City/Airport on a monthly basis.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION:** The Hollister Airport Advisory Commission considered the proposed use and location at their regular meeting on August 13, 2025, received a presentation on the proposed use and locations, and unanimously passed a motion recommending the Airport present an Airport Use Agreement for City Council consideration and approval.

**CEQA:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. ALEF Airport Use Agreement