

**FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - CONSULTANT'S UPDATE**

**JUNE 2014**

**I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

**A. Land / Hangar Acquisition**

- Grant issued by the FAA for land and easement acquisition in September of 2012. All properties have been acquired.
- NYSDOT has agreed to pay administrative settlement costs associated with the McMann Hangar acquisition. MJ is preparing a final invoice for services such as appraisals and associated administrative work for submission to NYSDOT. The County closed on the hangar on December 30, 2013 and the contents of the hangar were moved in early March.

**B. Taxiway Design**

- Phase I work is complete as of this morning. Villager Construction was on site to perform site restoration, topsoil & seeding.
- The Phase II project is nearly ready to advertise for bids. Final review set should be ready Thursday. Project should be bid in July, 2014, contingent upon receipt of all required permits and FAA funding (will update that under the FAA AIP Funding heading below). Currently permits are anticipated by July 1<sup>st</sup>, and project funding should be available as soon as bids are opened and certified.

**II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES**

- A. FAA AIP Funding:** A 4 year AIP program was passed covering FY 2012-2016. Main change in the program is a decrease in the federal share on projects from 95% to 90%. The State will match the local share, therefore both the state and local share have increased from 2.5% to 5.0%.

Within the last week, Congressional Representatives have been announcing the award of FAA AIP grants. The only issue is, they are doing so prior to the final programming of the grants and submission of applications with bids, etc. in the case of construction grants. Rep. Schumer's office last week announced the award of \$1.8M for Finger Lakes Regional Airport for Taxiway Rehabilitation Construction Phase II. As mentioned above, we have not yet received bids, entered into a construction inspection and administration contract, etc. with Seneca County. Schumer, Gillibrand and Collins also collectively announced a grant for snow removal equipment purchase at Canandaigua.

The current federal budget requires the FAA to adjust its operating budget to sequestration levels, without raiding the AIP program, which is used to fund projects at FLRA. It is anticipated that project funding for FY 2014 will be available around 5/1/14.

The current 5-year CIP program continues to be updated. The program includes the Taxiway Rehabilitation Phase II construction in 2014, design of the apron expansion in

2015 and construction following the next year. Future projects include the runway extension.

- B. NYSDOT Funding:** NYS issued a request for new grant applications under the Aviation Capital Grants Program (aka "AIR-99"), including \$7M in new monies to fund these grants in 2014. Grant applications for the 2014 program are due Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The County is submitting an application for new snow removal equipment. Value of the total grant is \$175,000. Seneca County share at 10% would be \$17,500, NYSDOT share at 90% would be \$157,500. Grant process is competitive.

Seneca County was awarded a NYSDOT Aviation Capital Grant in 2013 for purchase of a fuel truck and fuel system improvements, and the grant has been awarded and executed by the County and New York State DOT. MJ will submit a proposal to prepare specifications for the fuel truck, and plans and specifications to have modifications done to the fuel facility.

