

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

**MARCH 09, 2016**

**I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

**A. Taxiway Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements – Phase II**

- This project will be closed out most likely by the end of March:
  - Zoladz Construction will return in Spring, 2016 to perform work under their warranty bond, including topsoil & hydroseeding of areas that “washed out” in the late fall of 2015, and clean out trash that was present in areas that the placed topsoil.
  - Zoladz and their pavement marking contractor will relocate the section of Taxiway A centerline striping at the north end of the taxiway, to pull it in closer to the center of pavement. This will be performed as part of Zoladz’ warranty work. The final taxiway centerline location will be shown on the project record drawings.

**B. Fuel System Improvements**

- LaValley Brothers Construction was the single bidder for this project. LaValley’s bid was significantly higher than the construction grant amount available.

McFarland Johnson and LaValley Brothers Construction, the single bidder for the project, met with NYSDOT Aviation Bureau to discuss options for constructing the fuel system improvements with modifications to the scope of work. We currently have a proposal from LaValley to perform the work, and still provide increased fuel flow rates, which was the original intent of the project. MJ will present the modified scope to NYSDOT Aviation and seek their concurrence. If NYSDOT concurrence is received, construction would take place in late spring/early summer 2016.

**B. Aircraft Apron Rehabilitation**

- Preliminary design work is underway on the reconstruction and strengthening of the aircraft parking apron. The project begins at the south edge of the “community hangar” and proceeds north.
- Construction of the rehabilitation will likely take place in at least two phases, and will include expansion of the apron and strengthening of the existing pavement.

**II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES**

- **FAA AIP Funding:** Seneca County and MJ held their annual review of the Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) with the FAA New York Airports District Office (NYADO), by videoconference on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion points included:

- No current authorization for FAA to fund projects yet in 2016
- Current authorization (from 2015) expires March 31, 2016
- FAA expects a “split” program again this year, with partial funds available in early 2016, with the remainder becoming available late 2016.
- Review of Finger Lakes Regional Airport’s Capital Improvement Program (ACIP)
- Discussion regarding funding the construction of the aircraft ramp reconstruction, strengthening and expansion. FAA wishes to have the reconstruction and expansion construction projects split up, or phased, which was expected.
- MJ to provide information requested by FAA NYADO, including photographs of the current ramp condition, geotechnical report data on pavement condition and soils, and a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for the ramp.
- Discussion of National Priority Ranking (NPR) for projects. Reconstruction of the ramp is a higher NPR, expansion project is much lower which can put its’ construction funding at risk.
- Seneca County’s continued pursuit of, and effective use, of NYSDOT Aviation Capital Grant program funding, leveraged against FAA funding to help make FLRA a more self-sustaining airport (examples include the new fuel truck and snow removal equipment purchase).
- The FAA NYADO was attended by Evelyn Martinez, the new ADO Manager, Rob Costa, P.E., FLRA’s Airport Engineer and David Carlin, FLRA’s Airport Planner, and Suki Gill, the Environmental Specialist from FAA assigned to FLRA.

– **NYSDOT Funding:**

- Specifications and price for the new International snow plow truck, plow and wing have been submitted to NYSDOT Aviation for review and concurrence to purchase. Bill Meyer from NYSDOT requested some additional information on the actual contract that allows Seneca County to “piggyback” the purchase of the equipment from the NYS OGS Contract Bid on Onondaga County’s contract. This information was provided to Mr. Meyer the same day he requested it, and we expect NYSDOT concurrence to purchase in the next two weeks. Equipment will be delivered and ready for the 2016 – 2017 winter season.
- Denise Geraldi, Grant Administrator is making a visit to McFarland Johnson’s office in late March, and we are trying to arrange meetings with several airport sponsors while she is visiting. Seneca County is one of those airport sponsors and we will try to get a meeting arranged. This is a very good opportunity to discuss the NYSDOT grant process with Ms. Geraldi, as well as make a “push” for the hangar grant submitted during the FY2015 grant application process.

- At this point, it is still not known when announcements will be made by NYSDOT for grant awards. We will inquire with Denise Geraldini when we meet with her in March.

### **III. RUNWAY 1 NIGHT APPROACH**

A letter has been provided to FAA Flight Procedures, from both MJ and the former Town of Seneca Falls Highway Superintendent. The letter is based on additional survey work and findings that demonstrate the road elevation is lower than originally indicated by FAA. Also, NYS traffic law prohibits a truck/vehicle taller than 13' 6" from utilizing Martin Road. FAA had based the removal of the night approach on a vehicle 15' high.

The matter is being reviewed by FAA personnel in Oklahoma City and we are keeping in touch with them. We will report any updates as soon as they are known.