

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

JUNE 10, 2015

I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Taxiway Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements – Phase II

- Zoladz Construction continues progress on this project. They have completed the bulk of the drainage improvement work outside the airport fence. They have been working on the taxiway reconstruction part of the project, and should be ready to put down new asphalt pavement within two weeks. The schedule for the project shows substantial completion of the project by the end of June.
- *Full update from Lyle Findlay, our Resident Engineer on the project:*
 - *Drainage is 90 % complete including erosion control best practices.*
 - *Airport entrance sub base is in except where the guy wire was and we started on that today but storm is slowing down progress, should be completed tomorrow. The airport entrance grass space to the right as you drive in has yet to dry out but grade is near completed and top soiling will be next.*
 - *Taxiway work - excavation completed and 75% of new sub base is in and tested by SJB, may have all that in Wednesday/Thursday and tested by SJB, depends on weather. New underdrain is in 80% complete. And 90% on new pipe; manhole installation - some structures are very deep like 17' in depth.*
 - *Lighting - O'Connell is on site & has all demolition complete. Started on installation of new conduit, etc.*
 - *Paving was scheduled for Monday but two heavy rains is delaying progress.*
 - *No outstanding issues.*

B. Fuel System Improvements

- The new Jet-A refueler truck has been ordered from Garsite and is under construction. Anticipated delivery date, per Garsite, is end of July/early August.
- Preliminary bid plans and specifications for the improvements to the aircraft fueling facilities (“fuel farm”) are nearly complete. We will be reviewing with Bill Bordeau and Allen Staff within the week. MJ will submit preliminary documents to NYSDOT for review & comment, then progress quickly to final design. Goal is to construct this project once the new refueler has arrived so that there will be no “down time” at the fuel farm.
- The grants for this project are through the NYSDOT Aviation Capital Grant Program, 2013 round.

II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES

- A. FAA AIP Funding:** McFarland Johnson has been submitting grant programming packages for FY2015 projects. We have submitted the programming package for the Main Aircraft Parking Apron Rehabilitation Design project.
- Grant offers are anticipated in fall of 2015.

- The FAA NYADO has not hired an Airport Engineer to replace Christine Pak, your previous Engineer who relocated to a different division of FAA. Our current understanding is that the NYADO is "redistributing" responsibilities for Airport Engineer duties to remaining staff.
- FAA has recently hired a new planner named David Carlin. Mr. Carlin replaces Larry A'Hearn, who retired in December after about 30 years with FAA.
- Ms. Evelyn Martinez is the new ADO manager. Evelyn replaces Steve Urlass, who took a job in Washington at FAA Headquarters. Ms. Martinez transferred over from the Airport Safety & Compliance Division at FAA Eastern Region. She is very busy adjusting to the new duties and schedule.
- FAA has begun writing grants, but not many. We have only heard of several around NYS so far.

B. NYSDOT Funding: Seneca County has received a grant offer from NYSDOT for the purchase of a new snow plow truck. The grant offer has been signed and returned to NYSDOT. As soon as a fully executed grant is received from NYSDOT, we can progress with the purchase of the truck and hopefully have it in place for the 2015 – 2016 winter. Value of the total grant is \$175,000. Seneca County share at 10% equals \$17,500, NYSDOT share at 90% is \$157,500.

- The FY2015 round of NYSDOT Aviation Capital Grants should begin shortly. MJ has been in touch with NYSDOT and have been told different things regarding the start date for the program, with the latest being July. We will continue to try and verify, but in the meantime should determine if Finger Lakes Regional Airport wishes to apply for a grant under this program and if so what project or projects are desired.