

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

JUNE 08, 2016

I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Taxiway Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements – Phase II

- Zoladz Construction returned in May and performed warranty work, 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.
- Work remaining by Zoladz to close out the project includes their pavement marking contractor relocating the section of Taxiway A centerline striping at the north end of the taxiway, to pull it in closer to the center of pavement. The final taxiway centerline location will be shown on the project record drawings.

B. Fuel System Improvements

- LaValley Brothers Construction has submitted proposed modifications to the project, to fit it within the grant budget available for construction. McFarland Johnson is reviewing and submitting the modifications to NYSDOT, the funding agency, for their review and approval.

B. Aircraft Apron Reconstruction and Strengthening

- Project design work is continuing on the reconstruction and strengthening of the aircraft parking apron. The project begins at the south edge of the “community hangar” and proceeds north.
- The apron reconstruction will likely take place in at least two phases. The original plan was to have the first phase be the reconstruction of the existing apron, and the second phase include expansion of the apron to the west. McFarland Johnson has been in repeated discussions with FAA regarding funding and justification of the apron expansion. There has been significant push back by FAA for not funding the project, citing the number and type of aircraft operations, in their eyes not supporting the project. MJ continues to speak with and correspond with FAA to push for the project eligibility and to fund Phase 2, the apron expansion. Among the arguments we are making for the expansion, are the fact that the existing apron is non-standard and does not allow safe wingtip clearance and taxiing, and the Lago Casino opening in early 2017, requiring an airport in close proximity to support charter and other flights.

II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES

– **FAA AIP Funding:**

- Grant applications for FY2016 projects are due June 15, 2016

- MJ continues to push for Phase 2 Apron Expansion Design and Phase 1 Apron Reconstruction & Strengthening funding as described above.
- FAA program is “split” 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)
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– **NYSDOT Funding:**

- The new International snow plow truck, plow and wing were approved by NYSDOT Aviation, and the equipment has been ordered. Currently scheduled for October delivery, primarily due to backlog at Tenco, who outfits the truck with the dump body, plow & wing.
- No announcements have been made regarding the FY2015 Aviation Capital Grants. Finger Lakes Regional Airport is seeking funding for a new hangar under that program. NYSDOT has also not announced a FY2016 program, meaning they are late again this year with that program.
- Denise Geraldi, Grant Administrator from NYSDOT Aviation made a visit in April to several GA airports, and provided very good information regarding the status of various NYSDOT grants and FAA grants where NYSDOT has a 5% share. Denise did not have any information regarding the 2015 or 2016 Aviation Capital Grant programs.

III. RUNWAY 1 NIGHT APPROACH

Repeated attempts to contact FAA regarding a disposition on the obstruction mitigation have gone unanswered. MJ will keep attempting to get a response until this issue is resolved. The informational letter sent to FAA, presenting the additional survey work and findings that demonstrate the road elevation is lower than originally indicated by FAA was sent to FAA months ago. If a satisfactory response (or any response) is not received by FAA, consideration may have to be given to erecting a light pole with an obstruction light, in order to get the night approach back.