

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

**June 9, 2021**

**I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

**A. New Aircraft Hangar (NYS Funding)**

- Project needs to be rebid.
- NYSDOT approved a modification to revise the project and allow for the bidding a 5,000 SF hangar / 6,000 SF hangar as bid alternatives.
- In the process of requesting a waiver on the MBE/WBE requirements for the GC bid.
- The current materials and bidding environment would probably result in the project bids coming in significantly over the current grant funding. Bidding scenarios need to be discussed further with the County.

**B. South Aircraft Apron Reconstruction (FAA Funding)**

- Project and grant closeout currently underway.

**C. Fuel Farm Relocation and Expansion Grant (NYS Funding)**

- Construction contract has been awarded to LaValley Brothers Construction.
- Most of the project submittals have been provided and reviewed with many of the materials already ordered.
- System mods being reviewed by the County including revised connection to the high-speed internet.
- Construction start anticipated in September based upon material deliveries.

**II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES**

**A. FAA AIP Funding:**

- An FAA five-year AIP program is in place for FY2019 – 2023. FY 2021 funding is in place and FLRA has submitted a grant application for a Pavement Management Plan as suggested by the FAA. The latest Covid relief bill contains funding to provide 100% AIP grants in 2021.
- FLRA is receiving an additional \$13,000 from the FAA through the Covid relief bill.
- Future projects include updates to the Airport Master Plan / ALP Update to justify a runway extension. Planning projects are being more heavily scrutinized for funding due to the dip in activity due to Covid-19.
- Infrastructure funding plans proposed by both sides of the aisle in Washington would increase airport funding in future years by a minimum of 25%.

**B. NYSDOT Funding:**

- a. The County does not have any current NYS grant applications pending.
- b. There have been significant staff changes at the NYS Aviation Bureau and review/response times have become significant.

**C. General:**

- The current bidding and construction environment is tough, with contractors stating they are very busy and that suppliers are even busier. Most have been running on lean crews during the pandemic and are having a difficult time getting back to full staffing levels.