

## AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT – December 14, 2023

- a. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Annual Certification Inspection. FAA Certification Inspectors Matt Stearns and Rachel Webb were in Juneau November 28-30, 2023, for the annual airport certification inspection. Overall, the Inspectors were pleased with the inspection. There were a few 'write ups' that were either noted and closed out during the inspection, or that needed to be corrected within the next few months; specifically: recordkeeping, fueling inspections and a taxiway sign. One major issue came up which is not necessarily compliance but resulted in taking an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) truck out of service (see New Business). The Inspectors also noted some recommendations including writing a standard operating procedure for the daily self-inspection reports and adopting current fire codes (the City follows the State fire marshal and newer codes have not yet been adopted). All-in-all, these annual inspections are used as a learning experience, not just compliance, and staff appreciate the Inspectors' time in Juneau.
- b. Coastal Helicopter Light Flights Fundraiser. Coastal Helicopters will sponsor the Annual Christmas Light Flights fundraiser on **December 15, 2022, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** All proceeds benefit the Mendenhall Flying Lions and Cancer Connection. Additionally, they will host a food drive for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank, and other fund raiser groups. The flights depart from the new north wing of the Airport Terminal. The Airport will provide free parking for this event. Coastal Helicopters donates aircraft, pilots, mechanics and logistics. As always, this event is weather permitting.
- c. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Mandate for Employee Screening Going into Secured and Sterile Areas. Staff completed the first trial of the aviation workers screening (AWS) plan. This trial is part of the AWS implementation plan for the first quarter of the informed compliance period, which started September 25, 2023. Trial runs will continue once a week during the second quarter (Jan. – Mar.). This plan is presuming that the lawsuit filed in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals would be unsuccessful. JNU and approximately ten other airports filed a Joint Petition for Judicial Review of TSA's worker screening amendment. The Court's order also gave TSA a deadline of December 7<sup>th</sup> to submit a Certified Index to the Record, and December 7<sup>th</sup> is also the deadline for any dispositive motions. The Court will enter a schedule for briefing on the merits after these initial deadlines have passed, which would be in January at the earliest (and later if any preliminary motions are filed).
- d. Airport Fund Balance (AFB) and Capital Revolving Account Balance (CRAB) (Attachment #1). **NO CHANGE** The Airport Fund Balance page reflects updates to the FY23/24 budgets and reflects what has been submitted to the Assembly and approved by the Board.
- e. CARES/CRRSAA/ARG Fund Balance (Attachment #2). **No change** at this time from the October meeting.
- f. Hot Topics. The following is a list of on-going topics that staff is working on in addition to the regular Airport Project Reports:
- **NO CHANGE**– *Alaska Department of Natural Resource (ADNR) Land Conveyance Close-out.* During the Runway Safety Area (RSA) project, the Airport through the Environmental

Impact Statement (EIS) public process and mitigation, acquired wetlands parcels from the State for the extension of the RSA on both the RWY 8 and RWY 26 ends, and to accommodate portions of the approach lighting systems. The Airport is still working with ADNR to convey these parcels to the Airport's property. Once this is completed and recorded, the Airport Layout Plan and 'Exhibit A' will need to be updated to reflect the airport boundaries.

- **NO CHANGE**- Mendenhall River Flooding Damage to Airport. On August 25, 2023, CBJ Engineering and Airport Airfield Maintenance staff assessed the downstream end of the existing riprap that was damaged in the recent flood event. Approximately 110 linear feet of riverbank has lost riprap, exposing the original geotextile that was beneath the rock. The loss of riprap has left the top of bank undermined in places. It is estimated that the cost of repairing the damage (i.e., replacing riprap) at \$110,000 (based on 110 LF @ \$1K/LF). Staff is working with emergency services (CBJ/State) to document the repairs needed.
- **NO CHANGE**- *Juneau Douglas North Crossing Project*. Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) continues with the second crossing project over the channel between Juneau and Douglas. The Airport participates in the Technical Advisory Committee due to protection of aircraft approach corridors coming down the channel. JNU Airport will continue to voice concerns with any bridge option that will impact airport approaches, departures or future development. Please visit the ADOT website for the project [www.jdnorthcrossing.com](http://www.jdnorthcrossing.com) or make comment to the project email [JDNorthCrossing@dowl.com](mailto:JDNorthCrossing@dowl.com). No Change, however, see Unfinished Business for Airport Board letter on matter.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Runway 26 Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) approach lighting*. After introduction by Senator Sullivan, the language that would include the MALSR in the FY23 Reauthorization Bill (that would allow the transfer, ownership and maintenance of approach lighting systems to the FAA upon completion) has gained support from the House. The language would add MALSR equipment to the list of allowable lighting equipment and allow the transfer of this to the FAA even if paid for through Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding. This is now pending final approval within the Reauthorization Bill. A new five-year Corps of Engineers wetlands permit has been issued.
- **NO CHANGE** - *Title 49 (Jordan Creek) Variance Request*. Staff is still looking to work with the CBJ on Title 49 language for limbing after the Planning Commission denied the Development Department (CDD) during their rewrite of Title 49 for inclusion of safety or other ways to allow limbing in this area.
- **NO CHANGE** - *Encampments on Airport Property*. Airfield crew continues to clean up the illegal campsites and trash in the greenbelt areas around the creeks. They perform weekly clean-outs of these sites and belongings. Of safety concern are the number of drug needles they are finding in the greenbelt. Ongoing.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Transportation Security Administration (TSA) passenger screening checkpoint equipment*. This project is on hold due to construction requirements for the larger equipment.

- **NO CHANGE** – *PFAS Testing and Monitoring*. Cox Environmental continues with their quarterly testing of groundwater, surveying the test wells to determine flow direction, including two private wells within the test radius.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Egan/Yandukin Intersection Improvements Project*. ADOT has narrowed down design alternatives for the project. Please visit ADOT website for the project at <http://dot.alaska.gov/eganyandukin>.
- **NO CHANGE** – *FAA Compliance Land Use/Financial Letter (January 2019)*. Staff continues to work on the remaining compliance items. Staff is looking to acquire the Loken/Channel Flying property due to through-the-fence operations.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) cap increase* JNU continues to discuss PFC increases with our DC Lobbyist and Congressional Delegation.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) 10*. With FFY20 FAA AIP terminal grants covering the entire amount of FAA-eligible terminal construction, PFC (PFC9) collections may be abbreviated with less match required. Staff is monitoring the amount needed for the terminal project to assess when to start PFC10 application process.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Maintenance Programs* (roofs, heat pump equipment, baggage systems, etc.). Staff continues to develop maintenance contracts for specialized systems similar to what we do with airfield lighting and controls.