

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT – February 13, 2025

- a. Assembly-Airport Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting. The Assembly is looking at dates for the annual 'check-in' with the Airport. While this has not been scheduled yet, the Board should think about topics and discussion items they want to review with the Assembly. This is the Board's time to go one-on-one with the Assembly.
- b. Airport Triennial Live Emergency Drill. The Airport is planning for the required triennial wheels-rolling emergency exercise on Saturday, July 19, 2025. There will be several planning meetings and a 'tabletop' exercise prior to the event. This will be a multi-agency, multi-department live drill with a lot of volunteers needed. More updates to come.
- c. Union Negotiations. The City is beginning its union negotiations with the three unions that impact the Airport: Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (MEBA) (which the Airport Manager sits on the City negotiating committee), Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) which impacts our Airport Security coverage with the Juneau Police Department (JPD), and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4303 which impacts our Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF). It is anticipated that this will take months for negotiations, votes and ratification by the Assembly for a July 1, 2025, contract start.
- d. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC10) Application Process/Meeting. The Airport has started the public process for PFC10 applications. Draft projects and costs were sent to the airlines with a PFC meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- e. Airport Fund Balance (AFB) and Capital Revolving Account Balance (CRAB) (Attachment #19). The Capital Revolving Account Balance reflects the proposed \$10K for the additional grant match which should be reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at grant close-out. The Airport Fund Balance has not changed on this report and is pending budget approval and Assembly adoption (status quo for now).
- 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:
 - **UPDATE** – *Juneau Douglas North Crossing Project*. Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) continues with the PEL phase (Level 2 Screening) of the second channel crossing project between Juneau and Douglas. The next (seventh and final) Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **March 4, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** The project website: <https://www.jdnorthcrossing.com/> has a 'What's New!' section detailing Level 2 Screening GIS Maps, as well as 'meetings' summary and field report 'documents'. DOWL and the State continue to state: '*Any alternative that conflicts with the approach surfaces or the ALP will be modified to eliminate conflicts or removed from consideration.*' Please visit the ADOT website for the project www.jdnorthcrossing.com or make comment to the project email JDNorthCrossing@dowl.com.
 - **NO CHANGE** – *Aviation Worker Screening (AWS) and Litigation Update*. Oral arguments were held on October 17, 2024. It is anticipated that the ruling may take several months.

Compliance deadline for airports to have the AWS process in place was September 25. JNU is currently fulfilling the requirements of AWS without further extension of the deadline. AWS must include all random hours including nights and weekends.

- **NO CHANGE** – *Runway 26 Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) approach lighting.* With the FAA Reauthorization Bill passed and the language included in the Bill that will allow airports to use AIP funding to complete the MALSR system, Staff will be pursuing design with FAA in the new Federal fiscal year. This will move into the project manager report in the near future.
- **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 or reapply for a waiver (currently working on). The Assembly has approved \$150,000 in their FY24 Capital Improvement Project plan for: *the Jordan Creek Greenbelt Improvements, for installation of lighting, improve pathway and improve sightlines for Jordan Creek Greenbelt.* See Project Manager Report for Greenbelt Lighting improvements.
- **NO CHANGE** - *Encampments on Airport Property.* The encampments and trash in the Jordan Creek Greenbelt (and other areas on airport) continue. Staff along with JPD monitor the area throughout the day/night; cleanout of the areas continue. This is an ongoing problem for the Airport.
- **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 as a through-the-fence operation. See Project Manager Report for Property Acquisition Specialist.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) cap increase* JNU continues to discuss PFC increases with our DC Lobbyist and Congressional Delegation.
- **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.

Projects (Hot Topics) moving to Project Manager 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. This has moved to Project Manager Mell’s report.
- **NO CHANGE** – *Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Site Contamination.* In 2014 during a project that required paving a drive lane just south of the old sand shed and Channel/Loken (Coastal) hangar, contamination of soil and groundwater was found. This has moved to Project Manager Mell’s report.
- **NO CHANGE** - *Parking Garage.* The Airport has a parking garage added to the Airport CIP, but a project of this magnitude requires a funding source to begin planning. This has been turned over to Project Manager Mell for funding sources.