WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Monthly Status Report

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Divisional Programmatic Updates For September of 2015

ENGINEERING: Cheryl Bean

Statewide Communications Project: The project is in the closeout phase. BDO

<u>Pavement Management:</u> The new pavement management plans (PMP's) are under review. Selection of a consultant for pavement condition inspections and pavement management is in process. CLB

Runway Profiler: The summer profiles are underway and will conclude in late September 2015. The current cycle is in the northwest section of Wyoming. TPD

<u>2015 Statewide Crack Seal</u>: Maxwell completed this project in early June, and all inspections and final payments have been completed as well. TPD

2015 Statewide Seal Coat: The low bidder is Straight Stripe Painting, out of St. George, Utah. Construction began July 7, 2015, with completion anticipated in late September. TPD

GIS Webpage: Currently, staff is working with WYDOT's GIS Program to interface our database into a basic viewer, via a web portal for the general public. The AGIS and PCI data have been uploaded, and applications are currently under review. TPD

<u>PCI Inspections Update</u>: Vista West Engineering completed and delivered this year's project on August 3, 2015. TPD

2014 Design Standards Inventory Update:

Nine (9) airport reports have been submitted for review. BDO

WACIP Equipment, Design, & Construction Projects: Listed below are projects currently in progress, and grouped by project manager.

Casper – Construct Customs Office: 95% of the contract documents have been reviewed, and comments have been provided.

Rehab TW's A, B1 & C: Work is substantially complete.

Construct SRE Building: 20% schematic plans have been submitted for review.

Douglas – Reconstruct Main Apron: Work is ongoing.

Dubois – Runway Realignment Phase II: Work is approximately 40% done.

Greybull – Reconstruct Main Apron Ph. I: The project is at 98% completion.

Kemmerer – Rehab Apron and Relocate Fuel System to meet FAA Design Standards: Project is currently in the process of being re-bid.

Laramie – Rehabilitate Security Fencing and Gates: Work is at 97% completion.

Replace PAPI R/W 3, Windsock Equipment, and Replace REILS: Electrical equipment has been ordered. **Newcastle** – Rehab R/W: Project is at 95% completion.

Pinedale – Airfield Lighting Replacement: Work is 80% completed.

Rawlins – Rehab R/W 10/28: Work is 99% completed. **Rock Springs** – Rehab R/W 9/27, Design Only: In progress.

Re-grade Runway Safety Area: Contract was awarded to High Country Construction Inc. of Lander, WY in the amount of \$586,650.00.

Saratoga – Reconstruct, Rehab, and Extend Access T/L's, and Rehab T/W "C": Mountain Construction of Lovell, WY was the low bidder with a bid of \$746,906.00. Construction will start in the spring of 2016

Sheridan – Rehab Taxilane to Business Park: Work is at 95% completion.

Thermopolis – Construct New Airport Phase III (Electrical and NAVAIDS): Work is at 60% completion.

New SRE/Terminal Building: Work is approximately 75% complete. BDO

Afton – SRE: Bids were opened, and the apparent low bidder was Honnen Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$228,527. Notice to proceed to be issued mid-September.

Cheyenne – Plow Truck and Broom: Equipment has been delivered, and the project is in the final closeout phase.

Cody – SRE and Passenger Loading Bridge: SRE was awarded to M-B Companies, Inc., on June 22, 2015, in the amount of \$542,312. The loading bridge will be removed from the scope of project and will be pursued with PFC funds.

Gillette – SRE: Project was awarded to M-B Companies, Inc., on June 22, 2015, in the amount of \$584,940. GH

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Lander – SRE: Bid opening scheduled for September 24, 2015.

Lusk – Utility Tractor: Project has been awarded to Rose Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$70,905, with delivery anticipated on September 13, 2015.

Pinedale – SRE: Equipment is expected to be delivered by October 15, 2015.

Powell – Loader and Attachments: The bid was awarded to Honnen Equipment, in the amount of \$209,875.00. Equipment delivery has an October 31, 2015 deadline. GH

Cowley – Apron Reconstruction Project: The bid was opened July 14, 2015, and costs came in higher than originally anticipated. GDA Engineering is currently reducing the project scope, in efforts of working within the current budget. The FAA is also allowing the airport to borrow entitlement funding from another airport.

Dixon – Apron Expansion Project: Project is complete. The sponsor's engineer is currently working on the close out report.

Evanston – Apron Reconstruction Project: Construction is slated to begin in early August. Construction is scheduled for substantial completion in early October.

Rawlins – Seal Coat, Marking, and Access Road/Parking Lot Project: Construction started early September and is scheduled for a mid-October completion. TPD

PLANNING: Christy Yaffa

<u>Planning, Land & Environmental Projects</u> <u>Currently Underway:</u>

Big Piney – The project for land and easement acquisition is underway, and is at approximately 60% completion. The master plan is 62% complete, with forecast and facilities requirements complete.

Buffalo – The master plan has started, and the first Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held in August.

Casper – The master plan is at approximately 89% completion. The wildlife assessment is nearing 95% completion for the field survey portion of the project,

Casper (Continued) – and has been reviewed by Division staff. The final Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held in Casper in August.

Cheyenne – The Sustainable Management Plan is progressing, and is almost 23% complete. Focus groups addressing several topics including Transportation and Economics have been assembled and are meeting.

Ft. Bridger – The master plan consultants have presented preliminary alternatives for the FAA and Division staff's review. The project is almost 65% complete.

Gillette – The master plan project is just about to start, with State and Federal grants issued in August.

Green River – The master plan project is nearing completion, and has expended just over 73% of the grant funds.

Lander – The master plan consultants have presented, and the FAA has approved the forecasts of aviation activity. Alternatives analysis and review is underway. The project is at approximately 61% completion.

Laramie – The Laramie Wildlife Hazard Assessment is progressing and is just over 15% complete.

Pine Bluffs – The master plan consultant has presented alternatives to the sponsor, and agencies for review and comment. The master plan is at approximately 78% completion.

Pinedale – Details on the land acquisition project continue to evolve. FAA has determined that due to the small amount of land to be acquired that a full-EA is not necessary.

Torrington – The master plan is complete and final deliverables have been received by the Division.

Wheatland – The EA is nearing completion, and the draft final document has been delivered to FAA and WYDOT for review.

Worland – The master plan has started, and facility analysis is underway. The project is just over 40% complete. CY

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AIR SERVICE: Sheri Taylor

Cody – ASCOD03: Saturday seasonal service to Chicago O'Hare shall take place from June 20, 2015 to August 16, 2015, and is expected to bring 500 additional enplanements to the airport. This project is a continuation of last year's seasonal service, which was a great success, as final costs to the state came in 10% below their original request. Preliminary numbers indicate an 81% load factor which would be 6% higher than the previous year.

Gillette - ASGCC03: Since the projects start date in July of 2014, retention has improved 3% over the previous period, and total enplanements have increased by 2.4%. Year-to-date enplanements have improved 18%, reflective of the jet service introduced in February of 2015. Through 2014, airfares increased 11%, which is the second largest jump in the state, falling just behind Casper. Airfares for 2014 remained approximately 28% higher than Rapid City. Through the final quarter, 48% of the state's funding had been expended, indicating higher revenues than originally anticipated. For the second quarter of 2015, GCC-DEN service managed to net \$187,278 in profit as demand and average ticket price both increased. Previously forecasted capacity is expected to increase by approximately 24%, with additional capacity attributed to utilization of the new jet aircraft. On-time performance and reliability remain consistent with national averages. The service period for this project ended on June 30, 2015, with final statistics still pending. Identical service commenced on July 1, 2015, under Contract No. ASGCC04.

Jackson – ASJAC02: This project was in support of United Airline's winter capacity to Jackson, specifically backing continued Newark service, as well as new services to Washington Dulles. Newark service exceeded revenue expectations, requiring funding solely for Washington Dulles service; thus, resulting in only 43% of the allocated funds being billed. Per Project No. ASJAC03, Newark is projected to see capacity nearly double, as Jackson had a strong 2014/2015 season, as passengers increased by an estimated 3.3% when compared to the previous year's data. Capacity was also adjusted from a number of other markets due to softer demand, more specifically in the month of March. Changes to airfares are anticipated to remain flat when compared to the previous time period.

Rock Springs – RKS03: Enplanements following the projects inception in July of 2014 have decreased 20%, with passenger retention dropping by approximately 8% as well, when compared to the previous contract period. This can be attributed to discontinuation of Salt Lake City service in February of 2015. Forecasted seat capacity out of Rock Springs is anticipated to decrease 28% for the remainder of the 2015 contract period. Fares for calendar year 2014 increased by 8% as well, the third highest increase within the state, and well above the national average increase of 2.4%. Following final second quarter invoicing, 66% of the total state funding allocated to this project has now been expended. Second quarter 2015 showed strong demand as the total billed amount was \$185,000 less than what was anticipated. On-time performance and reliability remain consistent with national averages. The service period for this project ended on June 30, 2015, and final statistics remain pending at this time. Project No. ASRKS04 commenced on July 1, 2015 with identical DEN service.