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# WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

## MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

| Divisional & Programmatic Updates for March, 2017 |



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### ENGINEERING: BRIAN OLSEN

*The project manager's initials follow each project.*

#### Statewide and General Engineering Projects:

**Pavement Management Program (PMP):** The Engineering & Construction Program selected Applied Pavement Technologies (Aptech) as the new PMP consultant. Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Inspections are complete, and Aptech is currently producing all final reports. TD

**2017 Crack Seal:** Project was awarded to "National Sealant and Concrete from Abrams, WI. TD

**2017 Seal Coat and Marking:** Final Design complete and bid package to be released mid-March for a mid-April bid opening. The participating sponsors are Big Piney, Evanston, Jackson, Kemmerer, Rock Springs, Greybull, Worland, Pinedale, and Fort Bridger. TD

#### WACIP Equipment, Design, & Construction Projects:

**Afton – Acquire Tractor:** Equipment has been delivered and project is in closeout phase. GH

**Buffalo – Construct Wildlife Fence:** The design is in its final stage and will be delivered for final review early April 17'. TD

**Casper – Construct Customs Office:** The project has been awarded. PH

**Casper – Construct SRE Building:** The construction phase is well under way, the building shell is complete and partially closed. PH

**Casper – Rehab Runway 3/21:** The design phase is complete. PH

**Casper – Acquire Multi-Unit Equipment:** Equipment has been awarded to Stotz Equipment in

**Casper – Acquire Multi-Unit Equipment (Continued):** the amount of \$384,186.52. This award does not include the land leveler attachment originally included in bid as the budgeted funding was insufficient to cover all attachments bid. A grant amendment has been requested. GH

**Cheyenne – Acquire SRE (Plow):** This project has been delayed to an outer year. GH

**Cody – Rehab Taxiway:** The project is underway, construction is complete. Final documents are all that remains. PH

**Douglas – Rehab R/W 5/23 Design:** Design is at 75% with the expectation of full design in the spring. TD

**Evanston – Apron Reconstruction (Phase II):** Construction is temporarily on hold until the spring of 2017 due to climate conditions. Schedule II shall resume at that time. TD

**Evanston – Acquire SRE:** There is currently an expected re-bid opening date of March 30, 2017. GH

**Fort Bridger – Apron Reconstruction Design Only:** Project surveying and the geotechnical reports are completed, and the design phase has commenced. The design phase is at approximately 75% completion. TD

**Jackson – Reconstruct Commercial Apron (Phase II):** The project is underway, with work at approximately 98% completion. BO

**Kemmerer – Rehab Apron and Relocate Fuel System to meet FAA Design Standards:** Project is at substantial completion pending punch items to be corrected in the spring 17' TD

**Laramie – Reconstruct Commercial Apron, Ph. II:** The project is underway, with work at approximately 95% completion. BO



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**Pine Bluffs – Rehab R/W Lighting:** The design phase has commenced, with an anticipated spring bid letting. TD

**Pine Bluffs – Repair Wildlife Fence:** Project is complete pending the closeout report and final inspection. TD

**Riverton – Acquire ARFF Equipment:** Equipment delivery is anticipated in July of 2017. GH

**Riverton – Acquire SRE:** Project is in design phase and is expected to go to bid during early spring. GH

**Rock Springs – Rehab R/W 9/27:** The project is underway, with work at approximately 98% completion. BO

**Sheridan – Acquire SRE:** The 4X4 carrier vehicle and broom have been awarded to M-B Companies for the total bid amount of \$525,945.00. GH

**Worland – Acquire SRE:** The awarded bidder was Kodiak America, and delivery is anticipated by Mid-April of 2017. GH

### PLANNING: CHRISTY YAFFA

#### Planning, Land & Environmental Projects Currently Underway:

**Big Piney:** The project for Land & Easement Acquisition is underway, and at approximately 90% completion. The project is currently on hold pending FAA approval of the Environmental Assessment of Cultural Resources, and then must be submitted to the BLM.

**Buffalo:** Final drafts of the Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan have been sent to sponsor for approval. The project is at approximately 77% completion.

**Ft. Bridger:** The Master Plan project is at approximately 96% completion. Final copies of the Master Plan and ALP set have been received. AGIS has been submitted to both the FAA and is pending approval.

**Gillette:** The Master Plan project is underway, and at approximately 50% completion. Inventory, Forecast, and Facility Requirement Chapters have been reviewed, and comments have been submitted.

**Laramie:** The Laramie Wildlife Hazard Assessment is pending FAA approval, and is just over 15% complete.

**Lusk:** The Master Plan project is underway, and at approximately 43% completion. A public meeting will be held March 23, 2017 to present alternatives.

**Newcastle:** The Master Plan project is underway. Chapters 1 and 2 have been reviewed, and comments have been submitted. The project is at approximately 32% completion.

**Pinedale:** The Land Acquisition project is underway; sponsor has signed a contract to purchase the land. Project is pending the issuance of the federal grant.

**Rock Springs:** The Environmental Assessment for the GA Hangar is underway and is at approximately 7% completion.

**Wheatland:** The Environmental Assessment is nearing completion, and final draft documentation has been delivered to the FAA and WYDOT for review. The project is at approximately 77% completion. The Land Acquisition project to acquire 10 parcels of land for design standards is underway and pending negotiations of the parcels. FY16 project 08A is at approximately 19% completion.

**Worland:** The Master Plan project is at approximately 93% completion. A state and local



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**Worland (Continued):** only project is underway to re-evaluate WRL, helping reclassify it within the state's system, and providing them with a more applicable master plan. The update is approximately at 42% completion. AJS

### AIR SERVICE: SHERI TAYLOR

**Gillette – ASGCC04:** With the success of the Denver's service, GCC-DEN service was amended and removed from the agreement at the January, 2016 Commission meeting. The GCC-SLC service continues utilization of the same Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG); however, the new contract period shall run from July, 2015 through June, 2017. With 12 comparative months of jet service to SLC, traffic is down approximately 12% for the market, as the local economy has slowed. The third quarter of 2016 was the most unfavorable performance to date, as average ticket pricing and passengers flown decreased. We anticipate that this project shall use the vast majority of its funding guarantee.

**Jackson – ASJAC04:** This project will take place over the peak winter season in Jackson, which runs from December 2016 to April 2017, and shall increase service to the New York area via Newark Liberty Airport. Initial indications have been strong for December and January as spring break is currently underway.

**Rock Springs – ASRKS04:** Service commenced on July 1, 2015, with 13 weekly round trips to DEN on United Airlines. Through February, 2017, the continued service to DEN has improved passenger retention 4 percentage points, while total enplanements dropped 9% year-over-year. The fourth quarter of 2016 is complete, performing roughly in-line with expectations given the downturn of the local economy, with passenger numbers down 14%, and

**Rock Springs – ASRKS04 (Continued):** passenger revenues down 15% compared year-over year for the quarter. RKS has worked with SkyWest in lowering local fares to the airport in an effort to improve passenger numbers and continues to aggressively market the service.

**Sheridan – CSSHR01:** Service on Denver Air Connection provided by Key Lime Air commenced November 19, 2015, and includes 13 round trip flights to DEN. This is the first air service project where pricing and revenue management controls can be dictated by the community with input from the state. With the addition of Riverton beginning July 1, 2016, SHR has exceeded revenue projections for all eight (8) completed months of service. It is anticipated that Sheridan shall exceed projections for March as well. March through April revenue is significantly higher than it was last year. The schedule has been extended and is now selling through September 2017.

**Riverton – ASRIW01:** Flights commenced on July 1, 2016. Revenue has missed anticipated projections for all months, with the exception of August. Revenue shortfalls have been offset with the 50/50 revenue share undertaken by Riverton and Sheridan, and as such the project still remains in line with forecasts. The first quarter of 2017 is booking slightly better, with some modest gains to those months. Great Lakes Airlines remains in the market, with roughly 2-3 flights per day on average, with an average of 9-10 seats per flight. Great Lakes operational performance improved from September, 2016 through November, 2016, with fewer pre-canceled flights; however, flight cancellations have taken place in December, 2016. Great Lakes improved modestly in the first quarter of 2017, with few pre-cancels.