

PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPDATE

TO: PDX Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Vince Granato, Chief Operating Officer
DATE: June 5, 2013

BUSINESS UPDATE

Airport Activity:

The month of April 2013 saw solid passenger growth of 4.9% with 1,156,673 passengers compared to April 2012. Year to date 2013 is posting the highest load factor that PDX has ever seen: 81.7. The level of passenger demand outpaced seat capacity growth this month.

Total aircraft operations (take offs and landings) were down 4.8% compared to March 2012 and down 3.2% calendar year to date.

Alaska Airlines announced new nonstop flights to Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth and Fairbanks, Alaska from Portland International Airport. Atlanta daily flights will launch Aug. 26 and operate year-round. Daily, year-round Dallas/Fort Worth flights begin Sept. 16. Seasonal, daily Fairbanks flights operate through September.

American Airlines' new twice daily service to Chicago O'Hare will begin June 12, 2013.

Airport Concessions/Properties:

On May 8th, Your Northwest Marketplace in the Concourse C-West Concessions Court opened, marking the final construction project and opening of our News & Gift Program re-development that commenced in late 2011. A total of ten new facilities have been constructed and opened between our two News & Gift operators including; Your Northwest Travel Mart, Your Northwest Market Place, Rich's News, The Market and The Oregonian News.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

2013 PDX Airfield Projects

Since the beginning of April, construction crews have been working hard on summer airfield projects at PDX. The two main projects included reconstructing the eastern portion of Taxiway C, as well as replacing portions of the south runway that were damaged after a military jet's tire failed, causing its landing gear to scrape the runway. The work on the south runway required a full closure of the runway that began on April 15. The original schedule had it reopening for summer peak travel on May 31 and then closing again August 16 to September 29 in order for the work to be completed. Efficiencies realized by the contractor as well as favorable weather have accelerated the south runway repair significantly. Based on the revised schedule, the

repair work on the runway is anticipated to be complete June 9, which would eliminate the need for the second closure. The Taxiway C project is scheduled to conclude in mid-October. No related flight schedule delays or flight path changes are expected.

Neighbors south of the airport who have experienced a temporary increase in the number of flights over their home due to the closure should expect flight paths to go back to their normal routes once the runway is reopened.

In addition to the runway and taxiway work, the Port is proceeding with additional phases of two major ramp rehabilitation projects. Work is underway in Air Trans Center and the second phase of the North Apron rehabilitation is expected to begin later this month.

Parking Guidance System for Long-term Parking Garage

Installation of a parking guidance system, similar to that installed in the short-term parking garage, is underway. The project is proceeding in phases with temporary closures of sections of the long term garage. Although the project will continue through the rest of the calendar year, customers will begin to see the system operating on the upper floors of the long term garage as early as July.

Airport Way Interchange

ODOT continues work on the Airport Way Interchange and is scheduled to complete the project in the fall of 2014.

PLANNING UPDATE

Columbia-Alderwood-Cully Phased Project

Consistent with Airport Futures and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Port and the City of Portland, the Port submitted an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Enhance Application for a phase of the Columbia-Alderwood-Cully Boulevard intersection improvement. Improvements to NE Columbia Boulevard at its intersection with NE Alderwood Road and NE Cully Boulevard were identified in the traffic impact analysis completed for Airport Futures. The IGA requires the City and Port to work cooperatively to deliver the mitigation project after PDX has reached a trigger of 15 million annual passengers. The Port is obligated to pay its proportionate share of the project costs determined to be attributed to the airport. Copies of the ODOT Enhance Application are available for anyone who may have interest. The Port will contact the City of Portland for a representative to participate in a project briefing at a future CAC meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Airport Futures Natural Resource Program

A requirement of the Government Island Grassland Mitigation Project is submittal of an annual progress report summarizing maintenance/management activities, describing how the site is meeting success measures and identifying any adaptations in approach and actions for the year ahead. The first annual mitigation progress report was submitted to the City of Portland in

January 2013. The Port and City met in April and the City requested changes to the report and it was modified and resubmitted in May 2013. The Port and City met again on May 30th to finalize the report. Copies of the success measures and current status based on Fall 2012 monitoring plot data are included in the CAC handouts and a full copy of the annual report will be available as part of the natural resource program update for the CAC in September 2013.

Economy Parking Lot Obstruction Removal Project

Starting this fall, the Port will begin work to address penetration of Federal Aviation Administration regulated instrument approach airspace. A stand of black cottonwoods located in a City of Portland designated environmental zone within the economy parking lot is growing into this protected airspace. The heights of many of the trees in the stand exceed FAA criteria for obstructions to navigable airspace. This project was contemplated and discussed as part of the Airport Futures process.

In past years, the trees had been topped to address the conflict, but repeatedly topping trees has been found to degrade the trees, create nesting opportunities for wildlife species of concern, and make them hazardous to work around. To achieve a long-term solution, the Port will replace the cottonwoods with a native shrub-scrub and small tree association. These native plants will not grow to heights that encroach on the regulated airspace. Other tree and plant species that do not conflict with navigable airspace will remain on the site.

The Port is working with the City of Portland to acquire permits necessary to complete the project. This project will be discussed in more detail at the September CAC meeting. The following is the proposed project schedule:

- Fall 2013 – Remove cottonwood trees
- Summer 2014 – Prep Site for Planting
- Fall 2014 - Seed Area
- Winter 2014/2015 – Plant Trees & Shrubs

OTHER

General Aviation

Earlier this year, the FAA announced that as a result of the federal sequester, it planned to close numerous FAA contract air traffic control towers including the tower at Troutdale Airport. On April 19, the Port and 23 other airports filed a Consolidated Motion in US District Court for the 9th Circuit asking the court to stay the FAA decision to close the air traffic control tower in Troutdale. The petition requests that the tower not be closed until the court has ruled on whether the FAA has the authority to close the tower without first evaluating impacts on Portland International Airport and Troutdale Airport air traffic safety. The federal government has since determined that air traffic control towers will remain open until the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30.