

2010 Pavement Project Underway

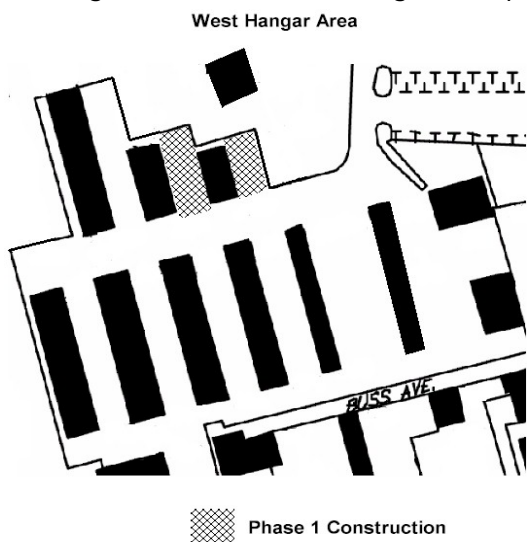
As previously reported in the GXY Flyer, the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority plans to undertake the first phase of a multi-year project to design and re-construct failing pavements in the west hangar area. The Airport Authority is expected to receive \$150,000 in FAA funding this year, most of which will be used for engineering and design services. A small portion of these funds will also be used for some re-construction.

The purpose for investing most of the money this year in design services is to ensure that any fixes we would otherwise use the money for, helps to solve the long term problem throughout the west hangar area. As most tenants are aware, some significant drainage problems exist around the hangars. Re-construction of pavements without consideration for the entire hangar area would ultimately result in bigger problems down the line for everyone.

The Airport Authority's engineering firm of Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H) has already completed two sets of design plans for this project. The first set of plans covers the entire west hangar area, and incorporates the existing pavement elevations and drainage patterns (and problems) into graphical form. This set of plans will be used throughout each phase of the project, as each phase is separately bid and constructed. The second set of plans are for the pavement re-construction work which is scheduled to be undertaken this year, and which is presently out for bid by contractors.

As previously noted, since most of the available funding this year was needed for design services, only a small portion of the overall project can actually be constructed with the remaining available funds. The Airport Authority plans to pitch in an additional \$25,000 from its own operating budget to complete what is considered a reasonable area under this first phase. The pavement between Hangars 51 and 53 and also on the east side of Hangar 51 are included in the 2010 program (see diagram).

The ability of the Airport Authority to complete this phase of work is directly tied to funding availability by the FAA. At the present time, the U.S. Congress has yet to pass a long term FAA funding bill, which is forcing the FAA to dole out these types of funds in small increments. It is anticipated that the full amount will be provided in next several weeks, but this project could be delayed if the full amount of the FAA funding does not come through as expected.



Tenants in Hangars 51 and 53 will be impacted by this project. It is likely that all aircraft in these hangars will need to be relocated temporarily while the project is being constructed. The reason for the relocation is two-fold. First, without relocating the aircraft, there will be no chance of being able to get an aircraft out of the hangars during construction. Second, hangar doors will need to be open during certain portions of the work, in order to allow the contractor to demo and construct new pavement right up to the boundary of the doors. Aircraft remaining in the hangars during those portions of work would be exposed to potential damage. Airport staff will work individually with each aircraft owner to relocate their aircraft to another hangar or location on the airport while this project takes place. Displacement of aircraft is expected to last about 10 days. For additional information, please contact airport staff during normal business hours at 336-3001.

Environmental Compliance Saves You \$\$\$

As spring creeps closer, and the temperatures begin to rise, hangar doors begin to open, and people begin to spend just a bit more time working outside of their hangars. That means its time to remind everyone of all that environmental stuff the Airport Authority has to contend with each year. Under federal environmental regulations, the airport is officially designated as an industrial waste facility. This means specifically, that storm water discharges, and spills of potential pollutants, must be managed properly.

The Greeley-Weld County Airport is required to maintain a Storm Water Management Plan, and a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan. It is a requirement that certain tenants and their employees be trained annually in order for the airport to remain compliant. Generally speaking, if its petroleum or chemical related, it does not belong on the ground at the airport. Small leaks of oil from aircraft, vehicles or other equipment must be controlled so that the pollutants do not enter the airport's storm drainage system. Additionally, measures and equipment must be in place to control a spill of any such product before it reaches the storm drain system. Even the washing of oil off of an aircraft onto the ground is a problem.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? Or not do?

When working on an aircraft, vehicle, or other piece of equipment outdoors, you must ensure that drip pans, absorbent pads, or other devices are in place to catch any oil, grease or chemical, and keep it off the ground. If any engines or other components are left uncovered outdoors overnight, long term, or when precipitation is occurring, it should be covered with a plastic tarp or other cover to limit the ability of water to drain through it and land on the ground after picking up contaminants.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY USED OIL?

Do not dump it on the ground, into a storm drain, or throw it into a trash container on the airport. This is clear violation of storm water regulations, and a variety of state and federal regulations. Huge fines from big governmental agencies would result, and no one would be happy. Instead, remember that the Airport Authority has a used oil storage tank which is

available for most tenants to dump their used oil into for free. The tank remains secured inside the Airport Maintenance yard, so if you need to use it, call us during normal business hours Monday through Friday. If you need to use it on weekends, call the FBO desk at 336-3010, and ask them to get the weekend maintenance staff for you. If you are unable to contact us, please do not leave it in our maintenance yard, near a hangar or other building, or anywhere else on the airport. Anything found like this must be treated and handled as hazardous material since we do not know what is inside the container.

WHY IS THIS ALL NECESSARY, AND HOW DOES IT SAVE ME \$\$\$

Besides maintaining compliance with necessary state and federal regulations, tenants that have been around the airport for a few years will remember that the Airport Authority has an agreement with the City of Greeley on this issue. As a condition of waiving expensive storm water utility fees by the City, the airport and its tenants are required to comply with these rules. If the rules are not complied with, the City has the ability to begin charging these fees to the airport, and its tenants. Every single tenant on the airport would be affected by this, as the storm water utility fees would have to be passed on to all tenants of the airport, including T-Hangar tenants.

The Airport Authority will be scheduling its annual training program shortly, and will be contacting tenants who need to attend. Private tenants are also welcome, and can contact Kevin Freiberg at 336-3002 to attend a 90 minute training class.

Hangar Inspections Underway

Airport staff is again underway with the annual inspection of T-hangars on the airport. While the inspections are mainly intended to identify hangar maintenance deficiencies which require attention, any building or fire code violations discovered are addressed as well. Airport staff also check for other conditions which may be of concern. A building inspection schedule was previously sent to all T-hangar tenants.

If you desire to be present when your hangar is inspected, call Kevin Freiberg at 336-3002.

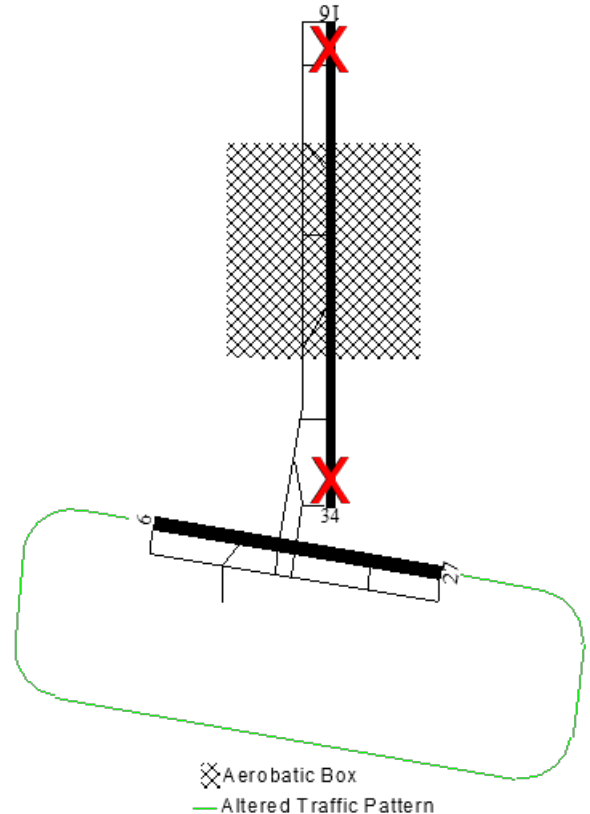
Aerobatic Competition Comes to GXY

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) is set to hold its annual aerobatic championship competition at the Greeley-Weld County Airport over Memorial Day weekend, May 28th through 30, 2010. This is the first time that the IAC event will be held in Greeley. The competition has traditionally be held in Sterling, Colorado, but moves to GXY this year as a result of an extended runway closure in Sterling planned for this summer.

The event will feature up to 30 aerobatic aircraft and pilots competing in this regional event, with hopes of advancing to the national championships later this year.

While the airport will remain open to all aircraft at all times during the competition, pilots should watch for certain airfield closures, PPR's, and the alteration of standard traffic patterns. The aerobatic box for the event will be centered over Runway 16/34. That runway will be closed to all aircraft traffic during the event except with a 15 minute PPR to the airport. This will allow jets and other larger aircraft that require the use of Runway 16/34 to still be able to arrive and depart normally. When a PPR request is received and approved, aerobatic activities will temporarily cease until the necessary aircraft operation is complete.

All other aircraft traffic will be required to utilize Runway 9/27 during the event activities. As a safety precaution, the normal north traffic pattern for Runway 9/27 will be shifted to a south traffic pattern. This means that Runway 9 will have right traffic, and Runway 27 will have left traffic, exactly the opposite of normal traffic pattern activities. Additional information and safety information will be transmitted to tenants and other airport users as the date draws closer to the event.



Airport ID Badge Re-Issuance

Tenants and employees of the Greeley-Weld County Airport who are issued ID badges by the airport will need to have their ID badges re-issued in the September/October time frame. All existing ID badges are presently scheduled to expire at the end of October. Tenant employers will be contacted as the re-issuance period approaches to schedule a time when that tenants employees can have their ID badges issued in a convenient manner.

Going Green?

Airport staff has recently heard from several tenants possibly interested in participating in an airport wide recycling program. This program could include everything from newspapers to

cans to plastics, and anything else which helps reduce the impact on the environment.

A recycling program was explored previously a number of years ago with the result that the minimal participation expected would not justify the establishment of such a program. Since we are hearing about it again, we thought we would poll our tenants and users to see if the thought of participating in an airport wide recycling program would fly this time. Participating in an airport recycling program would include collecting all applicable recyclable materials at your own location, and then depositing them at a designated central collection point on the airport.

So... if you support such a program, and would participate in it, please call John Kure of the airport staff at 397-6871, or email him at jkure@gxy.net.

Ground Vehicle Training Program

One of the on-going programs that the Federal Aviation Administration continues to develop concerns the ever present risk of incursions between aircraft and ground vehicles. Every year, an untold number of incursions occur at U.S. airports, causing significant damage and cost to aircraft and vehicles, and in some cases personal injury to pilots and drivers.

A recent incident at another airport in our region occurred in which an aircraft and ground vehicle collided, causing significant damage to both the aircraft and the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured in this incident. It does however cause growing concern for the safety of persons at the Greeley-Weld County Airport.

Although the airport's security fence and access control system has been in place since 2004, the Airport Authority has endeavored to ensure that access by tenants and their guests causes minimal inconvenience. There has also been a good amount of compromise and flexibility on the part of the airport in terms of allowing vehicles to access certain portions of the airport. As incidents of incursions continue to occur, and liability by airports increase accordingly, the Airport Authority has determined the need to

implement a ground vehicle driver training program. Presently, all persons who are issued access credentials to the airport are required to view a 13 minute video on airport security procedures as a condition of access to the airport. The Airport Authority is presently in the process of putting together a ground vehicle driver training program which follows the outlines recommended by the FAA, and required at many airports. The program will be relatively short in nature, and expand the current security video to include the basics of vehicle driving on a public airport.

A determination on exactly who on the airport may be required to view the video has not yet been made. The program is expected to be complete and ready for implementation when the airport begins the re-issuance of airport ID badges later this year.

Although we recognize that this new program may be viewed by some as an unnecessary inconvenience, it is one more step that the airport is able to take to help ensure the safety of our tenants and customers, and the protection of their investments here on the Greeley-Weld County Airport.

Terminal Building Security Procedures

Acts of theft, vandalism, or other suspicious activities at the Greeley-Weld County Airport are generally few and far between. However, the airport is not immune from these types of activities, which prompted the installation of additional security camera systems in 2009. Those cameras have already proven effective, as a few incidents have occurred in recent months in which the video from those cameras helped solve a few mysteries which would otherwise have remained unsolved.

Several recent incidents have occurred at the Airport Terminal/Administration building during after-hours periods which has raised additional concerns over the security of the building, and the safety of the employees who work in it. For this reason, it has become necessary to enhance the security procedures for the building.

One of several new procedures which is important for our tenants to know about is the occasional lockdown of the doors to the building

from the auto parking lot. On those occasions when a single employee is on duty in the building, and that person must step out of the building for a short time, the interior vestibule doors from the parking lot will be locked. This will allow visitors to step inside the vestibule and get out of the weather, but limit them from entering the building until an employee has returned. Tenants who have gate access cards may use them in these instances to enter the secure area of the airport from either of the pedestrian walk gates on each side of the terminal, and enter the building from the ramp side, as those doors will remain unlocked. Tenants can then wait for the employees return from inside the building, while others will wait in the vestibule.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may occasionally cause, but hope you understand that the safety of our employees is of the highest priority to us.

Better Schools Better Community Partnership

The Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority is in its second year of partnering with Northridge High School through the Greeley Chamber of Commerce's Better Schools Better Community (BSBC) Program. The airport has participated in the BSBC program since 2003, and was formerly partnered with Bella Romero Elementary School in east Greeley.

Students from Northridge High School recently toured the Greeley-Weld County Airport to get some first hand insight into certain aviation career paths. Students first visited Beegles aircraft Service and learned the ins and outs of becoming an airframe and powerplant mechanic, and about the prospect of fixing airplanes instead of cars for a living. They then visited the Aims College Flight Training Center, where they learned about what it takes to become a pilot, and the fun involved in learning how to fly.



Lastly, they observed a presentation by United Airlines Captain, local flight instructor, and Airport Board member Darrel Dilley, who took them on the global journey of a professional airline pilot.



Over the next few weeks, Northridge students will return to the airport and spend time job shadowing in some specific aviation career paths. With some dedication and hard work, maybe we will see some of them flying or working at GXY or other airports in the future, or maybe piloting the aircraft on your family vacation.

Digital Copier For Sale

The Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority has for sale one Sharp Model AR 350N digital copier. The unit is network ready, includes multiple paper trays, auto feed, collating and stapling, and other features. The unit is in good condition and works well.

For additional information contact Mandy Longstreth during normal business hours at (970) 336-3003 or mlongstreth@gxy.net.

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