



# Friedman Memorial Airport Authority

## Regular Board Meeting

April 6, 2021





# Approve Agenda



# Public Comment

(10 Minutes)



# Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 2, Regular Meeting



# Reports

# Reports

- ▶ Chairman Report
- ▶ Blaine County Report
- ▶ City of Hailey Report
- ▶ Fly Sun Valley Alliance Report
- ▶ Airport Manager's Report

# Airport Manager's Report

# Airport Activity Status

- ▶ March Passenger Enplanements (unofficial)
  - +51% March 2021 vs. March 2020
  - -19% March 2021 vs. March 2019
  
- ▶ Operations (unofficial)
  - +70% March 2021 vs. March 2020
    - +17% YTD
  - +20% March 2021 vs. March 2019
    - +25% YTD
  
- ▶ Approach Saves
  - 55 total
    - Dec 3, 2020 to Apr. 5, 2021
    - +2 since 2/28/2021



# Thank you, George!

- ▶ George White, SUN Tower Manager
  - Retiring after 15 years at SUN...
  - Good luck, thank you, and godspeed...



# Joint Powers Agreement

- ▶ Final DRAFT submitted to City Council and Commissioners
- ▶ Update

# “On the Horizon”

- ▶ Terminal Area Plan Update



# Airport Staff Brief Questions?



# Action New Business

# CRRSA/Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Offers

## ► CRRSA Grant Offers

- Grant Amount: \$1,238,368
  - (1) \$1,219,239 O&M costs
  - (2) \$19,129 rent and minimum annual guarantee relief to on-airport parking, car rental and concessions.
- NO LOCAL MATCH

# CRRSA/Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Offers

## ► Board Action:

Motion to recommend execution of the SUN CRRSA/FAA grant offers by the City of Hailey and Blaine County.

The action will further direct Staff and Legal Counsel to develop the appropriate City and County Resolutions to support acceptance of the SUN CRRSA grants.

# FMAA Purchase of Replacement Snowplow/Deice Equipment

## ► Snowplow/Deice Equipment

- Proposed purchase through Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) Program
  - Previously Approved
- Purchase of 2 pieces of equipment, an MB Companies Chassis (including plow) and a combo Deice System
  - Will perform the functions of three current vehicles
- Financial Impact:
  - Not to Exceed \$615,000
    - \$500,000 current fiscal year appropriation
    - \$115,000 future appropriation
      - \$48,000 is from insurance – recent loss of the plow truck.



# FMAA Purchase of Replacement Snowplow/Deice Equipment

## ► Board Action:

Motion to approve acquisition of two pieces of equipment, an MB Companies chassis and a combo deice system not to exceed \$615,000.

# Airport Minimum Standards and Rules and Regulations – Scope of Work and Fee

- ▶ Critical guiding documents
  - Minimum Standards – 1997
  - Rules and Regulations – 1974
- ▶ Consultant Team Assistance
  - M&H, Ricondo, Peter Kirsch
    - On-call planning selection
- ▶ Consideration of Approval:
  - Scope and Fee: \$88,325
  - Project is included in the approved FY 2021 budget

# Airport Minimum Standards and Rules and Regulations – Scope of Work and Fee

## ► Board Action:

Motion to approve the Scope of Work and Fee in the amount of \$88,325 to complete Airport Minimum Standards and Rules and Regulations documents



# Action Continuing Business

None



# Discussion and Updates

## New Business

None



# Discussion and Updates

## Continuing Business

Miscellaneous  
None

# Construction and Capital Projects



# Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement



# Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement

## Background

- SUN operating under a 2013 Modification to Standards – ATCT in the Runway Object Free Area (ROFA)
- FAA mandated removal of the ATCT from the ROFA by 2023
- FAA Airports Division likely to grant an extension to the original 2023 date based on:
  - Airport actively investigating 2 possible solutions
    - rTWR (currently 2 sites in US)
    - Legacy ATCT
  - COVID 19 Pandemic
- Remote Tower technology offers a viable solution to relocation of the existing ATCT



# Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement

## Next Steps - Remote Tower:

- The decision whether to pursue a remote tower solution can be greatly aided by issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP).
  - Establish the cost exposure for this solution
  - Provide a numerical method of comparing remote tower and legacy ATCT.
  - Will not foreclose a legacy tower solution.
- Evaluate the risk of deploying remote tower technology versus the benefits, financial and programmatic
  - Certification



# Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement

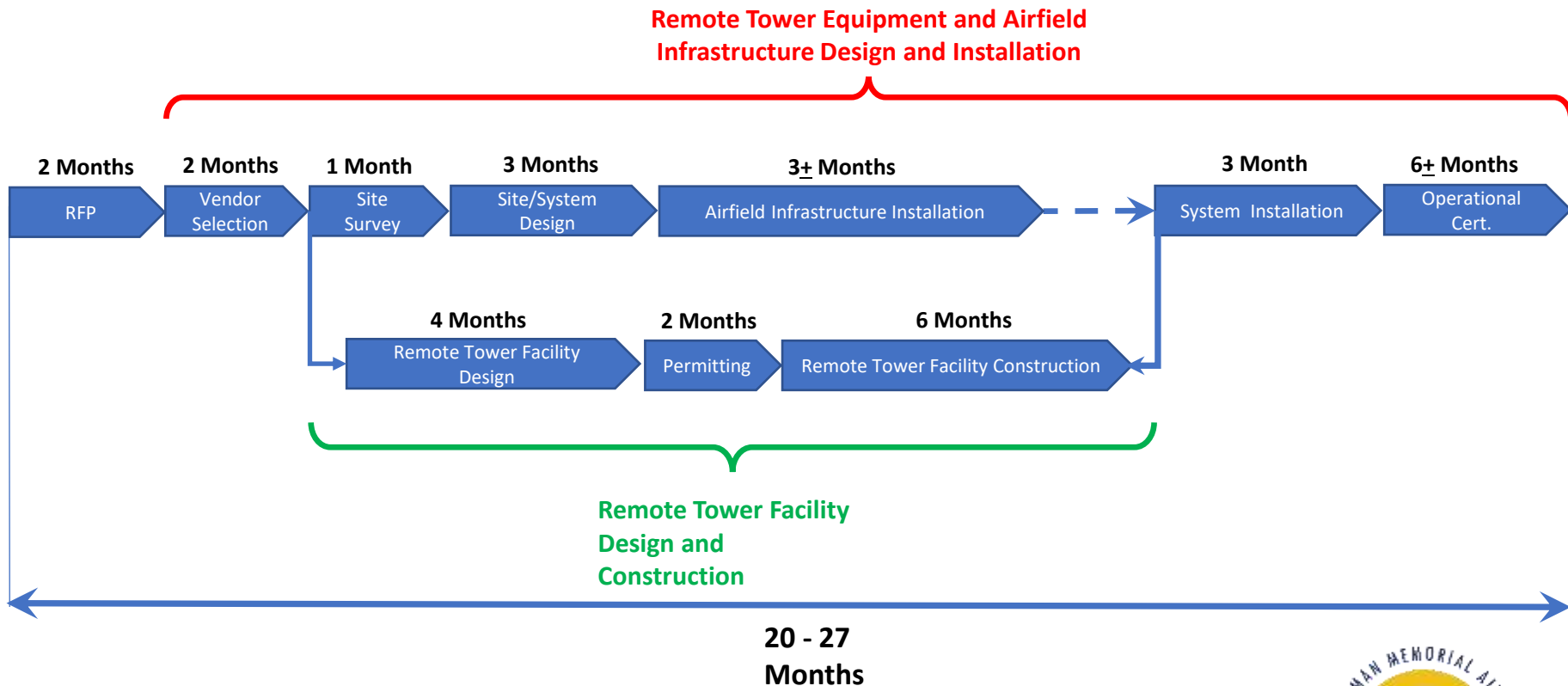
## Considerations:

- Vendors
  - Saab Sensis (Leesburg, VA)
  - Searidge (Ft. Collins, CO)
  - Raytheon/Frequentis (DoD)
  - Kongsberg (no current US sites)
- Funding
  - FAA Pilot Program
  - AIP
  - Local



# Remote Tower Implementation

## Notional Timeline



Note: Times shown are approximate and will vary with specific siting and design selection

# Airport Planning Projects

# Environmental Assessment – Land



NOTE: This illustration is intended for study purposes only and is not intended for implementation.

FIGURE 1 Property Acquisition – South





Friedman Memorial  
Airport

## Environmental Assessment

Proposed Property  
Acquisition for  
Approach Protection  
and Land Use  
Compatibility

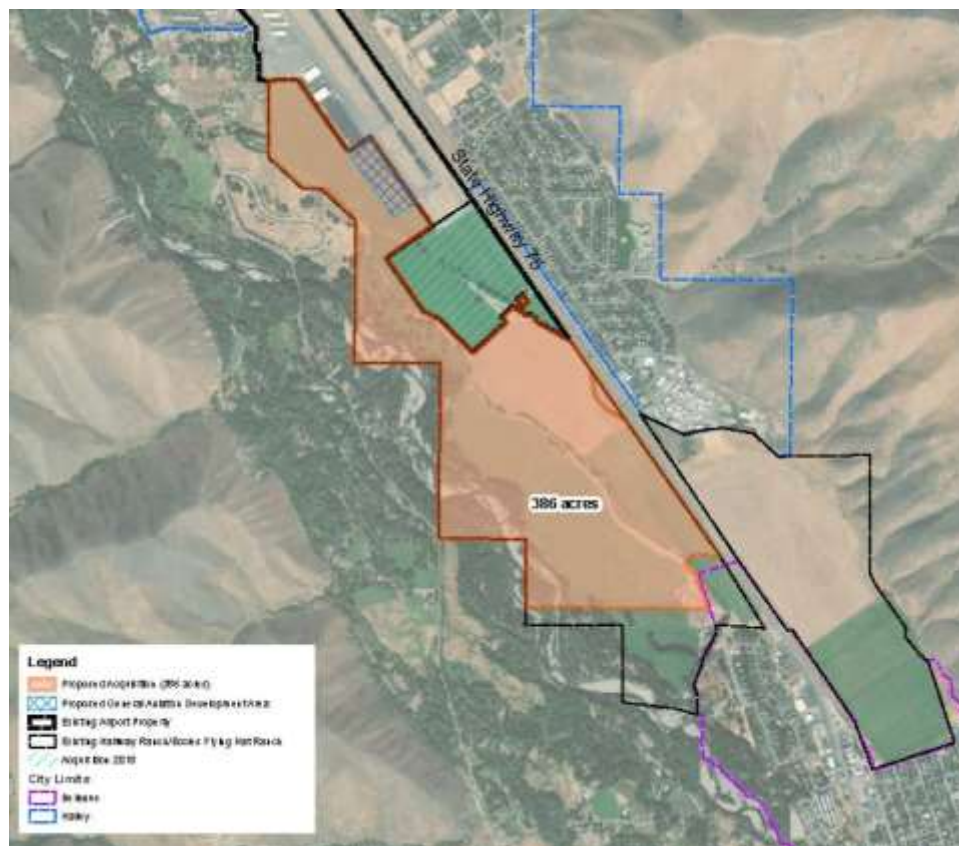
Project Update

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# Proposed Action & Project Need

- Acquisition of 386 Acres
  - Approach Protection
  - Land Use Compatibility
- Development of 10 Acres for General Aviation
  - Replacing general aviation facilities (apron and hangars) lost as a result of the Runway Safety Area (RSA) project
  - Provide additional aircraft hangars



# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Projects Require Federal Action by FAA
- FAA Must Comply with NEPA
- Three Levels of Review
  - Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)
  - Environmental Assessment (EA)
  - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



# Environmental Assessment Process

- A. Identification of Proposed Project
- B. Environmental Analysis and Agency Coordination
- C. Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
- D. Public Review and Comment
- E. Final EA
- F. FAA Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

# Assessment Categories

1. Air Quality
2. Biological Resources
3. Climate
4. Coastal Resources
5. Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
6. Farmlands
7. Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention
8. Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources
9. Land Use
10. Natural Resources and Energy Supply
11. Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use
12. Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks
13. Visual Effects
14. Water Resources
15. Cumulative Impacts
16. Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

# Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources

- Potential to effect Halfway Ranch/ Eccles Flying Heart Ranch Historic District
- Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act
  - Requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertaking (or action) on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
  - Requires consultation with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)



# Other Resources

- Archeological Investigation
- Biological Site Review
- Wetlands Survey
- Hazardous Materials Assessment



# Schedule

- FAA reviewing draft Determination of Effect for Historic Resources
- Draft EA to FAA this month
- Public review of Draft EA after FAA approval
- FAA decision expected this spring or early summer





Questions

Clarifications

Answers

Discussion

Thank You.



# Terminal Area Plan

Figure 1: SUN Terminal Area Planning Limits



Source: SUN Airport Master Plan

# Terminal Area Plan

## ► Efforts to date:

- Terminal area existing conditions analysis
- Enplanement/passenger profile
- Tenant Interviews
- Capacity analysis draft completed in March

## ► Next Steps:

- Terminal building alternatives in April
- Detailed update expected at May Board Meeting



# Public Comment

# Executive Session

I.C. §74-206 (c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency

I.C. §74-206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel to discuss legal ramifications for controversy imminently likely to be litigated



Thank You!

