

Friedman Memorial Airport Authority

Regular Board Meeting

December 6, 2022





Approve Agenda



Public Comment (10 Minutes)



Approval of Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022, Regular Meeting



Reports

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- Chair Report
- Blaine County Report
- City of Hailey Report
- Fly Sun Valley Alliance Report
- Airport Director's Report



Airport Director's Report



Airport Activity Status

- October Passenger Enplanements
 -6% over October 2021
 - +7% YTD vs. 2021
- Operations (unofficial)
 -18% from November 2021
 -10% YTD vs. 2021





Airport Staff Brief Questions?



Action New Business

Independent Board Member

- Current term expires on Dec. 31, 2022
 - John Strauss
- Two options:
 - Reappointment of John Strauss
 - New appointment
 - Recruitment process
- 2-year term
- Discussion
- **ACTION:** Reappointment only

Motion to approve reappointment of John Strauss as the Independent Board member for a 2-year term effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.





Action Continuing Business

None



Discussion and Updates New Business



FUTURE AERONAUTICAL DEVELOPMENT AT FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT



Upcoming Land Use/Operational Decisions

- 1. Relocation of air traffic control tower
- 2. Terminal improvements
- 3. Development of newly acquired property on south side



South side property

- Eccles property is +/-386 acres
- Majority acquired for approach protection
- Some property available for aeronautical development – about 10 acres
 - Per Master Plan
 - EA





Opportunities and options for Eccles property

- For the first time in decades, vacant property is available for aeronautical development
- Availability imposes obligations on Authority
- Master Plan envisions combination of GA apron and hangar development
 - Interest in potential new FBO operator should be assumed



FMAA legal obligations

- Cannot deny access to an aeronautical service provider if:
 - Property is available for the proposed use
 - Provider is qualified
- New Eccles property now makes it possible to accommodate a new service provider
- Can impose reasonable requirements
 - Minimum Standards
 - Consistency with Master Plan (so long as don't preclude development)



FMAA strategy considerations

- Development of undeveloped land
- Can accept expressions of interest
 - First come first served
 - Competitive process
- FMAA has already received informal expressions of interest
- Can take a reasonable time to develop a policy but cannot 'pocket veto' expressions of interest

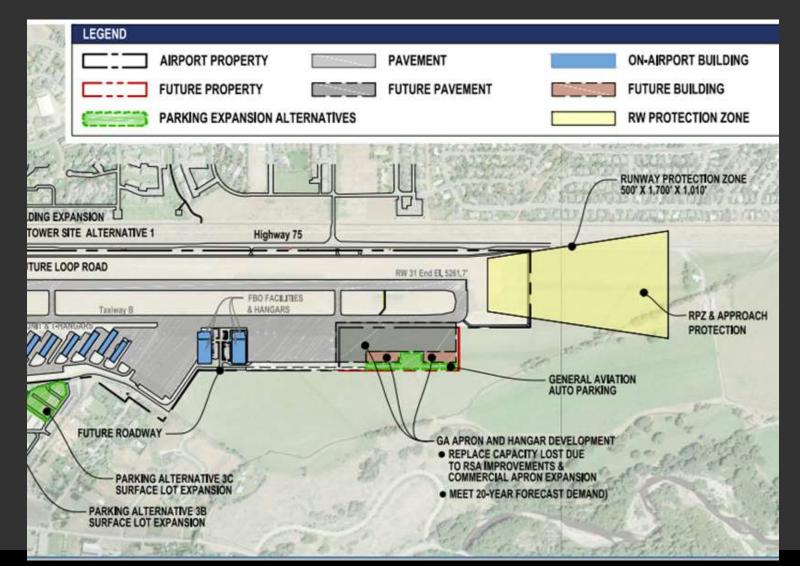


Options

- Option 1: Let the marketplace decide
- Option 2: Develop ourselves
- Option 3: Engage in a competitive process
- Only option that is not available: keep it vacant indefinitely



Master Plan

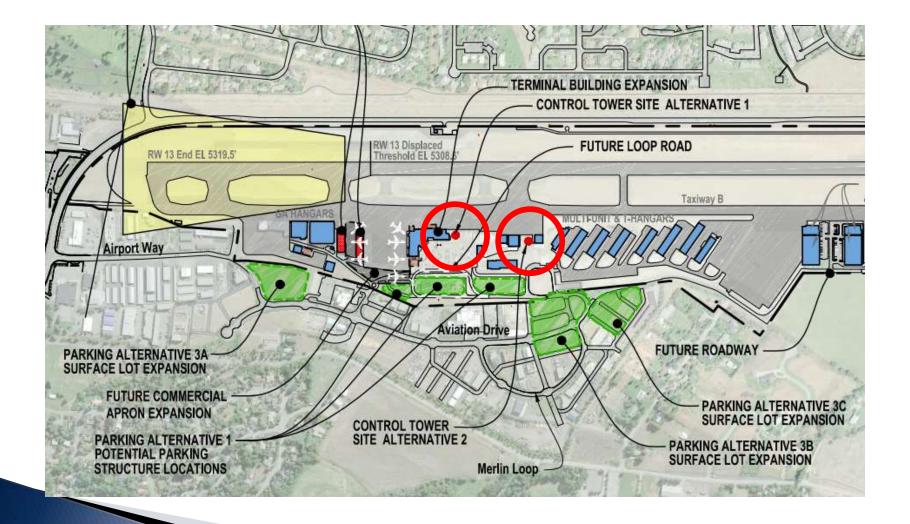


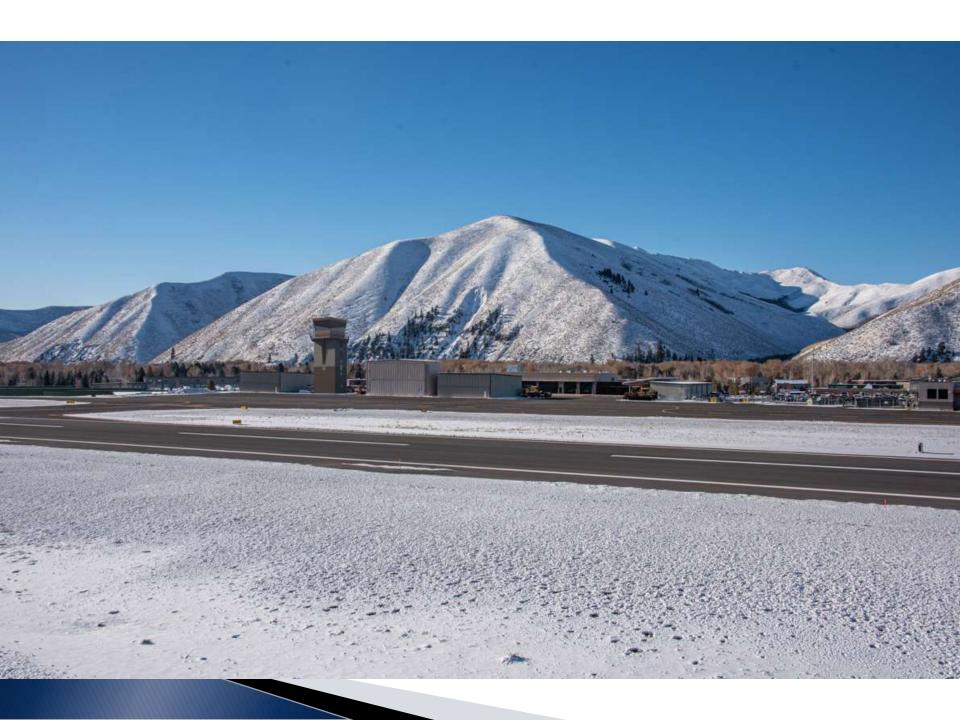


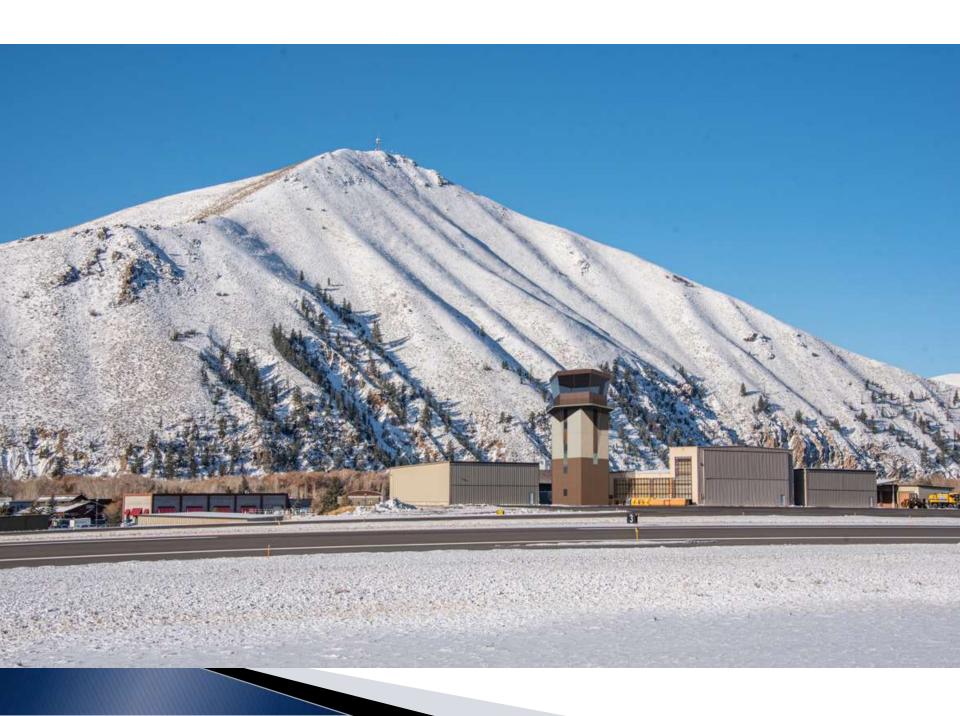


Miscellaneous











- Recap
 - May 2022
 - FAA notice rTWR Third Pilot Program designation (conditional)
 - Controller costs (airport)
 - Acceptable documentation
 - June 2022
 - FMAA concurrence with project Statement of Work
 - Contract TBD
 - Contacted by FAA NextGen Office
 - FAA change in course for rTWR program
 - July–October
 - Raytheon|Frequentis initial document submittals to FAA
 - "intake" documents
 - Not under contract



- Recap con't...
 - September–October
 - Coordination with FAA Airports Division
 - Concerns
 - No certified system in the system
 - Timing end of CY2023 tower relocation schedule
 - Rare funding opportunities (BIL)
 - Current status
 - Need to move forward
 - Options
 - rTWR
 - Conventional "Sticks and Bricks"
 - Board discussion and direction



- Timing Operational
 - rTWR
 - FAA predicted schedule
 - Up to <u>5 years</u>
 - System design approval
 - Operational approval
 - Vendor believes less
 - +/- <u>2 years</u>
 - Conventional Tower
 - +/- <u>2 years</u>
 - Both
 - Environmental
 - Siting
 - Design
 - Construction



- Current Estimated Costs and Funding Options
 - rTWR
 - +/- \$7 million
 - Control room facility
 - Local only funds
 - Not currently eligible for FAA AIP grant funds
 - Conventional Tower
 - +/- \$7.5 to \$8 million
 - FAA AIP eligible (up to 93.75%)
 - BIL funds (100%)
 - Specific Tower project set asides
 - BIL Grant Application (Oct. 24)
 - Environmental
 - Siting
 - Design
 - FMAA commitment of local funds
 - Board Chair
 - Finance committee
 - Not binding



Risk Assessment

- rTWR
 - Timing
 - Cost
 - Local funds only
 - Controller costs now FAA
 - Unknown lifecycle costs
 - Annual O&M
 - Technology refresh (new cameras, LCDs, hardware/software)
 - Raytheon willing to discuss absorbing O&M cost for first five years
 - System certification not guaranteed by FAA
 - Raytheon willing to discuss a guarantee on getting system design approval
- Conventional Tower
 - Timing
 - Known design and approval/certification process
 - Cost
 - Available FAA funding sources
 - Known lifecycle costs
- Timing beyond 2023
 - Both
 - FAA has been coordinated with and supportive of SUN's due diligence



Construction and Capital Projects

None



Airport Planning Projects

None





Public Comment



Thank You!

