



Friedman Memorial Airport Authority

Regular Board Meeting

April 7, 2026





Approve Agenda



Public Comment

(10 Minutes)



Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting



Reports

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- ▶ Chair Report
- ▶ Blaine County Report
- ▶ City of Hailey Report
- ▶ Fly Sun Valley Alliance Report
- ▶ Staff Team Report



Airport Staff Brief



Team Updates

- ▶ Deputy Director of Admin/Finance
- ▶ Airport Security Manager
- ▶ Deputy Director of Operations
- ▶ Airport Director

Discrepancy-Free FAA inspection

- Congratulations to the Airport Operations/ARFF team at SUN on a discrepancy free inspection, proving that hard work, dedication, and attention to detail pays off!
- On April 3, FAA conducted close out meeting with the FAA inspector after a two-day audit of
 - Wildlife Management Practices
 - Emergency Preparedness & ARFF simulated response drill
 - Airfield markings, signage, lighting, and pavement conditions
 - Unpaved surfaces conditions
 - Fueling operations & HazMat handling and storage
 - Records, documentation, and inspection logs
 - Training curriculums for both Ops and ARFF functions (two different strenuous curriculums)
 - Snow and Ice Control Plan
 - Preventative maintenance programs for various infrastructure

This follows discrepancy free financial audits and “no-finding” security audits from the TSA

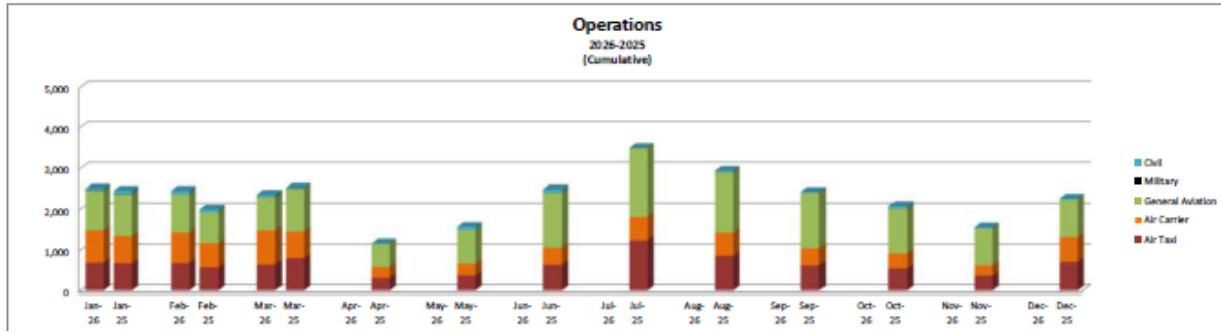
Airport Activity Status

- ▶ Passenger Enplanements
 - +18.6% over February 2025
 - +14.9% YTD vs 2025

- ▶ Operations (unofficial)
 - -6.5% from March 2025
 - +5% YTD vs 2025

Airport Activity Status

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	3,622	3,893	3,912	2,600	3,028	2,787	4,547	2,520	2,070	2,379	2,408	2,098	2,454	2,128	2,249	1,942	1,665	2,019	2,172	1,987	2,001	2,250	1,986	1,875	2,455	2,502
February	4,027	4,498	3,073	3,122	3,789	3,597	3,548	2,857	2,244	2,647	2,117	2,205	2,612	1,417	2,268	2,533	1,629	1,914	1,187	2,253	2,185	2,362	2,237	1,905	1,990	2,454
March	4,952	5,126	3,086	4,097	3,618	2,918	4,677	3,097	2,145	2,709	1,813	1,921	2,753	1,924	2,023	1,917	1,895	1,860	2,016	1,480	2,512	2,376	1,971	2,031	2,523	2,358
April	2,484	3,649	2,213	2,840	2,462	2,047	2,581	2,113	1,724	1,735	1,604	1,513	1,509	1,210	1,337	1,380	1,426	1,257	1,116	616	1,590	748	1,551	1,211	1,163	
May	3,905	4,184	2,654	3,282	2,729	2,134	1,579	2,293	2,280	1,891	1,533	1,693	1,852	555	668	1,501	1,802	1,442	1,174	1,127	1,894	779	1,437	1,552	1,559	
June	4,787	5,039	4,737	4,438	3,674	3,656	5,181	3,334	2,503	3,019	2,898	2,761	3,203	2,164	2,387	2,475	2,502	2,552	2,292	2,069	2,931	2,580	2,193	2,464	2,486	
July	6,359	8,796	6,117	5,910	5,424	5,931	7,398	4,704	4,551	5,005	5,004	4,810	5,345	4,345	4,159	4,562	4,573	5,033	4,266	3,356	4,005	3,965	3,535	3,374	3,508	
August	6,479	6,917	5,513	5,707	5,722	6,087	8,196	4,570	4,488	4,705	4,326	3,823	4,644	3,114	2,932	3,719	3,873	3,175	3,260	2,859	3,289	3,286	2,659	2,746	2,939	
September	3,871	4,636	4,162	4,124	4,609	3,760	4,311	2,696	3,376	3,128	3,359	2,396	2,403	2,237	2,292	2,379	2,036	2,234	2,235	2,692	2,884	2,408	2,341	2,181	2,429	
October	3,879	3,656	3,426	2,936	3,570	3,339	3,103	2,134	2,145	2,012	1,886	1,658	1,874	1,760	1,789	1,377	1,939	1,670	1,571	2,212	2,128	2,236	1,807	2,003	2,077	
November	3,082	2,698	2,599	2,749	2,260	2,912	2,852	1,670	1,901	1,309	1,114	1,325	1,475	908	1,229	1,314	1,135	1,392	1,328	1,365	1,665	1,370	1,322	1,346	1,548	
December	3,401	2,805	3,247	3,227	2,722	3,834	2,699	1,848	2,272	1,811	2,493	2,066	2,016	1,545	1,482	1,717	2,217	2,033	1,960	2,051	2,018	1,851	2,171	2,087	2,261	
Totals	60,868	66,897	44,788	46,082	45,807	43,002	60,712	33,838	31,899	32,360	30,666	28,289	32,140	28,807	24,816	26,716	26,882	26,671	24,677	24,067	26,102	26,211	26,210	24,776	26,938	7,314



2002 – 55, 897
 2007 – 50,712
 2013 – 30,555
 2025 – 26,938

ATCT Operations Change (March 2026 vs. March 2025)			
	2026	2025	% Change
Air Taxi	643	801	-19.7%
Air Carrier	826	645	28.1%
General Aviation	825	1,056	-21.9%
Military	6	3	0.0%
Civil	58	18	222.2%
Total	2,358	2,523	-6.5%
YTD Total	7,314	6,968	5.0%





Airport Staff Brief Questions?



Action New Business

Customer Facility Charge (CFC) Resolution No. 2026-01

- ▶ This resolution proposes updates to the existing Customer Facility Charge program
 - ▶ Better aligns resolution language with industry standards and norms
 - ▶ Increase CFC revenue to fund robust capital improvement plan and QTA facility in Airport's future
- ▶ The current program was adopted in 2022
 - ▶ Previous rate: \$3.50 per day, capped at 14 days
 - ▶ Proposed rate: \$4.50 per day, charged for all rental days
- ▶ Resolution 2026-01 has been reviewed by Leibowitz and Horton and legal counsel

Customer Facility Charge (CFC) Resolution No. 2026-01

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-01, updating and authorizing the continuation of the Customer Facility Charge program at Friedman Memorial Airport to fund improvements and expenses, effective in Fiscal Year 2027.

ITD Division of Aeronautics Grant Offer

- ▶ The Idaho Transportation Department Division of Aeronautics has extended a grant offer to the airport.
- ▶ Grant amount: \$50,000
- ▶ Funds are being administered through the Idaho Airport Aid Program
- ▶ Will be used for the reimbursement of AIP 059 – Property Acquisition

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to recommend acceptance of the ITD Division of Aeronautics Grant Offer in the amount of \$50,000 by the City of Hailey and Blaine County as airport co-sponsors. The actions will further direct staff and legal counsel to develop the appropriate city and county resolutions to support acceptance of the Grant offer.



Continuing Business

None



Updates and Discussion

New Business



Miscellaneous



Federal Legislative Update – ALERT & PAPA Acts – Discussion

- ▶ As previously briefed, the PAPA act limits the use of ADS-B for the purpose of collecting aeronautical revenue
- ▶ The PAPA Act recently advanced in the House as part of the ALERT Act
- ▶ Landing fees are not new and by law must be reasonable and non-discriminatory
- ▶ The use of ADS-B for landing fees has allowed airports to modernize the labor-intensive process for collecting landing fees
- ▶ If enacted, this will eliminate a proven, efficient tool that supports the airport's ability to remain financially self-sufficient

Federal Legislative Update – ALERT & PAPA Acts – Discussion

- ▶ Currently, landing fees and overnight parking fees account for approximately \$1 million / year in revenue
- ▶ Changes that may occur as a consequence of this legislation:
 - ▶ Increased staff time and resources to collect the same revenue
 - ▶ Increases to rents
 - ▶ Increases to fuel flowage fees
 - ▶ Increases to landing fees
 - ▶ Increases to overnight parking fees



Construction and Capital Projects



Parking Lot Capacity Constraints

- ▶ Parking capacity challenges continued through March
- ▶ Parking lot constraints are increasingly becoming a safety concern for Airport staff
- ▶ Staff has been forced to take mitigation measures
 - ▶ Temporary suspension of complimentary overnight parking for airline staff travel
 - ▶ Overflow parking in grassy areas and adjacent roadways
- ▶ Staff are working with financial consultants to evaluate parking rates and charges that could help manage demand while remaining competitive with similarly situated peer airports





Updates and Discussion

Continuing Business



Miscellaneous



Federal Government Shutdown and Impacts on TSA

- ▶ Recent partial government shutdown due to lapse in DHS funding meant that TSA officers went 44 days without pay
- ▶ March 26th: Executive order that TSA employees be paid immediately
- ▶ Staff and TSA would like to thank the community for their responses of support
 - ▶ \$13,725 fundraised by community – Can't thank them all – many were anonymous
 - ▶ Sheriff Ballis and the Blaine County Law Enforcement Foundation donated \$200 gift cards to each TSA employee
 - ▶ 3 donation bins filled countless times



Construction and Capital Projects



Air Traffic Control Tower – Update

- ▶ March 2, 2026: Final Environmental Assessment completed, approved, and signed by FAA
- ▶ Final EA accompanied by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- ▶ Both documents have been uploaded to the website for transparency, public access, and long-term recordkeeping
- ▶ This allows construction to proceed on schedule
 - ▶ Design underway
 - ▶ Construction anticipated Spring 2027
- ▶ FMAA thanks the community for their participation in the Public Comment process as required by NEPA

Runway / Taxiway Preventative Maintenance Project

- **Late agenda addition to PowerPoint –Not on the original agenda sent on Thursday**
 - Airport received bids for the upcoming Pavement Maintenance Project scheduled for late May.
 - Ardurra has prepared a “Recommendation of Award” letter for the FAA
 - FMAA must award the contract soon so that contractor can procure materials such as paint
 - Special Board Meeting will be required with a single action item: approval of the construction contract award.
 - Airport Staff will coordinate with Board members to identify a date and time for this special FMAA meeting



Airport Planning Projects



Airport Infrastructure and Optimization Study – Update and Discussion

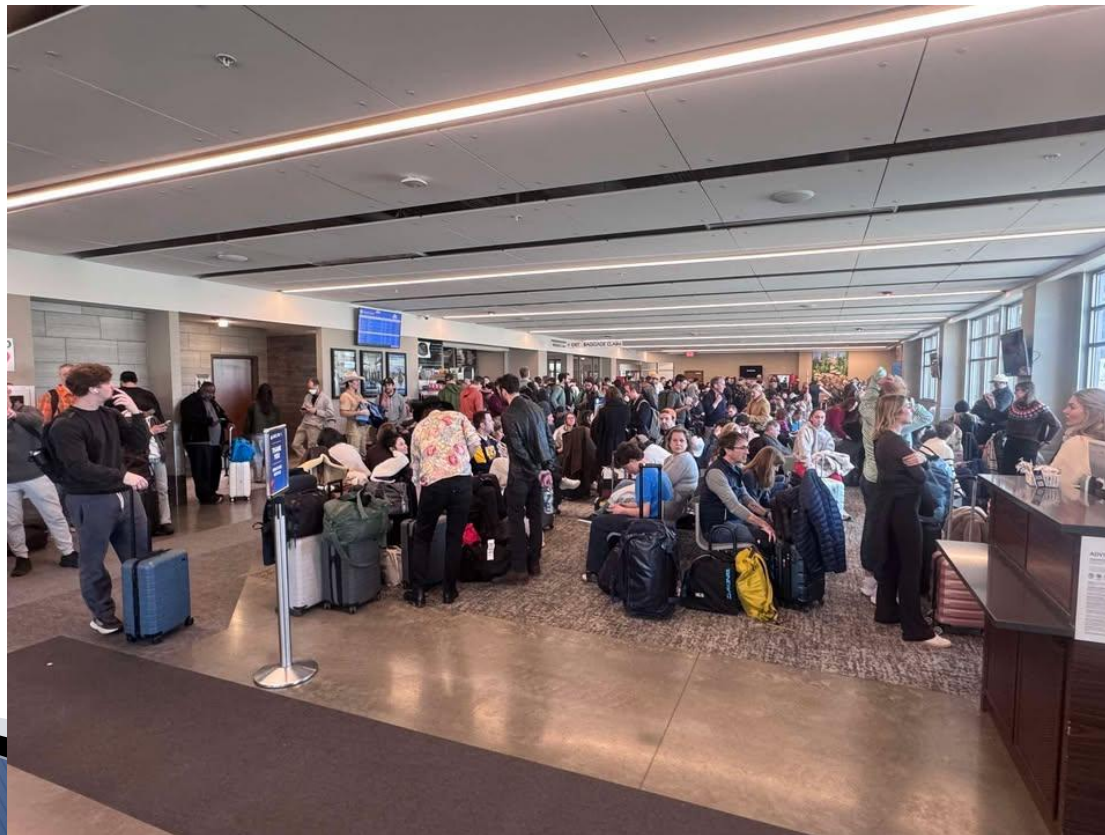
- ▶ Staff and consultants continue to advance on the Airport Infrastructure and Optimization Study
- ▶ Delays at the Federal level lead to the delay of the approval of the Aviation Activity Forecasts
 - ▶ Aviation Activity Forecasts are a key component, establishing the foundation for predicting future demand which dictate infrastructure needs
 - ▶ When approved, they will be used to evaluate long-term passenger facility requirements and airfield infrastructure needs
 - ▶ Staff received approval from the FAA today!

Terminal Architectural Study – Update and Discussion

- ▶ April 1: Several preliminary and informal TSA checkpoint layout concepts presented by RLB – Next meeting will narrow down options
- ▶ RLB continues to work on ticket counters and baggage screening options
- ▶ Title IV Audit
 - ▶ Identified the need for a service animal relief area (SARA) within the passenger hold room area
 - ▶ Not feasible to install within limited footprint; FAA has granted an exception
 - ▶ Revolving door in exit lane identified as non-compliant
 - ▶ No exemption granted
 - ▶ Replacement of the door will be incorporated into the ongoing architectural study

Terminal Architectural Study Cont.

- ▶ Next steps:
 - ▶ Seek feedback and coordination with TSA
 - ▶ Present potential layout options to the Board with cost estimates
 - ▶ Reminder: FAA confirmed that federal funding (AIP or PFC) may be available for use on this project which is exciting news for SUN





Public Comment



Thank You!

