Yampa Valley Regional Airport Starts Construction with CARES Act Funding

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO – After receiving $18.5 million in federal funds through the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act), the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (YVRA) has started improvement projects for airport operations and maintenance. All projects are in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation. $3 million is slated for developmental projects and $15.5 million is being used for operations and maintenance costs. Four of the five projects planned will be completed by October 31, 2020.

"We are excited to start these much-needed projects including terminal expansion and rehabilitation, replacing the terminal's public address system, installing a situational awareness system in our Ops Center, and building an audio-visual system for our three conference rooms. These projects will enhance safety, increase efficiency and provide the infrastructure needed to continue to provide great service to the passengers and airlines we host," said Kevin Booth, Airport Director.

The Terminal Expansion and Rehabilitation Project (photos attached) is an FAA AIP-funded project valued at $4.5 million. July 20th marked the 90-day point of this 195-day project and is estimated to be completed on October 31, 2020. The project scope includes:
- The addition of a 2,200 SF gate in the secure area for Southwest Airlines
- Enclose and expand the ticketing area formerly used for curbside check-in; this area will also be used by Southwest Airlines
- Rehabilitate the south-facing center section of the terminal; replace all windows and doors and match the newer sections of the terminal wall
- Install vestibules with motion operated sliding doors on all secure area gate entry/exit doors to reduce wind and temperature changes in all airport gates
- Most demolition, site preparation, and foundation work is complete; steel erection will begin in early August

The second project at YVRA would replace the terminal's public address system. YVRA's airport director is finalizing the vendor contract this week to replace all major components of the

airport's terminal Public Address System at a cost of approximately of $200,000. **Installation will be completed** in conjunction with the terminal expansion project no later than October 31, 2020.

The Situational Awareness System is the third project at the airport. The project will incorporate FAA flight data on all arriving and departing aircraft, as well as GPS data from all vehicles and equipment that normally have access to our runways, taxiways and aircraft aprons. The system will greatly enhance the Airport's Operations Center's situational awareness and airport safety. Bid opening is scheduled for August 3, 2020 on an RFP to design, build and install the Situational Awareness System for the Airport Operations Center (photos attached). The project cost is estimated at $250,000 and is estimated to be completed by October 31, 2020.

YVRA opened bids on July 20, 2020 on an RFP to design, build and install a new audio-visual system linking three airport conference rooms. The project will greatly enhance the capabilities of YVRA's conference rooms. The conference rooms are used by six airlines each fall for personnel training including Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest, and United. The conference rooms are also used as an Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center for the Airport, Routt County and Moffat County. The project cost is estimated at $150,000 and estimated to be completed by October 31, 2020

These four projects total $5.1 million dollars. The fifth project is slated for construction in 2021 and will be a solar project that will install on-airport solar PV and back-up power generation at a cost of $1 million.

In 2021, an additional $2 million in CARES Act funding is programmed to:

- Pave the primary airfield and refueling facility access roads
- Install the infrastructure to support an additional TSA-supplied CTX-80XL oversize bag scanner
- Re-route County Road 51 to accommodate future General Aviation (GA) development
- Expand and re-route the airport exterior boundary wildlife fence around the 35-acre GA development parcel

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