



Yakima Air Terminal - McAllister Field

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To: Airfield Tenants, Stakeholders, and Pilots

From: Robert Peterson, Airport Director

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**Re: 2020 PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE YAKIMA AIR
TERMINAL-MCALLISTER FIELD - PROPOSED RUNWAY CLOSURE**

The Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration develop a list of projects outlined in a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). In 2010, the Yakima Airport rehabilitated the airport's primary runway (9/27) that is utilized by all air carrier operations. Since this date, the airport has continued to conduct minor maintenance and repairs to the runway surface in order to avoid any impacts to airline operations. During these routine maintenance inspections, it's been determined that the runway's High Intensity Runway Lighting system is approaching the end of its useful life and airport engineers recommend a full replacement to ensure ongoing airfield lighting operations. Furthermore, due to the age of the asphalt it is also recommended that the airport conduct a crack and fog seal of the asphalt surface, which will ultimately extend the runway's lifespan by 20 percent.

In July 2019, airport staff met with JUB Engineering to determine a scope of work and any impacts to aircraft operations during the proposed construction in 2020. During these initial discussions, various methods of construction implementation were explored and evaluated in order to minimize the impacts on airlines and airport tenants. In conjunction with industry experts and the strict Federal Aviation Administration safety standards it was determined the airport must close Runway 9/27 for a brief period in order to safely complete construction activities. This runway closure will commence beginning August 24th through August 29th, 2020. During this closure, Runway 4/22 will be available in order to continue aircraft operations. However, there will be a brief period

where construction crews will exponentially work through the intersecting runways and cause both runways to briefly close. Once construction crews are clear of Runway 4/22, this runway will reopen and allow aircraft operations to recommence prior to re-opening Runway 9/27. As we continue to finalize construction plans and receive approval from the Federal Aviation Administration we anticipate hosting a variety of open houses in order to brief everyone on the various phases of construction and how the airport will remain open during each phase.

Thank you for your time and understanding as it relates to these necessary capital improvements at our airport. We look forward to working with everyone to ensure this project is implemented safely, efficiently, and within budget. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Peterson
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