



MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Anchorage Fire Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Rd., Bldg. C, Rm 9
Anchorage, Alaska

The Purpose of the MAAAC is to advise and make recommendations to the Assembly and the Administration regarding the Airport budget and operations.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Commission Chair, Stormy Jarvis called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Stormy Jarvis, Chair
Dan Owen, *Vice Chair*
John Pratt
Karl Kisser
Dave Frazier
Marty Edwards (via TEAMS)
Ransom Jones (via TEAMS)
Quorum met

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

None

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Earl Malpass, Airport Manager
Julie Hixenbaugh, Commission Secretary

2. Review & Approval – Meeting Agenda

Stormy added agenda item to 6. (b) Finance Sub-Committee

MOTION

Dan Owen moved to approve
John Pratt seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

3. Review & Approval - of the Minutes

MOTION

Karl Kisser moved to approve, March 6, 2025.
John Pratt seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

4. Informational Reports

A. Chair

- Angel Aviation Project Disclosure - Stormy disclosed that she is the Project Manager for the Angel Aviation hangar construction and wanted to ensure everyone was aware of her involvement to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

B. Airport Management PowerPoint (Exhibit A)

- Earl's FYI
- Community Relations

- MRI Awareness
- MRI Impact Study
- MRI Budget Status
- MRI “Annual Aviation Celebration”
- ATAAPS Ad Hoc
- Upcoming Events

Follow up discussions on Earl’s power point presentation:

- John Pratt suggested including information that the taxiway leading into the hospital was designed to support mass casualty recovery using military aircraft.
- A discussion addressed proper ash removal procedures from the airport following an eruption. The airport is developing a checklist for cleanup and will distribute basic information along with links related to volcanic eruption cleanup efforts.
- Earl explained the distinctions between direct (individuals working at the airport), indirect (persons supporting the airport, such as fuel suppliers and taxi services), and induced (those not working at the airport but economically linked to it, such as grocery store employees) economic impact groups.
- The Annual Aviation Celebration is scheduled for May 31. It will be held on the UAA, North Edge, and Stoddard Ramps from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shuttle services will be available to facilitate transportation between the south and north side ramps.

5. Organization Reports

- A. MRI ATCT-** Caleb announced that ATCT will conduct a public briefing regarding the rehabilitation of runway 7/25 on May 5th at 5:30 PM at the UAA Aviation Campus and via Zoom. The session will be recorded for those not able to attend. Wings credit, for those that qualify, will be given for attendance.
- B. AOPA-**None
- C. AACA-**None
- D. Anchorage Community Councils –** None

6. Old Business –

- A. Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation Update-Steve Reed (HDL) & Matt Wavra (QAP)**
 - The closure is scheduled to commence on June 2. Radio and newspaper advertisements have been developed to announce the runway closure.
 - Construction crews will be operating 24 hours daily, primarily during nighttime hours, with electricians scheduled to work during daytime shifts.
 - Material deliveries are anticipated to proceed without delay, ensuring the project’s completion within the 60-day timeline.
 - The main long-lead items include approximately two dozen taxiway lights.
 - A safety team will be onsite around the clock; their responsibilities will include directing traffic, managing FOD cleanup, and controlling dust.
 - The primary access point for construction will be through the N4 Tower Gate on 5th Avenue. Flaggers will be present during hauling activities, which will predominantly occur at night.
 - QAP is coordinating closely with the tower to facilitate the runway closure.

Follow up discussions on HDL and QAP presentation:

- The tower is conducting internal weekly meetings to ensure the smooth progress of the runway rehabilitation project.

- If a volcanic eruption occurs during the construction scheduled for 7/25, QAP will follow a policy similar to that of Merrill Field Airport. The construction site will be secured, and all workers will be dismissed until it is determined to be safe for them to resume work.

B. Finance Sub-Committee

- Stormy is seeking MAAAC members to join the finance committee to review the MRI budget.
- Karl Kisser, Dan Owen and Stormy Jarvis offered their time.
- A meeting will be scheduled for an initial discussion next week.

7. Business Items – None

8. Public Comments-

- Mike Spernak expressed his thanks to Earl and the MRI maintenance team for their efforts in reopening the Memorial.
- Earl provided an update on the Memorial. It has been evaluated as structurally sound, and with the new wiring to illuminate the flags, the grand opening is scheduled for July 4th.
- Earl is researching new security camera technology; MRI will oversee on-site camera maintenance and plans to allocate a budget for replacements.

9. Commission Comments-

- John Pratt announced that the 37th Seaplane Safety Seminar will be held on April 26th at 8:00 a.m. in the UAA Aviation Technology Auditorium.
- Ransom Jones reported ongoing incidents of vandalism and break-ins on the airside at Executive Hangars. APD responds to these incidents but subsequently releases the individuals involved.
- Earl has been collaborating with APD to address this type of issue. APD has increased patrols, and Guardian Security has been contracted by MRI to conduct overnight patrols.

10. Next Meeting Date

- ➔ MAAAC Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025, 12 PM
Anchorage Fire Department Training Center
1140 Airport Heights Road, Building C, Room 9

**11. Adjournment -
MOTION**

John moved to adjourn

Karl seconded the motion.

No objections were made, meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM

EXHIBIT A

Merrill Field Airport Operations Report **April 3, 2025**



March's Operations Activity

Earl's FYI's –

- Municipality Planning Session- Mt. Spurr eruption plan
- ALP "Patch" meetings process on target. Estimated completion by 1 May.
- Runway 7/25 Rehab (MRI's role)
 - Receiving regular updates from HDL & QAP
 - Socializing to Fairview and other communities have begun.
 - Project is on target.



March's Operations Report

Earl's FYI's - Continued

- Meeting w/SWS addressing anomalies with landfill gases.
 - SWS requesting funding to repair piping, replace antiquated panel, perhaps monetize gas
- MRI and Muni meetings for volcano preparedness

Community Relations

- Russian Jack Community Council briefed on runway rehab.
- Surrounding GA Airport's informed of runway refurbishment and offered in person updates.

MRI Awareness:

- Economic Impact Study: Process on target. Draft due by April 1

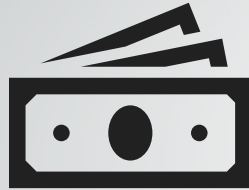
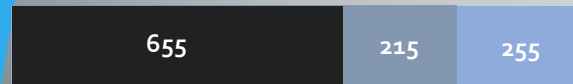


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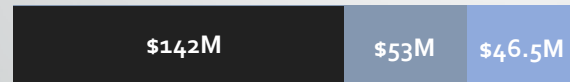
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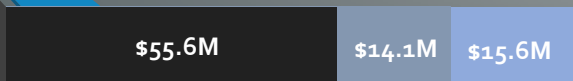
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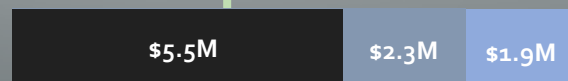
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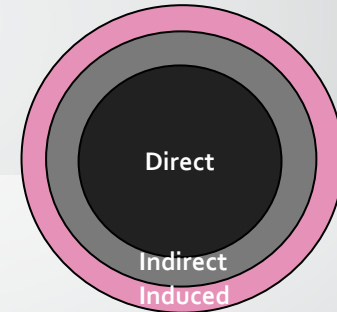
\$85.3M
Employee
Earnings



\$9.7M
State & Local
Tax Revenue



\$4.1M
in local taxes



- Economic impacts focused in Anchorage, but span across Alaska
- 95 percent of impact in ANC
- 5 percent dispersed throughout the state

EXHIBIT A

HEALTH BENEFITS – MEDIVAC RAMP TO ALASKA REGIONAL



- Alaska Regional Hospital adjacent to MRI
- MRI provides Medevac and general operations bringing patients to the hospital
- Allows patients to receive critical care and maintain well-managed care
- Including Alaska Regional, MRI facilitated more than 7,630 health care visits in 2024



1,657
Hospital Visits
Supported by MRI

1.5%
Of Total
Hospital Visits



\$67.1M
Physical Health Benefits Facilitated*

*Analysis assumes a split of 83.7 percent non-surgery and 16.3 percent surgery visits, based on findings from the 2019 Mountain Division Community Impact Report's hospital statistics for Alaska Regional airport. Non-surgery visits account for a physical health benefit of \$970 per visit, based on findings from Godavarthy et al., 2014. adjusted to 2024. Surgery visits are appraised with a benefit of \$243,590 per visit using USDOT's BCA guidance for an injury with unknown severity. The number of hospital visits were determined using Placer.Ai.

March's Operations Report

MRI Budget Status:

- MRI 2025 "End of Month" budget - **As Expected at 25% YTD.**
- 2026 Budget in process.
 - MRI requested date to review with MAAAC subcommittee.
 - Finalizing MRI's report, narrative, and recommendations in process

MRI "Annual Aviation Celebration" Status - Amy

- **2025 Aviation Celebration** firm date: May 31st Amy/Scott Update
- Volunteers needed


ATAAPS Ad Hoc meetings

In progress. **Dan to Update**



March's Operations Report

Upcoming Events:

- Merrill Field Airport's AVIATION CELEBRATION MAY 31st
- Runway 7/25 Construction Pre-ground work: May 2025
- Runway and light Construction: June 2nd-August 2025
- ALP w/ IAP; HDL Completion April 2025 
 - Awaiting FAA Review
- Taxiway A & N – Environmental Grant (apply 2025)
 - Yet to be determine – In conversation w/FAA
- Airport Gate & Security Environmental Grant (Apply 2025)
- Airport Master Plan – Phase I (2025)
 - HDL creating SOW and Cost Estimate

