



MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 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

Stormy Jarvis called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Stormy Jarvis, Chair
Dan Owen, *Vice Chair*
Karl Kisser
Marty Edwards
Ransom Jones via TEAMS

Quorum met

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

John Pratt

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Earl Malpass, Airport Manager
Julie Hixenbaugh, Commission Secretary
Amy Garcia, Assistant Airport Manager

2. Review & Approval – Meeting Agenda

MOTION

Dan Owen moved to approve May 7th agenda.
Karl Kisser seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

3. Review & Approval - of the Minutes

MOTION

Karl Kisser moved to approve April 2, 2026 minutes.
Marty Edwards seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

4. Informational Reports

A. Chair

- None

B. Airport Management PowerPoint (Exhibit A)

- Earl's FYI

- Community Relations
- MRI Budget Status
- Upcoming Events

Follow up discussions on Earl's power point presentation:

- There have been no significant issues with IFR arrivals or departures due to the reduced tower hours.
- Runway 26 operates as left traffic (this is the standard procedure) when the tower is closed.
- The Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting will be held in July; the dates and times will be announced.
- VPD violators have been prohibited from driving on controlled surface areas and will face fines in the future. MRI has moved from 2nd to 30th place on the VPD compliance list out of 5,000 airports.
- Efforts are underway to provide full-service Jet A fuel and more hangar space.
- Any increase in fuel prices will be managed through adjustments to other budgets or by reducing the scope of ongoing projects.
- The helicopter approaches into MRI are currently not intact.

5. Organization Reports

A. MRI ATCT-None

B. AOPA-None

C. AACA-None

D. Anchorage Community Councils – None

E. Alaska Regional Hospital (ARH)- Sarah Ransom, Director of EMS Outreach

- Medivac operations for 2025 totaled 507 arrivals.
- ARH will provide in-kind support for the MRI Aviation Celebration this year and will develop a long-term plan for future events.
- ARH is on track to become a certified LEVEL 3 Trauma Care Facility with neurological services by January 2027.
- A federal grant of \$272 million will be awarded to the State of Alaska to improve healthcare access; ARH has applied for funding to support multiple initiatives, including the construction of a hangar.

F. Other - None

6. Old Business –

A. Landfill Gas Mitigation Project - Kelli Toth, Solid Waste Services (SWS) Director and Christina Golden, SCS Field Project Manager

- SWS has hired SCS Engineers for the emergency landfill gas collection system upgrades.
- Christina Golden, SCS Engineers, presented a power point (**Exhibit B**) for the 2026 project.
 - Project background
 - Existing Infrastructure
 - 2025 Construction
 - 2025 Construction Outcomes
 - Flare Data
 - 2026 Construction and Timeline
 - Project Contacts

- **Follow up discussions on SCS power point presentation:**
 - There has been no assessment conducted on the material removed from the well sites. Core samples were obtained to determine water depth. The borings are situated at a depth of 15 feet.
 - A backup generator for the flare building is not available.
 - DOT contacted SWS regarding the H2H road project, and SWS expressed concerns about excavating into the closed landfill.

7. New Business Items – None

A. MAAAC Revenue Subcommittee

- MRI will coordinate a meeting date with the MAAAC subcommittee in June.

8. Public Comments- None

9. Commission Comments- None

10. Next Meeting Date

- MAAAC Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2026 12 PM
Anchorage Fire Department Training Center
1140 Airport Heights Road, Building C, Room 9

11. Adjournment -

MOTION

Dan Owen moved to adjourn

Marty Edwards seconded the motion.

No objections were made, meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM

EXHIBIT A

Merrill Field Airport Operations Report May 7, 2026



April's Operations Activity

Earl's FYI's –

- MRI ATCT Reduced Hours – Numerous calls w/TWR & tenants, emails, discussions.
 - FAAST Meeting, Mixed opinions; One issues to date. Monitoring daily.
 - FAAST meeting address non-towered operations, hours, best practices
 - Merrill Knik Low Departure/Arrival Supplement (9 July 2026)
- Runway 8/26 Rehab (MRI's role)
 - Construction in Winter Suspension.
 - Working a warranty issue, no erosion, expecting re-paint RW.
- Runway 16/34 – Number change this summer (17/35)



April's Operations Report

Earl's FYI's - Continued


- Landfill Gas Mitigation:
 - SWS and SCW – Present update to MAAAC.
 - No known exceedance in any facilities this winter reported to date.
- MRI Master Plan Status.
 - FAA has concurred w/Phase 1. In contract phase.
- MRI's facility at 901 Orca had boiler freeze up. Work completed.
- Angel Aviation Hangar Construction: Numerous delays.
 - FAA Required historical, cultural, environmental, and line of site studies.
 - FAA driving to airport level; Creating problems state-wide and beyond.
 - MRI working w/State Airports and FAA to better serve private builders



EXHIBIT A

April's Operations Report

Community Relations

- Aviation Celebration planning meetings have begun
 - Save the Date! Saturday, May 30th, 1000-1500 local.
 - Volunteers needed. Free entrance!
- Master Plan will include robust user-group/  nment portion.
- Roger Park's CC meeting is next community meeting to be attended.



MRI Budget Status:

- MRI 2026 YTD Budget as expected 33% through the year
- MRI management will meet w/MAAAC Budget members in June/July.
- Per Assembly briefing, expectations are land lease & vehicle parking increase



April's Operations Report

Upcoming Events:

- Airport Gate & Security Grant ; Environmental: In progress (July)
- Airport Gate & Security Grant; Design & Bid – In progress
- Airport Master Plan – Phase 1 to begin **May 2026** (date slipped)
- Airport Master Plan – Phase 2 grant – July 2026
 - **Aviation Celebration May 30th, 2026**
Tattoo the date!



MFL

Emergency Landfill Gas Collection System Upgrades

Construction Season 2026 Update
May 5, 2026

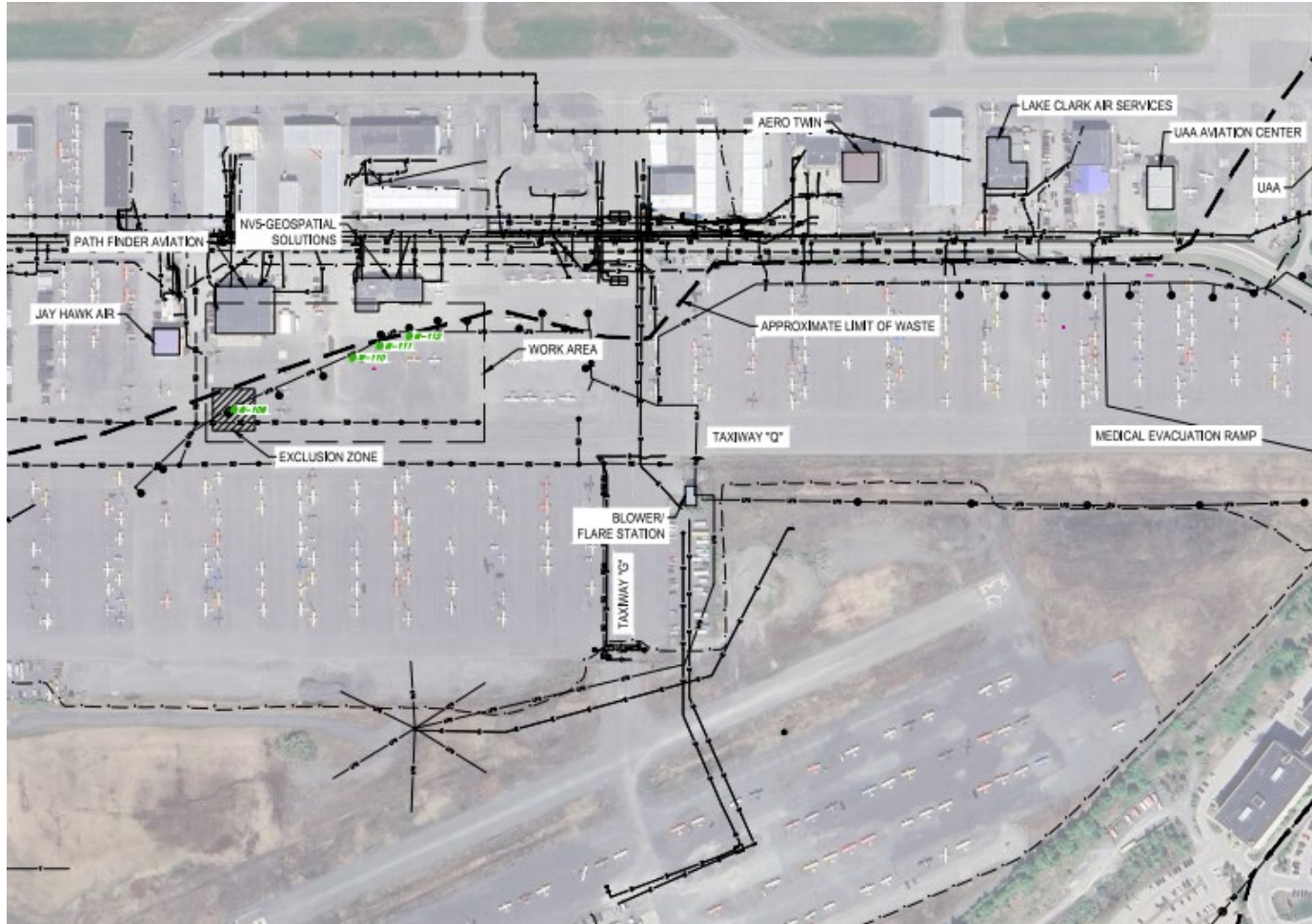


Project Background

- February 2025
 - Quarterly Routine Monitoring showed methane levels above LeL (Lower Explosive Limit) in a MFL Building.



Existing Infrastructure



2025 Construction

- Drilled 21 New LFG Wells
- Installed 1500 ft new LFG Header
- Connected 5 LFG Wells to System
- Install (2) New LFG Blowers
- Install New Flare Control System



2025 Construction Outcomes



Continuous LFG Flare Operation (Consistent LFG Collection and Destruction)



Flare Remote Access Capability

Notification if Flare goes offline.
Ability to Re-start Remotely.



All buildings have shown 0.0% Methane in Monitoring Events.



Flare Data

- Flow Average for 2025:
 - 141 SCFM*

*Does not account for days where flare was down and flow was 0 SCFM.



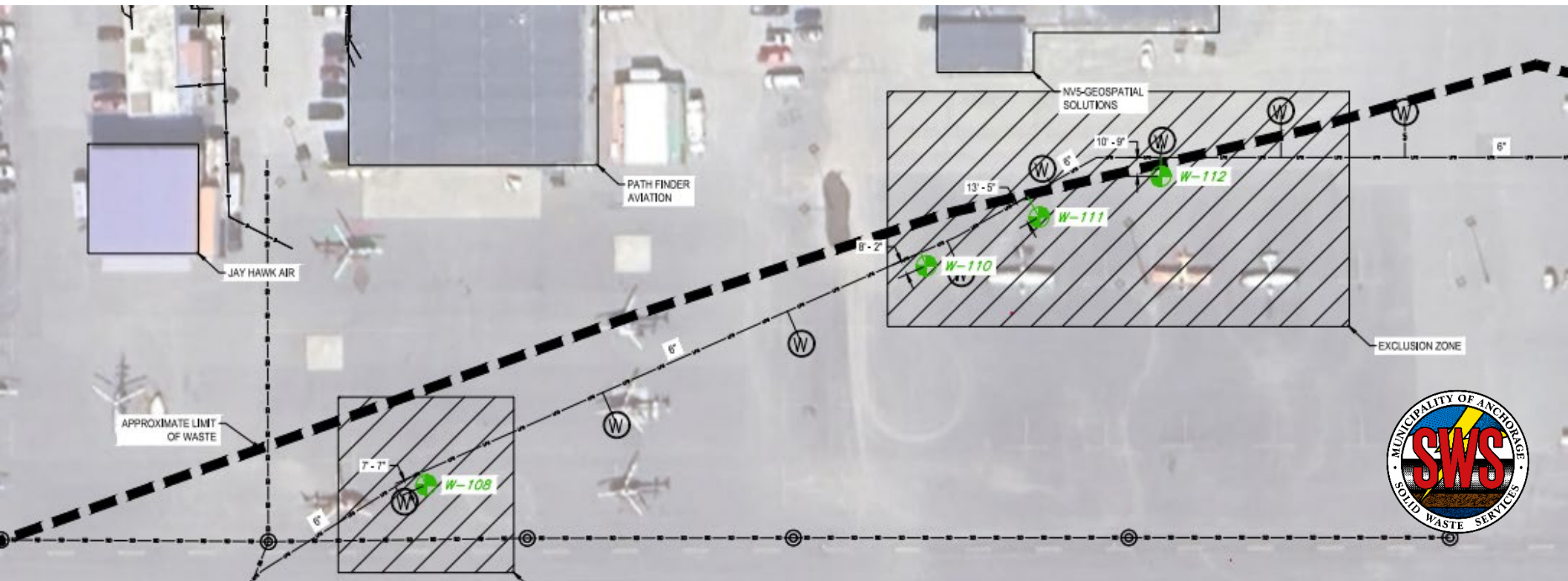
- Flow Average for 2026 to date:
 - 172.26 SCFM

**Increase of
43,200 ft³ of gas
destruction per
day.**

Opens Possibility for Beneficial Use Projects

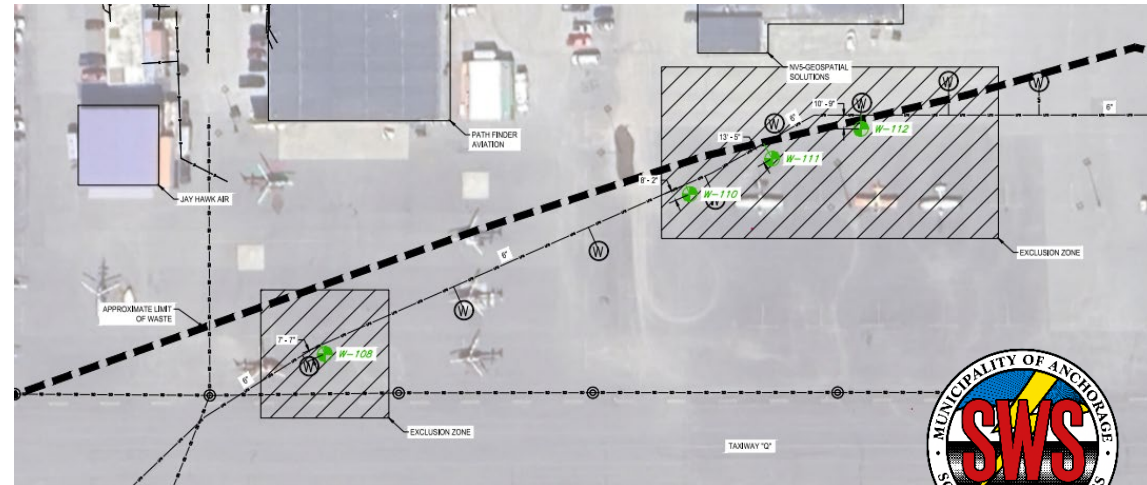
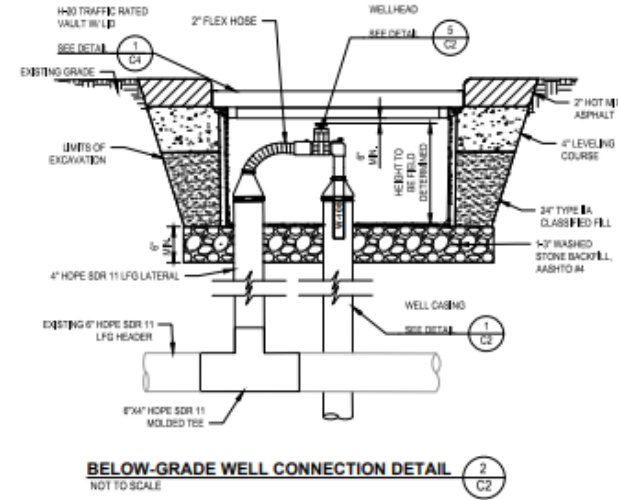
2026 Construction

- Connect 4 LFG Wells to Existing Header
- Balance Wellfield with Monthly Readings
- Demobilize Equipment and Construction Material



2026 Construction Timeline

- Week of May 18th
 - SCS Staff will mark excavation zones to prepare for utility locates.
 - Utility Locates will be completed
- Week of June 1st
 - Exclusion Zones marked with Barricades
 - Equipment Delivered to Site
 - Excavation to connect wells begins
- Week of July 6th
 - SCS fully demobilizes from Site.
 - Monthly Well Readings Begin.
 - Quarterly Building Monitoring Continues.



Project Contacts

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- Project Manager:
 - Christina Golden, PE
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Thank you for your support with this project and your effort to help project the health and well being of those who operate out of MFL as well as the environment.