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Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority New Passenger Terminal Construction August 31, 2017



On Thursday, August 31, 2017, Thomas J. Hart, Executive Director of the Williamsport Regional Airport Authority, welcomed a gathering of local and State officials to the "Ground Breaking Ceremony" for the new Airline Passenger Terminal building, which will be located east of the airport's Air Traffic Control Tower facility. Hart, who has been Executive Director of the Airport since 1987, then introduced the Chairman of the Williamsport Regional Airport Authority Chris Logue.

Chairman Logue reviewed the process involved in development of new the Terminal project to replace the current building, which was built in 1948. The new building will be a 30,000 square foot, one story structure featuring a striking, modern design. A "bright and airy, energy efficient interior" will complement several new innovations:



- * A Passenger Loading Bridge, which will provide for safe and efficient movement of enplaning and deplaning passengers, particularly in inclement weather.
- * A Baggage Carousel that will modernize the airport's baggage handling system and improve convenience for airline personnel as well as passengers.
- * Seating for 180 outbound passengers in the Transportation Safety Administration's "Secured Passenger Waiting Area" that will also include restrooms.

A full service professional Travel Agency will occupy an office in the Lobby area. A "Grab and Go" food service in the Lobby area will be provided by a vendor featuring light fare and drinks.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's presentation, he announced that the Airport has been officially notified by American Airlines that, beginning November 29, 2017, American service into Williamsport will be utilizing the Embraer 145, 50-seat Regional Jets. The Dash-8 turboprops currently flying the Williamsport route, will be removed from service. (NOTE: For further information, refer to News Release dated September 15, 2017)

The Authority provided information that over the past 10 years, \$26 million dollars in construction projects have been completed at the Airport to significantly upgrade facilities and efficiency of the airfield. Among the completed projects since 2008, which usually necessitate a 2 year construction period or greater, due to maintaining aircraft traffic, have been:

- Important upgrades to the critical Instrument Landing System (ILS), which improves inclement weather flight operations (3 year project completed on June 22, 2017)
- Significant improvements the Runway Safety Areas (RSA)
- Construction of a 6,000' x 50' parallel Taxiway for Runway 9-27
- Complete re-marking of the airfield to meet FAA Directives
- Construction of new Taxiway "C" to the Terminal Ramp
- Upgrade to the airfield taxiways lighting system

Future projects that have received all approvals for construction are:

- Relocation of the Airport "fuel farm" (On June 21, 2017, Gov. Wolf announced release of \$350,000 in state funds to the Airport for support of this \$700,000 project)
- Upgrade the lighting systems for Runway 9-27 (MALSR)
- Relocation of the Electrical Vault for the Airport
- Re-pave R/W 9-27 (6,850' x 150')

All of the aforementioned projects have enabled Williamsport Regional Airport to continuously grow the facilities and capabilities for the safety and convenience of our regional business and leisure travelers.

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