

NEWS RELEASE

Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority

New Passenger Terminal Construction

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The Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority has announced that all financing and regulatory requirements for the new airline passenger terminal have been officially completed as of Monday, June 19. Construction of the \$16,861,000, 30,000 square foot building is now set to begin in the next few weeks. The long anticipated project will bring the airport "up-to-date with modern airport conveniences, such as a passenger loading bridge which will provide for more efficient movement of enplaning and deplaning passengers, particularly in inclement weather" said Thomas J. Hart, Airport Executive Director. He noted that the location of the new terminal will be immediately east of the present Air Traffic Control Tower, on the airport's north side.

Hart, who has been the Executive Director since 1987, added that the new, one story terminal is of a very modern design that projects a "bright and airy, energy efficient structure". The building design has many new features such as a passenger baggage carousel, as well as seating for 200 passengers in the Transportation Safety Administration's "Secured Waiting Area" for outbound passengers that also includes comfort facilities. There will also be a lobby area for those waiting for arriving passengers.

Among the tenants in the new building will be a full service travel agency. Grab and go food service in the lobby area will be provided by a vendor featuring light fare and drinks.

Construction of the \$16,861,000 terminal follows on the heels of \$26 million dollars of construction projects over the past 10 years, to significantly upgrade the facilities and efficiency of the airfield. Among the completed projects since 2008, which usually necessitate a 2 year construction period due to maintaining aircraft traffic, have been:

- Important upgrade to the Instrument Landing System (ILS) which improves inclement weather flight operations (3 year project, completed on June 22, 2017)
- Significant improvements to 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 airfield taxiways lighting system

Future projects that have been approved for construction are:

- Relocation of the airport fuel farm (On June 21, Gov Wolf announced release of \$350,000 in state funds to Williamsport Regional Airport for support of this \$700,000 project).
- Upgrade the lighting systems for Runway 9-27
- Relocation of a new electrical vault for the airport
- Re-pave R/W 9/27 (6,850' x 150')

Williamsport Regional Airport is one of only 12 of Pennsylvania's 170 licensed airports in Pennsylvania with scheduled airline service. With the exception of during WWII, Williamsport has had scheduled airline service since 1936.

A casual groundbreaking will be held August 31, 2017 at 2:00PM at the construction site.

A celebratory Open House will take place upon completion of the project. The Airport Authority is appreciative of the continued support and commitment of agencies, elected officials and the public.

Submitted By:

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