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SUBJECT: AIRPORT UPDATE

Dear Tenant,

Greetings from Grand Prairie Municipal Airport! We have had a lot going on in 2020 and we have more to come. We would like to provide an Airport update to you on current and future projects that may affect you at Grand Prairie Municipal Airport. In order to make this detailed letter easier to read we have organized the topics with paragraph headers so you may more easily jump to topics that interest or concern you the most. I encourage you to read the entire letter though, so you are as informed as possible.

2019 Storm Damage Repairs

The Higher Power Hydraulic Hangar Doors are done being installed. We are aware that some units are having water seep in under the weather stripping on the door due to uneven concrete from when the foundations were originally laid in 11S-15S. The contractor is working with an aluminum threshold manufacturer on a solution. Once we test a successful solution on one hangar, then the other hangars in the 11S-15S rows that still have water seeping in will be modified. The perimeter fence repairs will begin within the next week. The contractor is finishing up some gutter repairs on 16S-18S. If you have any roof leaks that started since the March 2019 storm, please tell us now while the contractor is still on site so we may get those fixed. All repairs should be wrapped up by the end of October.

Taxiway Extension/Runup Area Expansion Capital Improvement Project

This project is in 4 phases. Construction will be from October 2020 to March 2021. We plan to do the phasing in this order: 3, 2, 1, & 4. The basic plan calls for two taxiway connectors at the end of the Runway 35 and a larger runup area for Runway 35. This is to alleviate the ground traffic congestion we are experiencing when Runway 35 is in use.

Phase 3 (45 days): Taxiway A is set to be extended to the south to join the southern threshold of Runway 35 and connect to the newly built taxiway connector in the vicinity of 27S. The current Taxiway A that connects to the south end of the runway will be renamed Taxiway E, and the new taxiway that connects to the threshold of Runway 35 will be Taxiway A. During this phase the Runway 35 threshold will be displaced 450ft to accommodate construction. This is set to occur 1-2 October. The runway will be closed while the displacement work is done and again when it is removed. This work will only occur at night to affect aircraft operations the least. Once the threshold is displaced construction will be during daylight hours. The southern 500ft of Taxiway A will be closed. Back-taxi operations will be in effect during this phase since Taxiway D will be the only taxiway available at the south end of the runway. When this phase is

complete the displaced threshold will be removed and the full 4,000ft of runway will be available again. Be sure to check NOTAMs for exact dates and times on closures.

Phase 2 (30 days): During this phase, part of a much larger runup area (holding bay) will be built. The southern 500ft of Taxiway A will still be closed. Back-taxi operations will be in effect during this phase since Taxiway D will be the only taxiway available at the south end of the runway. Be sure to check NOTAMs for exact dates and times on closures.

Phase 1 (30 days): The taxilane on the west side of 16S-19S will be widened to standard width to make that portion safer for aircraft taxiing next to the hangars. This portion of the taxilane will be partially closed, but available for aircraft to tow into and out of their hangar row to or from the ramp. Please coordinate aircraft movement with Airport Operations at 972-237-7592. We will make sure the contractor is out of your way. No powered taxiing of aircraft near the construction barricades will be authorized.

Phase 4 (60 days): Final portions of the runup area will be completed. A small tiedown area will be constructed and final grading.

West Perimeter Fence Reconstruction

The Airport's west perimeter fence is old and has reached its useful life. We will be designing and reconstructing a similar replacement fence this winter and into 2021. It should have little effect on most tenants. We will work with Airbus to ensure their operations still run safely and smoothly.

Airport Fees Schedule

Due to the negative effects of COVID-19 on everyone nationwide, we will not be adjusting rent or fees for FY21. Both the storm damage repairs and COVID-19 have taken their toll on the Airport's revenue and capital improvement project fund though, so in FY22 (starting October 2021) you should expect to see a 1 cent per square foot increase in your rent. This will be across the board on all rents and fees. This fee adjustment will help the Airport recover lost funds that will go directly into our capital improvement project fund.

Runway Heading Change and Restripe

The magnetic variation has moved enough that we now must change the headings of Runway 17/35 to Runway 18/36. This project will start in May 2021 and be complete in June 2021. At that time, we will blast off all runway markings and paint new markings. Taxiway A and its connectors to the runway will be restriped as well. The pavement in these areas will be power washed to remove the black residue on the concrete. We have already set in motion with the FAA the necessary steps to update all charts and publications. This work will only occur at night to affect aircraft operations the least.

Hangar Inspections

Hangar inspections will resume on 2 January 2021. Items we will be checking for in all buildings are: Fire Extinguisher(s), maintenance issues, violations of the Airport's Rules & Regulations, violations of the Airport's Minimum Standards, and violations of the lease. For City owned T-hangars specifically and some others, we will also be looking for presence of an active aircraft owned by the lessee in accordance with Rule 3.b. of the Rules & Regulations. The Rules & Regulations can be viewed on the Airport's website at: <https://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/airport>. No subletting is allowed in City owned hangars whether you charge a fee or not.

Gate 2

Gate 2 is set to be replaced with all new hardware from the ground up in the next few weeks. Once complete it should be reliable again. If you are entering the airport to access portions south of the terminal building, please use Gate 2 and not Gate 1. We need to limit the amount of automobile traffic traversing across the transient ramp in front of the terminal building to help mitigate aircraft to automobile incursions. If traveling in an automobile about the Airport please use the service roads as much as possible for the same reason. Please remember the speed limit on the Airport is 10 mph.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 972-237-7591 or edelgado@gptx.org.

Fly Safe!

Sincerely,



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