



AVIATION AND TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The Aviation and Transit Board met in the Administration Conference Room at the Billings Logan International Airport and via virtual video conferencing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Those in attendance included:

Aviation and Transit Board Members

Dan Farmer, Chair
Ron Spence, Vice Chair
Ken Behling
Mark Astle
Steve Tostenrud
Chuck Tooley attended via Zoom
David Hummel, Jr. attended via Zoom

City Staff and Guests

Kevin Ploehn, Director of Aviation & Transit
Shane Ketterling, Assistant Director of Aviation & Transit
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager
Mark Evangeline, Airport Facilities Superintendent
Keith Adams, Transit Operations Supervisor
Sam Lind, Transit Operations Supervisor
Joel Simmons, Beacon Air

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public comment period was offered. No public comments were received.

Keith Adams and Sam Lind introduced themselves as MET Transit's new Operations Supervisors and each spent a few minutes providing a bit of history about themselves.

PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGE UPDATE

Kevin Ploehn informed the Board that there were three responses received on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Passenger Boarding Bridge Project; JBT AeroTech – \$5,442,545, Aero Bridgeworks - \$5,965,645, ThyssenKrupp – \$6,165,203. All three proposals were very impressive and it came down to pricing with the RFP awarded to JBT AeroTech. Discussion was held regarding the pricing for new opposed to refurbished, with new at \$5.5 million and refurbished at \$5.2 million. JBT will try to see if any smaller airport could use the old bridges. Before the project can start, there is concrete work that needs to be completed. Board Member Spence asked if there was any upside to keeping an old one as a spare. Mr. Ploehn stated that there was not, as it would need to be refurbished and then stored, and may never actually be used.

TERMINAL PHASING PLAN AND REROUTING OF PASSENGERS

Kevin Ploehn had Mark Evangeline, Airport Facilities Superintendent, cover this topic as he has the most direct involvement. Mark showed a presentation to the Board and explained that there are many challenges as there are a lot of moving parts. The presentation showed drawings of the new areas and where/how they would be moving things around in order to accomplish the phases of construction.

- They will be moving the airlines overnight to the new Concourse A.
- Mr. Ploehn mentioned that the Airport would need to do RFPs for both the Restaurant and the Gift Shop, and have the new or existing concessionaires on board by July, hoping to have the new Restaurant and Gift Shop up and operating by Thanksgiving.
- In this phase, the screening function will remain in the same spot to access the new Concourse A.