

AVIATION COMMITTEE  
January 19, 2012

Attendees:

Acting Chairman Sloma  
Commissioner Croce  
Commissioner Demakos  
Commissioner Eagan  
Commissioner Helfer  
Commissioner Hughes  
Commissioner Lewin

Kimberley Minkel

W. Vanecek  
M. Bykowski  
P. Cohen  
P. Dalton  
G. Gast  
B. Halligan  
D. Hartmayer  
D. Leous  
K. Novo  
D. State  
G. Weibel

The meeting of the Aviation Committee was held at the Metropolitan Transportation Center on January 19, 2012. The meeting convened at 11:55 a.m.

A) AIP Status Report

1. Construction Status

a. **BNIA Two Tier Road Deck Rehabilitation**

Staff identified there will be traffic disruptions during the construction and will publicize information via constant communication with the Public Affairs Department.

Begin Design – 10/10  
Begin Construction – 9/11  
Estimated Construction Completion – 8/12

b. **BNIA Revolving Door Replacement**

Begin Design – 5/11  
Begin Construction – 3/12  
Estimated Construction Completion – 9/12

c. **NFIA R/W 6-24 Safety Area Improvement**

Begin Design - 10/07  
Begin Construction – 6/11  
Estimated Construction Completion – 12/11

d. **NFIA Runway 10L/28R – Mill and Overlay**

Staff identified there will be a shutdown of the main runway for approximately 45 days during May and June. Airlines have been notified and they are evaluating whether they will be able to continue operations during this time. Staff will provide communication to the public regarding alternate flight paths during the construction period via notifications to the Public Affairs Department.

Begin Design – 9/11  
Request bids – 1/12  
Estimated Begin Construction – 5/12  
Estimated Construction Completion – 12/12

## 2. Contract Status Report

The AIP Program budget of \$19.7 million has \$13.5 million approved commitments at this time.

Since the completion of the bond swap, the NFTA has realized a savings of \$4.1 million. Fiscal year-to-date payments through December 2011 are 5.5% unfavorable to budget.

For informational purposes only, the cost to unwind the current bond swap would cost \$8.2 million. There is no current intention to proceed with this action. The credit rating on the bonds remains very favorable.

## B) AVIATION BUSINESS GROUP

### • Business Update

- The BNIA monthly deficit for December is \$0.7 million which was 4% favorable to budget mostly attributable to lower maintenance expenditures related to the unseasonably low snowfall, partially offset by lower parking revenues. The BNIA year-to-date surplus is \$6.1 million which is 5% favorable to budget.
- The NFIA monthly deficit for December is \$.3 million which is 4% unfavorable to budget mostly due to the higher marketing expenditures, partially offset by improved parking revenues. The NFIA year-to-date deficit is \$1.2 million which is 5% favorable to budget.
- During December 2011, monthly BNIA enplanements totaled 192,307 which were 3% unfavorable to budget and slightly below the prior year.
- BNIA enplanements for calendar year 2011 were 2,597,081 or .51% below last year's level.
- BNIA enplanements were 0.51% unfavorable compared to a national average increase of 0.45% through year-to-date November 2011 in comparison to last year.
- NFIA enplanements for calendar year 2011 were 98,604 or 184.4% higher than last year.
- Staff was requested to provide a cost benefit analysis regarding upgrading to automated revenue control equipment at the NFIA parking facilities.
- Staff provided a summary of TSA operations and controls at BNIA. The chairman emphasized the need for a more passenger friendly environment while continuing to maintain security standards.
- The Committee discussed the current delinquencies of financial contributions from the Seneca Nation related to the construction of the NFIA passenger terminal. The chairman identified that the issue will hopefully be resolved in the very near future.

### • Business Development

- Canadian patronage has increased to 42% in the BNIA parking lots and 78% in the NFIA parking lots.
- At NFIA, Allegiant Air began service during December with non-stop flights to Tampa Bay-St. Petersburg, Florida. The airline announced it will commence service to Orlando, Florida on February 15.
- At NFIA, Direct Air continues to operate non-stop service to West Palm Beach, Punta Gorda, and Myrtle Beach.
- NFIA is currently being advertised on WNED-TV which reaches audiences in the Greater Toronto area.

## C) BOARD ACTIONS

The Board unanimously approved all Board Actions for January.

The Aviation Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.