

CITY OF ROSEBURG  
MEMORANDUM



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**DATE:** June 16, 2020  
**TO:** Airport Commission  
**FROM:** Nikki Messenger, P.E., City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting Cancellation

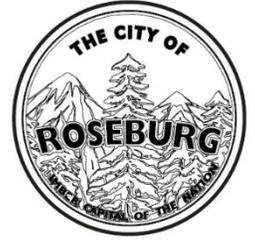
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With concurrence from Commission Chair Linda Fisher-Fowler, the Airport Commission meeting scheduled for June 18, 2020, has been **CANCELLED**.

Attached is a brief update of airport related activities.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020.

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It has been a very strange last few months as staff tries to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to move forward with projects and operations at the airport. While we miss seeing the Commissioners at regular meetings, we have just restarted in-person meetings at the City. Not having any action items for this month, I concur with Chair Fisher-Fowler's recommendation to cancel the June meeting. That said, I am overdue on providing an update of happenings at the airport. Thanks for your patience!

**Airport Master Plan & Airport Layout Plan Update** - City Council adopted the master plan & ALP at their March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Mead & Hunt is working on the final closeout report for the FAA grant. Once the report is finalized, the City can request the final reimbursement on this grant.

**Runway Electrical Project** – Construction is substantially complete. There are a two displaced threshold lights that failed and will be replaced next Tuesday. An FAA flight check is required to commission the new REILs. This type of flight check can only occur at night. Due to COVID, the FAA has placed substantial limitations on their flight check operations. This has led to a rather sizeable backlog. We have been told not to expect a flight check until September and that it may be as late as 2021.

**CARES Act Grant Funding** – Staff received information in April that the airport would be receiving funding as part of the federal CARES Act. The awards were formula based and Roseburg will receive \$69,000. The FAA's intent was to get the grant funding out as quickly as possible, while meeting certain criteria. The easiest way for Roseburg to meet the criteria was to utilize it for debt payment. This fiscal year's debt payment is \$113,080. While the grant funding won't reimburse the entire amount, it will reimburse a portion of the debt payment and free up existing funds for other uses (such as paving the parking lot by the FBO building).

**FBO Parking Lot Improvements** -- Public Works has been working on a design to improve the parking area between the FBO hangar and Aviation Suites. More to come on this.

**PAPI Obstruction Removal Project** – Just when we thought we had reached the finish line on this one, we hit another bump in the road. During the flight check to commission

the PAPI, the pilot stated “it’s just too close” and required the PAPI to be baffled five degrees left of runway centerline. The contractor installed the baffles and the PAPI has been operational ever since.

As you may recall, FAA has indicated that in order to request the use of a PAPI to mitigate the terrain obstruction, the PAPI cannot be baffled and must have a clear Object Clear Surface (OCS) ten degrees each direction. Staff and the consultant fully believe we have met this standard. On the advice of FAA staff, the consultant has prepared a package requesting an appeal of this apparently subjective decision by the flight check pilot. The appeal package will be sent as soon as we confirm the correct individual to send it to. Congressman DeFazio’s office is aware of the appeal package and will be cc’d when it is sent.

This picture is looking through the survey instrument, set up on the runway centerline. The crosshairs are set at 10 degrees left of centerline (approaching runway) and show a clear OCS.



While we expect to be successful in appealing the pilot’s decision, we also expect that removing the baffles will require an additional flight check. As with the REILs, this may include another significant delay.