

Regional Highlights | Central Northern

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Winter Airport Inspections & Capital Improvement and Maintenance Program (CIMP) development – Napakiak and Napaskiak

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Winter Airport Inspections & CIMP development – Koyokuk and Nulato

Looking Ahead

Coming up in 2014

The current Alaska Aviation System Plan (AASP) began in the fall of 2013. Completed work includes: a rural aviation strategic plan (see page 2 for more information), a public involvement plan, an evaluation of past AASP efforts, and four winter airport inspections (see page 3 for more information), reconvening the Airspace Coordination Working Group, and website designs.

The AASP team has started the scoping process for NTP 2 and expects to begin those tasks by early summer. Looking ahead to the remainder of 2014, the AASP will:

- Update the website, providing new content and new features,
- Update the facility information directory (www.AlaskaAsp.com),
- Update the AASP

performance measures,

- Conduct up to 27 summer airport inspections and corresponding capital improvement and maintenance programs (CIMPs),
- Continue the Airspace Coordination Working Group, and
- Add additional working groups as needed.

Rural Aviation Strategic Plan

In late 2013, DOT&PF staff met with the AASP team to develop and document a strategic plan for the State-owned rural airport system. A vision was established as one of the first steps in strategic planning (shown to the right). The group translated the strategic initiatives established in the vision into a clear implementation plan—with defined project, initial and future year targets, and measures to monitor progress and provide accountability. The following five projects or initiatives were identified:

- Performance Scorecard Report
- Staff Training
- Resource Optimization
- External Communication
- Airport Database

The plan will benefit all who work with State-owned airports.

If you are a DOT&PF staff member, Statewide Aviation staff may be contacting you as they work to implement the plan.

Our Vision:

By 2025 we lead the nation in rural aviation reliability service & safety management

- ☆ We will implement & regularly update metrics of progress
- ☆ We will proactively address challenges & opportunities
- ☆ We will collaborate across the department to achieve efficiencies & improve performance
- ☆ We will affirm & invest in our #1 resource . . . People

Performance Scorecard Report

Being more deliberate in recognizing, and celebrating successful performance.



Staff Training

Improving access to and quality of training.



Resource Optimization

Developing criteria to prioritize and fund projects from non-federal sources.



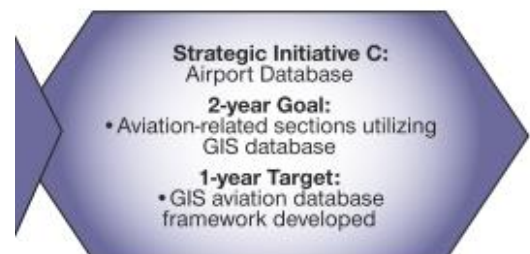
External Communications

Improve understanding of our mission, accomplishments, and challenges among stakeholders and sources of funding.



Airport Database

Building a DOT-supported and managed, GIS-based airport database.



Why conduct airport inspections?

Inspections are performed to identify and prioritize both capital and maintenance needs at an airport. The use of detailed checklists and example photos ensures each airport is evaluated the same, whether it is on the Aleutian Chain or the North Slope. After each inspection a capital improvement and maintenance program (CIMP) is created for the airport. The CIMP will guide the airport sponsor in planning projects and maintaining the airport.

Winter Airport Inspections

Winter inspections were conducted at four airports throughout Central and Northern Alaska to determine the practicality and usefulness of visiting the airports in the winter. Winter checklists were developed for each aspect of the airport and were verified in the field. A GPS camera was also used to document conditions. The findings of these inspections will be reviewed by the Airport Inspections Work Group and if winter inspections are deemed worthwhile, the checklists will be incorporated into the new inspection tablet.

Winter inspections were conducted at the following airports in March: Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nulato and Koyukuk. DOWL HKM will be working to develop a CIMP for each of these airports and will need assistance from DOT&PF staff in prioritizing the projects in the CIMP.



Proposed Summer Airport Inspections

The following airports are proposed for inspections in the summer of 2014. This list is subject to change depending on available funding and DOT&PF needs. If you are a DOT&PF staff member and would like to attend the inspection, please contact Dwight Stuller at dstuller@dowlhkm.com or 562-2000. Final inspection dates and details will be published in the May AASP newsletter.

Central Region - Talkeetna, Seward, King Salmon, Naknek, Iliamna, Pedro Bay, King Cove, and False Pass

Southeast Region - Wrangell, Petersburg, Gustavus, Haines, Skagway, and Yakutat

Northern Region - Kaltag, Galena, Ruby, Tanana, Lake Minchumina, Bettles, Allakaket, Hughes, and Huslia



Left: Aerial of the Koyukuk Airport
Top Right: SRE Buildings at the Napakiak Airport
Bottom Right: Nulato Airport's Runway

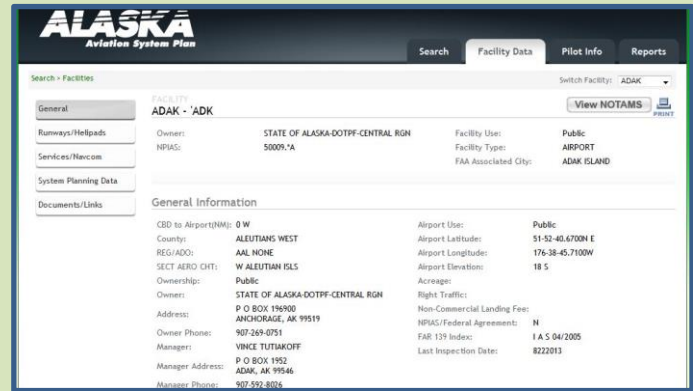
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Facility Information Directory/Inventory Update

The AASP team needs your help!

The regional planners met in early March to review and revise the data elements included in the facility information directory. The facility information directory is available at www.AlaskaAsp.com and www.internal.AlaskaAsp.com. The directory is meant to be a centralized location for information about Alaska's airports. Many elements will be pulled directly from other online sources to ensure up-to-date information.

The AASP will begin updating the facility information directory in the next few months. If you are a DOT&PF staff member, the AASP team may ask for your assistance in updating this data.



Ever wanted to know how many airports statewide have weather observation equipment or how many airports in your region have a passenger shelter?

The AASP team is working to create better search capabilities and make the data exportable so that the information is useful.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Great Alaska Aviation Gathering at Anchorage International Airport – May 3-4

To download AASP documents visit:
www.AlaskaAsp.com

To learn more about the AASP, contact Jessica Della Croce at jessica.dellacroce@alaska.gov or Tom Middendorf at tmiddendorf@dowlhkm.com.

Alaska Aviation System Plan Phase 1 Schedule														
TASKS	2013		2014											
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
KICKOFF MEETING														
Task 1 Scoping														
Task 2A System Plan Evaluation														
Task 3 Public Involvement														
Task 4 Website														
Task 5 Strategic Planning														
Task 6A Airport CIMP														
Task 7 Work Groups and Research - Airspace Coordination Work Group														



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