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MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

The Michigan City Municipal Airport Board of Aviation Commissioners and the City of Michigan City, with support from numerous local businesses and organizations, are currently pursuing an expansion of the Michigan City Municipal Airport by extending the runway to better serve the needs of not only the city but also the needs of the entire community and surrounding areas.

A runway extension at Michigan City Municipal Airport will help our community grow and allow for development of new markets to help ensure a stable and viable local economy. It is critical for communities and its businesses to not only maximize economic opportunities within the local region but to also capitalize on potential economic development from areas well beyond the local city, county and state boundaries.

One of the keys to success is the ability to access those markets outside of the boundaries of the local community. The Michigan City Municipal Airport can provide that access! Currently the airport has a 4,100 ft. runway and is capable of serving small and medium sized corporate aircraft. The pursuit of a runway extension to 5,001 ft. will allow access to the local community by larger sized corporate aircraft which would mean a significant improvement to the overall economic development impact to the local region. Improved access by these larger aircraft can lead to reduced travel and cargo expenses by local companies, as well as improved access to the community from business partners across the nation.

The Michigan City Municipal Airport Board has recently retained BF&S Civil Engineers to provide professional engineering services for the airport for the next 5 years. The BF&S approach to serving the Michigan City Municipal Airport for the last 6 years has proven to be a successful team effort to ensure the best possible product for the airport and the community.

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The Michigan City Airport is well on its way to accomplishing this long-awaited runway extension. Our current accomplishments towards this goal include:

- FAA approved Runway Length Justification
- FAA concurrence on the Runway Protection Zone Study
- FAA & INDOT Funding of \$12.8 million planned over the next 4 years towards this project
- FAA approval of the Environmental Assessment (EA) document is expected in the Spring of 2020
- FAA approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is expected in the Spring of 2020
- Land acquisition negotiations with Tonn and Blank for property directly south of the airport and Avigation Easement negotiations with Oehmstead Company, LLC are currently underway with \$1 million Federal grant expected for funding this purchase by the end of September 2020
- Productive Utility Relocation coordination is ongoing
- Engineering Design to lower US 20 in partnership with INDOT's LaPorte District is near completion

I am personally committed to overseeing the completion of this runway extension project and look forward to assisting the local community in improving the access to the local region, and in turn, significantly improving our local economic development potential.

Sincerely,

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