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Hello

A.I.P. Construction Project

Our Airport Master Plan has included construction of additional taxiway and apron areas on the north side of the airport for many years. With the additional hangar construction completed or in process in the available spaces on the southwest side, the time has arrived to start expanding the northside facilities to prepare for future growth. Our Airport Improvement Program project for this season includes an expansion of the Hubler Terminal apron, building the next segment of parallel Taxiway B, and adding another connection to the runway. The project starts today and is expected to be completed on November 2. Taxiway lighting is also a part of the project.

Phase 1 is everything except the final asphalt connection to the runway. The project was structured this way to minimize the impact to ongoing flight operations. The NOTAMs for the project are live and include only closing the northside facilities during Phase 1.

Phase 2 will be a week-long closure of the runway to permit the crew to create an additional connection to the runway. The early estimate is that the runway closure will be during the second half of October. NOTAMs for Phase 2 will close the runway for fixed wing take-offs and landings.

The Transient Apron and Taxiways A and C will remain open. Fixed wing aircraft will be able to move about the airport as needed and helicopter flight operations will continue – all without using the runway. This closure is so short that there was no justification for trying to offer Taxiway A as a temporary runway as we did when the runway rehabilitation was completed several years ago.

Once the construction crew gets into the base preparation during Phase 1, they will be able to fix their plan for the Phase 2 start. We will share the runway closure details with you via a Newsletter Bulletin as soon as they are available.

Do you have a renter in your hangar?

If you do, it is very important that your renter understands that they are responsible for all the obligations under the lease agreement that you have with the city. The most important example of this is recent experiences Lisa has had with several renters misunderstanding the requirement to permit staff to complete the annual hangar inspection. Allowing the inspection and compliance with the aeronautical use requirements are not optional and you should be certain that your renter(s) understand their part in the process. As the leaseholder, you will be the one receiving a lease default letter should your

renter violate the rules or the provisions of your lease.

Enhanced security posture

The Caldwell Police Department has increased their presence after hours at the airport by adding random nighttime patrols in the hangar areas. We hope this will reduce the incidence of unusual goings on at night.

EUL Open House Lack of Interest

After the initial verbal nods, not a single person responded to Lisa's request for an indication of interest in participating in an EUL Open House Day where members of the public would be invited to visit the airport and see your aircraft on display.

If that sort of thing interests you, please contact Lisa and let her know. If it appears that there is interest, we will raise the question again next year and see if it makes sense to put something together and when.

House demo by CFD

The Caldwell Fire Department will return to the house across Aviation Way from the Silverhawk fuel tanks on September 26. They will again be using it for firefighter training, but this time we expect that the structure will be completely burned down when they are finished.

Annual Hangar Inspection Progress

Every year airport staff works to visit every one of the over 300 hangars on the field to confirm compliance with the FAA's published aeronautical use guidelines. Those guidelines are an outgrowth the directives FAA has received from the U.S. Congress to ensure that grant money provided to create, maintain, and expand airport facilities across the country is used for aeronautical purposes.

This year's inspection process is going well and only about 50 hangars remain to be checked. If you know your hangar still needs an inspection, please coordinate with Lisa at the airport office to get scheduled. Also please note that the hangar owner can delegate meeting staff for the inspection to a renter or another trusted person. The visit itself is usually very brief as we are only checking for 1) one or more currently registered aircraft that appear flyable or near flyable; and 2) the aircraft is the first thing out when the big door is opened – without moving other belongings out of the way. Other situations have

different standards, but the vast majority of hangars fall into the standard group.

Weeds around hangars

Before long we will be wondering what happened to our hot days. For now, though, we are still in high season for growing weeds. Most of the common areas have been sprayed and the shared weed areas are in pretty good shape this season. Please be sure to get rid of the weeds that grow near your hangar or apron.

Trash

The trash receptacles placed near gates 1, 4, and 6 are provided for use by airport users with hangars inside the fence. The fact that these trash cans exist doesn't mean that they can be misused. Hangar owners remain responsible for carrying their trash off the airport for disposal. The cans are placed there for your use as a courtesy by the city, but please note that the trash company will not pick up additional trash left near the cans. Please don't misuse the cans that have been provided. Continued misuse may well trigger a reassessment of the reasonableness of ongoing city sponsorship of those cans.

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