

Meeting Agenda
City of Bangor Airport Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
3rd Floor
August 20, 2012

The following City Councilors were in attendance: Charlie Longo, Nelson Durgin, Pat Blanchette, Joseph Baldacci, James Gallant, Geoffrey Gratwick, Carey Weston, and Ben Sprague. The following City staff was also in attendance, Airport Director, Anthony Caruso and Risteen Bahr, Marketing Manager. Councilor Longo opened the meeting.

Agenda:

1. Passenger Statistics for July 2012

Airport Director Caruso indicated that the numbers for July were up. We are in a positive trend. The total monthly passengers were down by 4% and the were up by 14% for the year to date passenger. Our load factor was up, allegiant was up by 94%, Delta was up by 82% and US Air was up by 56%. We still have strong demand.

Questions/Comments:

Councilor Baldacci indicated that we were down about 2000 on Allegiant and questioned why. Airport director Caruso indicated that we were down because of Allegiant's reduction of flights. Councilor Durgin asked if the Allegiant Air flt to FLL was going to be reinstated, Airport Director indicated not at this point. Councilor Durgin asked if the Grant we have can be used on a flight to FLL since Allegiant Air is not doing it. Airport Director Caruso indicated that the grant was not for this but indicated that it is marked for a specific market. We do have another year for this grant.

2. Airport satellite/overflow parking lot project

Art Morgan, Director of Public Service and Parke Clemons, Republic Parking General Manager joined in the meeting. Over the past few months, airport and city staff and Republic Parking personnel have been reviewing parking information and discussing options to determine the best course of action to meet the additional demand experienced at Bangor International Airport (BGR). As recent figures illustrate, parking demand has exceeded capacity during the peak demand period from February through April. It is interesting to note that demand does increase significantly during the Holiday travel season of November and December. This period must be continuously monitored. It is cleared that we have a real and substantial need for additional parking space. Based on recent information provided by Parke Clemons, Republic Parking General Manager, the airport requires additional parking to accommodate 500+ vehicles during this peak demand period. The airport also conducted a parking inventory projection based on historic parking figures and projections based on a modest 3% GROWTH, A 10% average growth, and a 20% + high growth. Even with a modest growth projection, the figures support the need for at least 500 additional parking spaces to meet the peak demand. Given the constraints located near the airport complex, there is limited or no sufficient area within the boundary of the existing parking lots to expand. Over the last two years,

the airport provided the employee/tenant parking lot to use as an overflow parking lot. Unfortunately, this lot only offers 140 spaces and forces employees and tenants to relocate to inadequate and multiple parking areas. During the last two years, customers were forced to park along Godfrey Boulevard as parking space was full. During these winter months, this creates a real safety hazard. After much consideration and discussion with airport, City (Engineering, Planning and Code Enforcement) and Republic staff, it was determined that the best site for a temporary satellite or overflow parking lot is located on the west side of Godfrey boulevard. It has been determined that there are code requirements and permitted uses that govern the utilization of this area. Utilization of this lot will require a milling and overlay of paving to repair holes and cracking. The paving for this project has been included on the City paving contract. This parking lot will involve bidding out other portions of this project, such as fencing, lighting/electrical, signage, and pay equipment. Some will be completed by public Works and the airport. The airport will market this lot as a satellite/overflow parking lot and provide shuttle service, or door-to-door service to/from the customer's vehicle and the airport terminal. Republic Parking will provide the shuttle service as door-to-door service. The airport respectfully submits this for your consideration and recommends your approval to proceed with this project.

Questions/Comments

Councilor Gallant asked why just Republic is involved, Airport Director Caruso responded that we have been with Republic since 1996, and we have a contract with them till the end of next year. Gallant also commented that the interior of the Airport needs some interior work. Councilor Weston questioned about a shelter for the passengers and what is the cost for the shuttle. Airport Caruso responded that the customers would stay in their vehicle until the shuttle comes and this lot is only for the overflow which is approximately 13 weeks a year. Councilor Durgin commented that this is just a band aid and we need to have more careful analysis. Councilor Gatwick asked why do we need to pave the surface and are there any other alternatives? Caruso responded that if we had multiple lots, that would be more confusing for the customers, and we would have to have multiple agreements. And the lot does not need total paving, just portions of the lot. Councilor Blanchette asked about the Airport Mall parking lots. She commented that the lots could be rented for short term and we should consider this. Councilor Gallant suggested that we still have time to table this item and we should look at other alternative. He added that they need more information and to review it next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned