

Nightmute Airport Reconstruction

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities



Special points of interest:

- AKDOT Aviation Design completes a site visit and meets with the local community.
- The surveying contractor completed field work and is now preparing the final property plan.
- The Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is in the process of being updated.
- The Draft Environmental Assessment is expected in 2005.
- The Nightmute airport reconstruction project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
- Thanks to everyone who attended our Nov. 15th 2004 meeting and provided valuable feedback.

Airport Design Continues

The Nightmute Airport Reconstruction project design continues to move forward. The airport project experienced significant delays due to several right of way problems. These right of way problems have been resolved and the design of the proposed airport project continues. The next milestone to be achieved will be

completion of the new airport property plan. Surveyors were out in Nightmute this past fall collecting the data needed to update the property plan to reflect the proposed airport reconstruction and expansion. In addition to updating the property plan, the airport layout plan and the environmental assessment will be updated to reflect changes that have occurred in the project design since 2001.

This past summer AKDOT geologists were also out in Nightmute performing additional soil borings for a new proposed material site. They sampled an area to the Northeast of town which should provide plenty of material for the proposed project. Access to this material site was examined during a field visit this fall by AKDOT design staff and discussed at the Nov. 15, 2004 meeting with local community

leaders.

The proposed project design for the Nightmute Airport is to:

- Extend runway to 75' x 3200'
- Construct 150' x 3800' runway safety area
- Construct 150' x 250' apron
- Construct 50' x 220' taxiway
- Install airport lighting
- Construct a new snow removal equipment building
- Install lighted windcone
- Rehabilitate airport access road and provide erosion protection
- Construct a powerline to the airport

AKDOT Site Visit and Community Meeting

The AKDOT design staff visited the Nightmute airport and community on Nov 15, 2004. The main purpose for the trip was to meet with the local community leaders and provide them with a project update. We also examined the current airport and proposed material site. Our meeting with the community was held in the afternoon at the community center. We would like to thank representatives from the City,

Chinuruk Inc and the Traditional Council for meeting with us and discussing concerns regarding the proposed airport project. Here is what we heard at the meeting:

"The creek north of the airport access road is important for Black Fish."

"The existing airport access road is threatened by the Tooksook River."

"It is difficult to transport a sick or injured person using the current airport access road."

"The airport project is important to the community and [they] would like to see the design continue and the project constructed."

"Nightmute plans to maintain services locally."

All comments will be reviewed as the airport design continues.

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Environmental Update.....

AKDOT & PF is working on updating the draft environmental assessment (EA). The assessment will examine the project and the potential impacts from proposed alternatives.

Natural resource agencies will be contacted for comments on design changes such as the new material site and proposed haul road. The draft EA will then be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review and approval to release for public comment. After a 30 day public review and comment period, we will address all comments in the EA and submit the revised document to FAA.

Comments and Questions?

If you have any comments, questions or would like more information send an email, or call:

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Nightmute Village and Airport, 2003

Mailing List for the attached Nightmute Airport Newsletter, Spring 2005
 Newsletter mailed 3/7/05 - Crane Johnson AKDOT

Mailing List	Organization	Type	First	Last	Title	Phone Num	Fax Num	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	State	Zip
1	Arctic Tran	ac	Mitt	Cross	Chief Pilot	563-3652	563-8177	Arctic Transportation Service	P.O. Box 732	Bethel	AK	99559
1	Yukon Avia	ac	Cindy	Andreche	Manager	543-3280	543-3244	Yukon Aviation	3121 Airport Way	Bethel	AK	99559
1	Era Avialio	ac	Phil	Bray	Director of	248-4422	266-8384	Era Aviation	6160 Carl Brady Dve	Anchorage	AK	99502
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1	Nightmute	com	Philip	Tuik	Administra	647-6652		Nightmute Traditional Council	P.O. Box 90021	Nightmute	AK	99559
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1	Alaska Def	dot	Linda	Heck	Environment	451-5106		AKDOT- Environmental	2301 Pagar Rd	Fairbanks	AK	99503
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1								Nightmute Traditional Council	P.O. Box 90021	Nightmute	AK	99690

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TELEPHONE/CONFERENCE DATA

PEOPLE INVOLVED

REPRESENTING

Date: 10/26/05

Time: 11:50 a.m.

Project No./Name Nightmute
Airport Improvements
(51809)

John George, TC Administrator
Chinuk Incorporated & Nightmute
Traditional Council

TOPICS: Nightmute Airport Improvements 106 and EA.
Mr. George found the Tribal Options forms sent to
in August 2005. They will have a Council meeting
today and he will bring this up for discussion.
After the meeting, he will complete the form and
send to ADOT.

Mr. George wanted to know if the project will
go to construction by the summer of 2006 as planned.
I informed him that if we complete the Environmental
Document before ~~the~~ the end of December 2005,
it is possible that construction will begin in summer 2006.
He wanted to know why the project would not be completed
by December 2005 or what could cause a delay. I informed
him that ~~that~~ ^{impacts} to Cultural Resources/Historic Site may cause
an avoid unavoidable delay. I informed him that the Design
Engineer is working to see how we can avoid the historic
site identified within the project footprint. The initial haul
route has been abandoned ~~due~~ to avoid impacting the site, however,
there is still the issue of powerlines installation. If we
cannot completely stay out of the site, we will have to write a find
ACTION ITEMS: of NO Adverse Effect which takes time.

Mr. George will write a letter after the Council meeting stating
their position on the impacts to the site. He will contact me
to get the address of SHPO so he could send a copy to her.
They do not want any delay on the project.

Copies To: Gary Lincoln, Project Manager

Signature:

