

Sky Harbor Airport Update

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History of Sky Harbor

1946

1948

1963

1969

1985



- **1931** —— First landing and takeoff performed at Sky Harbor.
 - A sand runway was constructed to incorporate land-based operations and later was stabilized with clay and seeded with grass.
 - City leases the airport land to private owners, Sportsmen Airways Inc.
 - The airport was fully licensed with the CAA (Civil Aviation Administration).
 - The City of Duluth took over ownership and constructed a paved runway in the place of the sod runway.
 - The city chartered the Duluth Airport Authority and the DAA took over responsibility of the airports in Duluth.
 - A parallel taxiway was constructed.





Quick Facts

- National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
 - Significant to national air transportation
 - Eligible to receive Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants.
- \$1,601,413 in annual economic impact
- 24.46 jobs (direct, indirect and induced) 2013.
- 82 Acres
- 1 land runway (14-32) and 2 sea runways.

- 32 based aircraft
- 8 hangars
- 14,000 ops per year
- 24/7 Fuel + Pilot Services
- Underwing Camping
- U.S. Customs- 500+ people
 - processes annually (as of 2013)
- Tie-down Service



- 2,600' Runway
- LED lights (runway & taxiway)
- Constructed to Coexist with Environmental

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- Protect Old-Growth Forest & Native Plants
- Remove 10 Acres of Invasive Species
- Enhance Nearby Aquatic Habitat.
- \$13.2M Project
- Completed 2020

On-Going Monitoring of Mitigation

• Equal public value

- Replace 7 acres of open water habitat
- DNR and Army Corps of Engineers requirement
- Dune planting, shoreline planting, and aquatic habitat cribs complete
- Ongoing: invasive plant management and aquatic vegetation install
- Expected to finish 2024





Snow Removal Equipment Storage Facility

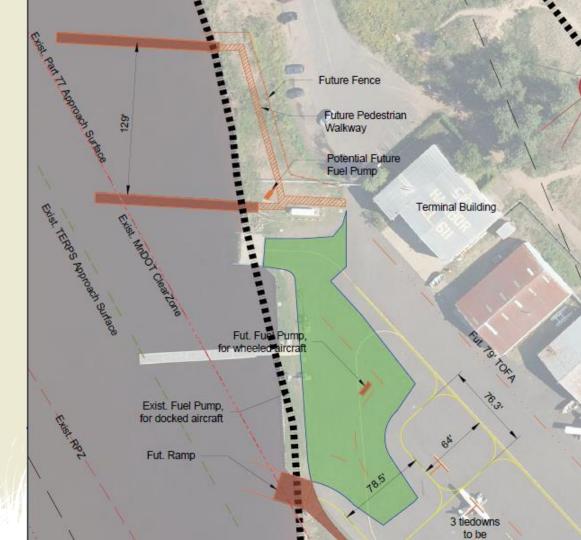
- \$874,000 Project
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grant
- 40'x40' (1600 sf)
- Project start September 2023
- Project completion January 2024

Arrivals/Departures Building

- \$1,200,000 Project
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grant
- Project start August 15, 2023
- Project completion July 2024

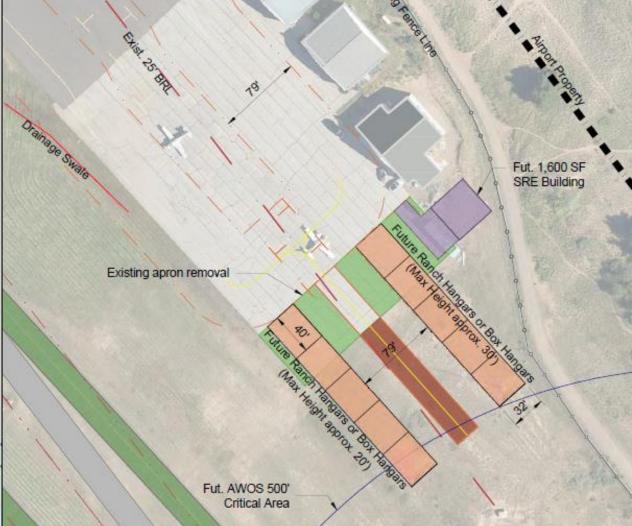
Proposed Seaplane Dock Expansion

- Dictated by Demand
- Opportunity to Host Seaplane Fly-ins



Hangar Expansion

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- Addition Ranch Hangars Suitable for Cesena 172 or Cirrus SR 22, etc
- Up to 10 Hangars Possible





QUESTIONS