

# ACE News



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## Thank You!

ACE would like to extend a special “Thank You” to our sponsor who makes it possible to offer two-hour parking spaces to our Airport patrons and to provide our quarterly newsletter. We sincerely appreciate them.

## Precision Approach Engineering

### THE HUMOR CORNER!

(Yes these are real answers from kids!)

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears  
~~Three~~ Four Seals

10. How might Colombia solve the problem of guerrillas trying to control the country?  
If a country can't figure it out, how can I?

1. Tony buys one dozen roses.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of them are red. How many of the of the roses are not red?

$\frac{1}{2}$   
2 of the roses are not red.

## Projects, Projects, and More Projects!



**Sky House Expansion** - There are a lot of additions and upgrades going on at the Airport this year! The first completed project is the Sky House Bar & Grill expansion, and it looks great! The Sky House has been serving passengers at the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport for over a decade now. The new larger space allows for an additional 48 hungry passengers. The project took about 8 weeks to complete and it is now open for business. The next time you have a flight out of MFR come a little early, grab something to eat and enjoy the great view.

**Travel Medford Information Kiosk**—Travel Medford is also looking to expand its presence at MFR. With their new information Kiosk Travel Medford will be front and center to greet guests and residence as they arrive in the Rogue Valley. The new Kiosk will keep in form with the Modestly Modern feel of our beautiful terminal, and use Southern Oregon themed art and signage to create an aesthetically pleasing welcome to the valley. The picture above is a rendering of what the shape and size of the desk will be. The artwork and signage will be different but this gives us our first look at the new kiosk and we are very excited for the final product.



**Ride Share Shelter** - The new Ride share shelter has been painted and installed. Rogue Valley Transportation District graciously donated this shelter for use by our ride share passengers. Now ride share customers can wait comfortably regardless of the elements. This shelter came out of a great discussion during one of the airport advisory committee meetings. As an airport we are always looking for ways to improve the experience our travelers have when they fly with us. A plaque is

being produced to thank RVTD for their generous donation and will be mounted on the shelter.

# Projects Continued...

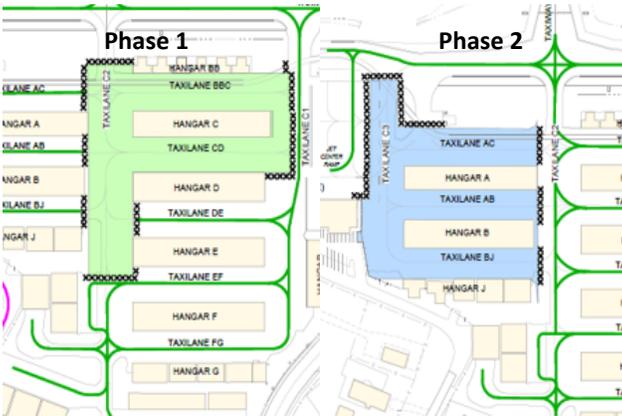


**TSA Third Lane** - The Rogue Valley International – Medford Airport plans to expand its security checkpoint as lines for Transportation Security Administration screening increasingly stretch through the terminal during busy periods. With a 9.7 percent increase in traffic for May 2019, seeing over 93,000 passengers, the Jackson County Airport Authority announced TSA’s approval of a new security lane; expanding its existing security checkpoint from two lanes to three lanes.

“We’re trying to accommodate the significant growth we’ve had,” said Jerry Brienza, Airport Director. “Since February 2017, we’ve seen consecutive month-over-month increases, last year reaching the milestone of just over one million passengers.”

Design plans for the third lane have been submitted and, upon approval, the remodel could start in just a few short months. Although approved, the opening of the third lane will be dependent upon the deployment of screening equipment provided by the Transportation Security Administration.

MFR's Deputy Director - Security, Debbie Smith, said the airport hopes to expand the checkpoint within the next year, on an expedited time frame. Existing lane(s) will remain operational during the expansion.



**North Hangar Taxilane Project** - This project began on June 3rd and is scheduled to wrap up on August 9th. The project will involve excavation and installation of underground valley gutters, grading, strengthening and repaving. This will also improve the grade challenges with some of the hangars, and eliminate the drainage of water from the hangar roofs onto the asphalt by diverting the water directly underground. This project will go a long way to insure a good, functional, and high quality taxiway for our Hangar Tenants.

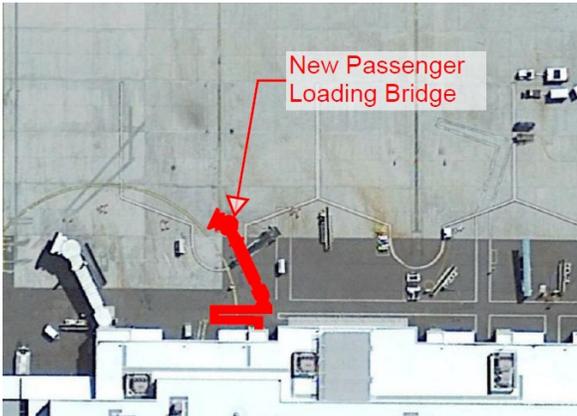
If you are a hangar tenant that cannot access your hangar, and you discover you need to retrieve something during that time, it may be possible to arrange an escort by the on-site project engineer on a case by case basis.

We will send out updates to our tenants (and post at gates) when there are significant changes to the schedule or there is something new to share. If you are a tenant in one of the North hangars please make sure we have your email, as email is the most efficient and timely means of doing this.

We are very excited for the finished product, and the value this project will bring to our North Hangar tenants! If you have any questions, please contact Airport Operations at 541-776-7228.



# Continuing Projects Continued...



**New Passenger Loading Bridge** - This Project provides a new loading bridge for passenger ingress and egress with commercial aircraft. MFR is experiencing a trend in larger jets utilizing the airport which creates a higher demand on the existing loading bridge. The new bridge will double the capacity for larger aircraft and provide another option in the event that the existing 25-year old bridge were to go down for maintenance or repairs. The loading bridge is currently being advertised; and we are expecting construction bids for the project in early August. The new loading bridge is another sign of continued growth here at our favorite airport.

**Master Plan Update and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan** - The last update to our Master Plan was completed in February of 2013. Since then MFR has grown considerably in traffic and footprint. The time has come to update the Master Plan to keep pace with the growth MFR and the Rogue Valley are experiencing. An updated Master Plan will include many new improvements to the airport including an expanded terminal and an additional baggage claim carousel. Keep an eye on MFR and the Southern Oregon economy. There are some great things coming our way. Our updated Master Plan will help us keep looking to the future, and the growth that comes with it. The Master Plan Update is expected to Commence in Mid-July after FAA approval.



**MFR Stormwater Detention and Treatment Facility** - MFR will Construct a stormwater detention pond and treatment swale in accordance with City of Medford standards. The pond will assist with flood management, and improve water quality. Sediment, and associated pathogens, nutrients, and metals will settle out of stormwater runoff in the pond. The Detention pond will hold storm water long enough to settle sands and larger silt particles. The Design for the new detention and treatment facility is currently underway, and will be constructed in 2020.



# Wildlife Management and New Toys!



**Wildlife Hazard Management Plan** - Have you met our Coyote, or seen one of our many Jack Rabbits on the airfield? If not, that's great! However, we see them out there from time to time along with the various birds, ducks, and geese. These animals can be a danger to planes and passengers. In order to better protect planes, passengers, and the animals themselves, we are looking into an improved Wildlife Hazard Management Plan. MFR has been coordinating with the USDA and various wildlife management groups to find better solutions to keeping various critters off the airfield, and out of the way of aircraft. We began the project back in March, and the new plan should be in place in the coming months.



**New MB3 Front Mounted Snow Broom** - When it comes to airport snow removal, the MB3 is in a class all by itself. The MB3 is a versatile custom cab forward airport chassis designed for front mounted plows, front mounted brooms, tow brooms, underbody scrapers, de-icing systems, and other attachments. A snow removal workhorse, the MB3 axles are designed for sharp steering cramp angles to provide smaller turning circles and maximum maneuverability, and increased driver control.

The MB "Torque Flow" transfer case center differential constantly proportions torque between front and rear axles. Coupled with electronic automatic traction control the torque proportioning transfer case reduces tire wear while assuring the most efficient use of vehicle power. We are very excited to have this new equipment. With the new Snow Broom MFR will have a much easier time keeping the runway clear during winter snow showers.



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# Always Be Prepared!

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MEDFORD, Ore. — Tuesday morning (June 11th 2019), emergency services from across the Rogue Valley responded to a plane crash.

It was planned - complete with injury makeup to rival movie sets.

This type of mass casualty exercise only happens every three years per Federal Aviation Administration requirements. For the two years in between each exercise, crews do a tabletop simulation where they use models instead of real people, a real plane and real fires.

The plane crash, dubbed Rogue Airlines Flight 123, occurred just after 10:00 Tuesday morning with emergency responders arriving shortly after in waves as the severity in the situation increased. Medford Fire-Rescue, Ashland Fire & Rescue, Jackson County Fire District 3 were just a few of the agencies responding to the incident.

Scanner traffic flooded with calls of a plane crash.

"We do have an aircraft who's crashed," a dispatcher said to responding units. "We have multiple fires."

Fires dotted the tarmac around the plane, simulating pieces of the plane that broke off and ignited.

The plane was supposed to simulate one of the regional passenger jets that passes through the Rogue Valley International Medford Airport every day, a CRJ-200. Emergency services used a smaller Learjet donated to the cause from MillionAir.

Victims with varying degrees of injuries littered the airport tarmac's east side, including News 10's Brian Schnee who was embedded in the fray.

"They gave us these cards. My injury is 23% of my body is burned, I have a closed head injury and I have breathing problems, so I'm kind of excited," Kinsey Lovich, one of the victims, said.

"I'm burned all over my shoulder and I have lacerations on my arm," Riley Lovich said.

The Lovich sisters are both part of a program with Mercy Flights in which they take part in similar situations every other week - just not to this extent or size. Both want to be involved in the medical industry in some form, Riley specifically wants to go into emergency medicine so a training like this puts her right in the middle of everything and gives her a different perspective.



# Always Be Prepared Continued...

"It gives me an idea of what's happening with a patient," Riley said. "If I ever have to be on the other side of this, I can say, 'Oh I have an idea of what this patient is going through.'"

Airport Fire Chief John Karns previously worked as fire chief for Ashland Fire & Rescue and attended the simulation three years ago in that capacity. Now, he runs the operation.

"I think I have an appreciation for this [being] a complex event," Karns said. "There are many moving parts to it. As they say, the devil is in the details and you really need to coordinate everything."



As the organizer for the exercise, Karns also threw responders some curve-balls. Over the radio, dispatchers called out for Medford Police and Jackson County Sheriff's Office to corral fugitives that had escaped custody once the plane crashed. These so-called fugitives were on the plane at the time, but apparently didn't suffer significant enough "injuries" to not run.

The whole exercise steered responders to identify what works and what doesn't with their internal policies and their coordination with the airport.

"Are there improvements that can be made on the airport emergency plan? That's what we're trying to do," Karns said.

According to evaluators on scene, the highlights for the drill were the family reunification process and the firefighting process. The struggles for responders turned out to be internal communication and traffic on the tarmac - who goes where and what the duties of each responding vehicle and team are.

Speaking of the family reunification process, the newest K-9 Chaplain, named Hero, debuted at the exercise Tuesday morning. Hero graduated from Canine Angels last week and shortly thereafter arrived in Medford. Tuesday's incident was his first challenge to avoid distractions.



"He would be used to be around family members, anyone that's having trauma, traumatic issues or emotional issues and just be around to bring comfort and to bring some love into the situation," Fred Saada, Executive Chaplain for the Southern Oregon Public Safety Chaplains said.

Hero and Saada joined families for the family reunification portion of the exercise during and after the crash.

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