

# Plane News & Views Director's Report

*Sebring Airport Authority*



"Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative."

Oscar Wilde

"Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing".

Thomas Jefferson

## Senator Nelson Visits Sebring Regional Airport

The City of Sebring hosted a town hall meeting on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. SAA had the opportunity to make a presentation to Senator Nelson on the future plans of the airport. The Senator was very enthusiastic and encouraging. We are looking forward to a future meeting with Senator Nelson and his aides to further discuss development plans at Sebring Regional Airport.

Senator Nelson was able to briefly preview our facilities as we drove him to his SATSair flight.



Senator Bill Nelson

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## Charlotte County Congressional Presentation



Representative Oberstar

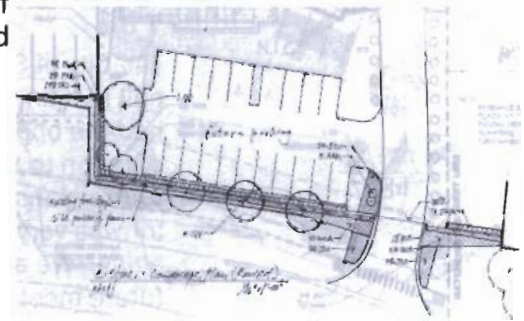
Last month we had an opportunity to meet with members of our congressional delegation, Rep. Mahoney and Oberstar. They were presented with a roadmap to the future of Sebring Regional Airport and Commerce Park. We met at the Charlotte County Airport, and were well received by both members of our delegation together with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Congressman Oberstar is a 35-year member of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and an internationally recognized expert on aviation and aviation safety.

## E-Stone

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A revised landscaping plan has been submitted by E-Stone and approved by SAA staff. This revised plan will provide an aesthetically pleasing arrangement for the area between the storage bins and the manufacturing building along Haywood Taylor Blvd. The revised plan allows for future changes in the landscaping as additional facilities are added to the E-Stone site. The Contractor is in the process of finishing the landscaping based on these revised plans.



## Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A-4 Rehabilitation

The FAA has approved the Supplemental Agreement with PBS&J and has issued the grant for the design of Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A-4 Rehabilitation.

As part of the rehabilitation, the runway will be designed to a width

(airport reference code A-I aircraft that have a wing span less than 49 feet and a stall speed less than 91 knots such as a Cessna 150) the Airport would like to match the geometry D-II (aircraft such as a Global Express) found elsewhere on the airport. While the crosswind justification only applies to A-I aircraft, the entire fleet mix of the Airport utilizes this pavement.

SAA will fund the difference of the non-eligible design costs through an Interlocal Agreement with the CRA.

The FAA has stated that once the Re-Authorization bill has been passed, they will look into discretionary funding of the construction of Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A-4 in FY 2009. It is anticipated that the construction/rehabilitation will

cost approximately \$3.2M. Due to the age and poor condition of the pavement, a rehabilitation of this runway is a high priority with the FAA.



of 100 ft. and the taxiway to a width of 35 ft. While the width and active length of Runway 14-32 (4,350') exceeds the FAA requirements for the critical aircraft A-I,



## Potable Water Main Extension/City of Sebring Project

KDL Underground Development, Inc. continues to make good progress on the installation of the 12-inch water main to the airport. As of the latest report, the contractor has begun to receive the pipe and has installed the line under the railroad on US 98. This week they should receive the balance of the pipe and will continue with installation. The projected completion date for this project is still on

schedule for July 1<sup>st</sup>, with the City's transfer of the water and sewer assets slated for July 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Rail Line Extension Project Update

R W Summers Railroad Contractors have completed the punch list items for the new rail line extension project which complies with CSXT's operating rule and regulations. CSX will now inspect the line and certify it for operation by our rail tenants.



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## Fuel Farm

This project is being procured as a Design-Build contract with a Guaranteed Maximum Price. Negotiations have taken place with E.O. Koch to provide a preliminary design with a Guarantee Maximum Price. Once a preliminary design fee has been agreed to by both parties, E.O. Koch will be authorized to move forward with the design. Once the initial design is completed, SAA will determine whether to move forward with the final

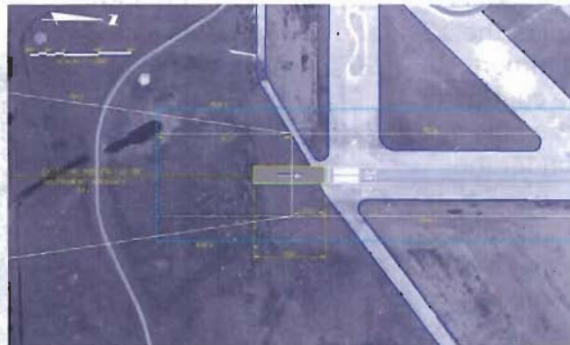
design/construction phase of the project. Funding for the construction phase of this project is dependent on the FAA Re-Authorization Bill that is currently awaiting Congressional approval. This bill is not expected to pass until FY 2009. As a result, only the preliminary design portion of the contract will be given NTP at this time and the cost will be funded through the existing FDOT grant.



## Runway 18-36 Extension

Additional pilot surveys and letters of intent from aircraft owners have been collected over the past two months. These surveys and letters have been reviewed to determine the number of critical aircraft operations anticipated with the extension of Runway 18-36. The FAA has now received our latest justification report which indicates we have surpassed the base of 500 critical operations by 143. The FAA is reviewing our current report with concurrence expected within the next few weeks. Upon concurrence they will move for-

ward with the Environmental Assessment for the extension of Runway 18-36.



View of proposed extension to Runway 36

## SBIR/STTR Orlando Summit 2008

Our attendance at the SBIR Small Business Innovation Research Orlando summit was very successful and generated high quality leads for the airport and commerce park. We obtained several contacts from small business research and development firms that may be interested in re-locating their business to Sebring. There seemed to be significant interest garnered for alternative energy research, as well as Bio-Technology. We will provide updates in the near future on leads that were developed at this conference.



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