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AIRPORT TERMINAL RENOVATION PROJECT DELAYED FIVE MONTHS *Large Change Order Adds Significant Improvements*

The City of Pocatello's airport terminal renovation and expansion project that was scheduled for completion this May has been extended until October 14, 2010. The additional time is necessary to make three critical improvements not part of the original project: installation of an elevator and skylights in the main lobby and removal of one staircase. The opening and use of the new boarding gate building will likely be delayed due to safety concerns around the work area.

The changes are expected to add \$308,000 to the construction cost. Funding is through one or more Federal Aviation Administration annual Airport Improvement Program grants, which provide 95% funding with the remaining 5% local match to be paid through Passenger Facility Charge revenue.

An elevator will be installed in the center of the main lobby to provide access to the mezzanine. The mezzanine is a key airport feature that provides a viewing platform for airfield activity. The panels facing the terminal front entrance and the two sides will be clear creating an attractive and modern appearance. The lead time for the elevator is significant, leading to the project extension through October.

Skylights will be installed in the main lobby to replace the natural light lost by the expanded boarding gate building. Two 8x8 foot skylights will be located towards the front of the lobby, and one large 8x24 foot light will be centered over the elevator shaft. The new skylights will dramatically increase the level of natural light that enters the lobby. In addition, the skylights will house reflective lighting for nighttime use.

Finally, the staircase on the east side of the terminal lobby will be removed. This will provide an unrestricted flow of passengers as both the entrance and exit to the boarding area are located close to the lobby's east wall.

A unique feature for this change order will be the installation of the elevator shaft directly into the ceiling well of the large skylight. The crossbeams will actually protrude out from the sides of the skylight well. The effect will be both startling and attractive.

All three changes will greatly enhance the functionality and the appearance of the terminal building. The elevator is required to allow continued public access to the mezzanine. The skylights will help maintain and even reduce electrical costs, and the staircase removal will facilitate traffic flow and allow an efficient seating arrangement in the main lobby.

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