



To: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember

From: Jason Watt
Airport Director

Date: March 16, 2023

Re: Responses to Budget Questions

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 13, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for Airport.

1. Is there a plan to reopen the airport for domestic flights?

No, not at this time.

2. Are there plans to improve the “curb appeal” of the airport?

Yes, there is a plan; however, the underground Great Lakes Water Authority Conner Creek project, which will take place on Conner, is currently on hold. Until that project is resolved, the airport must delay its curb appeal improvements.

3. What does Community Outreach entail for the one FTE listed in the budget for \$161K?

Assist with special projects and business development. Work the DEGC and other groups that can help drive interest in the airport among business groups.

4. Are there plans/funding to expand the FODCA, Tuskegee Airman Museum, Young Eagles Program, BPA, Benjamin O. Davis Aerospace Technical High School?

The Tuskegee Airman Museum received a \$500,000 grant to expand programming. We have not heard of any additional funding opportunities for other entities at the airport but continue to work the Office of Development & Grants to stay abreast of opportunities as soon as they arise. We anticipate programs will organically grow with DPSCD and Benjamin O. Davis Aerospace Technical High School.

5. How many annual flights does MyFlight Helicopter Tour provide and what is the annual revenue?

There are approximately 20,000 flights per year generating revenue of around \$1.3 million.