



# IOWA AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN

## AIRPORT SUMMARY REPORT

### NEWTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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This summary is intended to provide a general understanding of the specific information, findings and recommendations from the Iowa Aviation System Plan. An individual airport report was prepared for each public owned airport in Iowa.

### INTRODUCTION

The Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation, along with the System Plan Advisory Committee and consultant team, developed a strategic approach by which to identify and evaluate the needs of the Iowa aviation system within the period 2004 to 2024.

The Iowa aviation system is an integral component of the state's transportation network. The aviation system meets aviation and economic needs and links Iowa to the national transportation system. Aviation provides an important and efficient means of transportation for the movement of people and goods. The vision for the Iowa aviation system is to have safe, quality facilities and services that support transportation demands and meet economic development and quality of life needs in the state.

The primary goal of the system plan is to provide a framework that supports informed decisions related to planning and developing the Iowa aviation system. The objectives of this update of the Iowa Aviation System Plan are to:

- Identify and analyze aviation assets, including airspace, ground facilities and services, and needs of the state to assure that aviation performs its role in Iowa's economy and for its citizens.
- Provide continued guidance for development of a system of airports to meet the state's existing and future air transportation needs, projecting five, ten, and 20-year projects and giving guidance to meet needs.
- Build consensus among public policy makers, airport sponsors and users so that the plan's recommendations can be more readily accomplished.

Each airport was assigned to a functional classification. Facility and service objectives were developed for functional classifications. Based on existing facilities and services, recommendations were set forth for each airport.

### SYSTEM GOALS

The following five goals and associated performance measures were identified and adopted to guide the Iowa aviation system development and establish the framework for the Iowa Aviation System Plan:

- **Development** – To provide an airport system that meets current and future customer needs.
- **Economic Support** – To promote an aviation system that sustains and enhances Iowa's economy.
- **Safety & Security** – To promote a safe and secure system of airports.
- **Accessibility** – To provide a system of airports that is accessible from both the ground and the air.
- **Education** – To support a system of airports that provides educational and career opportunities and promotes an understanding of the benefits of Iowa's air transportation system.

<b>Performance Measure &amp; Benchmark Summary</b>	
<p><b>Performance Measure: Development</b></p> <p><i>Benchmarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports meeting aircraft storage objectives</li> <li>• Airports meeting aircraft parking objectives</li> <li>• Airports meeting auto parking objectives</li> <li>• Airports with Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 70 or higher on primary runway</li> <li>• Airports with current master plan or Airport Layout Plan (ALP)</li> <li>• Airports included in a local comprehensive plan or with surrounding land use controls/zonings</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Measure: Economic Support</b></p> <p><i>Benchmarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports with jet fuel</li> <li>• Airports with a runway length of 5,500 feet or greater</li> <li>• Airports with rental car services</li> <li>• Airports with a courtesy car available</li> <li>• Airports with a 24-7 fueling (credit card or FBO)</li> <li>• Iowa employment within a 30-minute drive time of Commercial or Enhanced Service airport</li> <li>• Employment growth counties within 30-minute drive time of Commercial or Enhanced Service airport</li> <li>• Airports supporting air cargo</li> <li>• Airports with aircraft maintenance</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Measure: Safety and Security</b></p> <p><i>Benchmarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports with clear approaches to primary runway</li> <li>• Airports with wildlife management plans</li> <li>• Airports with emergency response plans</li> <li>• Airports with perimeter fencing</li> <li>• Airports with controlled access to airfield</li> </ul>	<p><b>Performance Measure: Accessibility</b></p> <p><i>Benchmarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports with precision approaches</li> <li>• Airports with any instrument approach</li> <li>• Airports with approach lighting system (ALS)</li> <li>• Airports with a precision approach and ALS</li> <li>• Iowa's Population within 30 minutes of any system airport</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 30 minutes of a Commercial or Enhanced Service airport</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 30 minutes of a General Service airport</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 30 minutes of an airport with a non-precision approach</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 30 minutes of an airport with a precision approach</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 30 minutes of an airport with onsite weather reporting equipment</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 60 minutes of an airport with one or more scheduled commercial airlines</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 120 minutes of an airport with two or more scheduled commercial airlines</li> <li>• Iowa's population within 120 minutes of an airport with two or more scheduled commercial airlines or 60 minutes of an airport with one or more scheduled commercial airlines</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Measure: Education</b></p> <p><i>Benchmarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airports with on-site flight instruction</li> <li>• Aviation related training programs connected with local schools</li> <li>• Airports with public outreach/educational (following National Air Transportation Association (NATA,) National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA,) and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) guidelines) programs, or hosting functions to bring the non-flying public to the airport</li> </ul>

## AIRPORT FUNCTIONAL ROLES

Airports within any transportation system contribute to meeting air transportation and economic needs in different ways and at varying levels. While each airport within a system contributes in some way, airports fill different roles. Because airports in the Iowa aviation system play different roles, their needs for facilities and services also vary accordingly.

With input from the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation and the System Plan Advisory Committee, each public owned airport in Iowa was assigned to one of five roles.

## RECOMMENDED FUNCTIONAL AIRPORT ROLES

- **Commercial Service Airports** – these airports support some level of scheduled commercial airline service and they support a full range of general aviation aircraft to virtually all domestic and possibly some international destinations.
- **Enhanced Service Airports** – these airports support almost all general aviation aircraft, including most types of business jets; these airports generally serve as transportation centers and economic catalysts for the State.  
Facility and service objectives: 5,500' x 100' runway, parallel taxiway, precision approach, approach lighting, AWOS/ASOS, covered aircraft storage, jet and aviation fuel, full service FBO, and ground transportation
- **General Service Airports** – these airports support most twin and single engine general aviation aircraft and may experience occasional use by business jets. These airports support regional and in-state air transportation needs and local economic development.  
Facility and service objectives: 4,000' x 75' runway, partial parallel taxiway or turnarounds, non-precision approach, AWOS/ASOS, covered aircraft storage, jet and aviation fuel, limited service FBO, and ground transportation.
- **Basic Service Airports** – these airports support primarily single engine general aviation aircraft but may also sometimes accommodate smaller twin-engine general aviation aircraft. These airports support local air transportation, and special use aviation activities.  
Facility and service objectives: 3,000' x 60' runway (paved), 2,500' runway (turf), exits as needed, visual approach, covered aircraft storage, and aviation fuel.
- **Basis Service II Airports** – These airports support local air transportation, special use aviation activities, and may duplicate services in the area.  
No facility and service objectives are specified for these airports.

## AIRPORT FACILITY AND SERVICE OBJECTIVE

Airport facility and service objectives were established for the functional roles. These objectives were developed with input from the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation and System Plan Advisory Committee. The facility and services objectives should not be considered a requirement or development standard. Current airport facilities and services were compared to the facility and service objectives. Where existing facilities and services do not meet or exceed the objectives, consideration may be given by the airport owner to develop future facility and services improvements. Development of some facilities would require local support and justification of need through development of an airport master plan or through the environmental documentation process.

No state or federal funding resources are guaranteed or committed by inclusion of specific facility and service improvements in this report.

Facility and service objectives for commercial service airports should, at minimum, equal those developed for enhanced service airports as well as recommendations set forth in a current Airport Master Plan.

Basic Service II airports should meet state minimum safety standards: Runway width 50', visual approach 20:1, wind indicator, and 24 hour public telephone. Additional facility and service objectives were not established for Basic Service II airports.

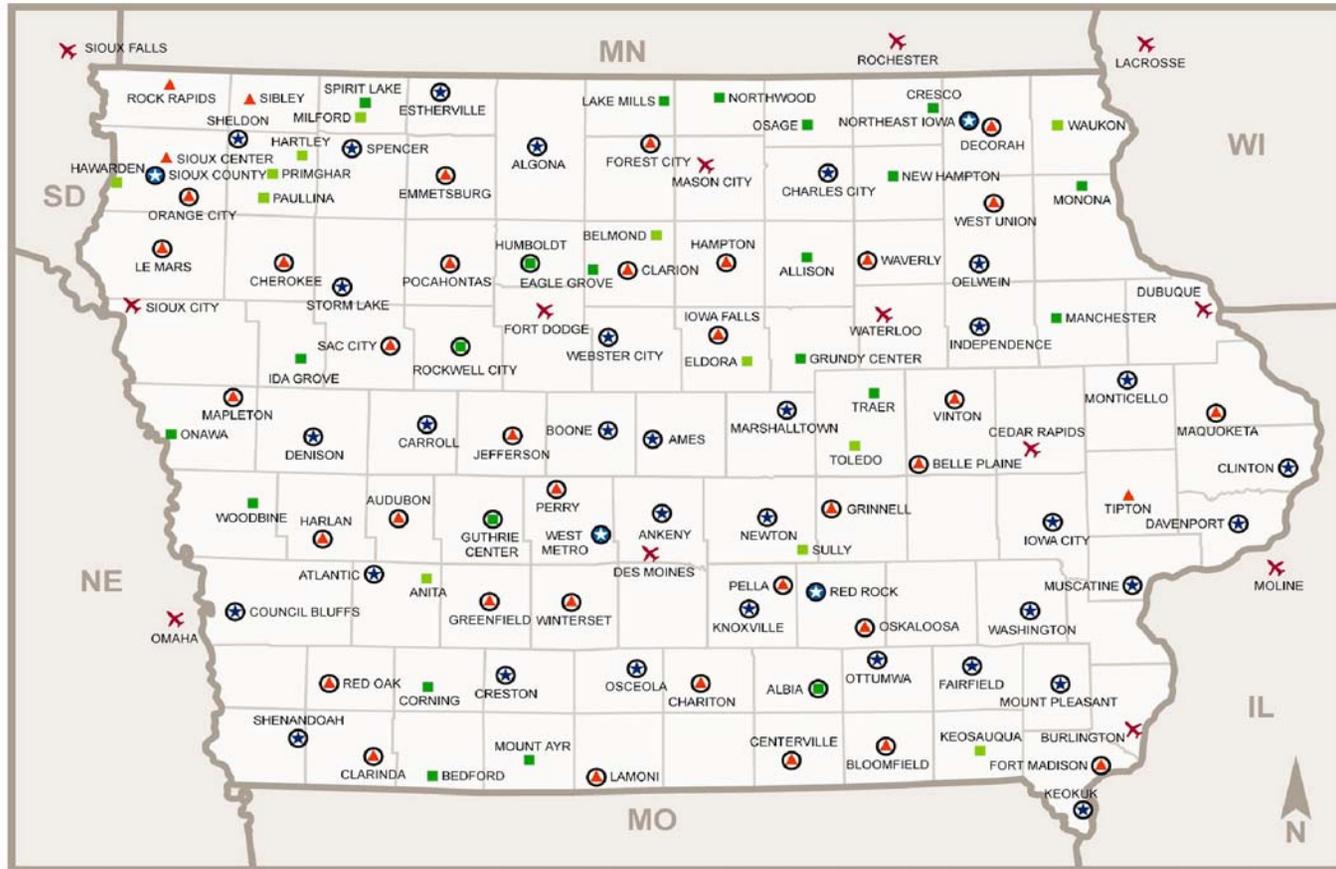
The following table sets forth the facility and service objectives for Enhanced Service, General Service, and Basic Service airports.

## FACILITY AND SERVICE OBJECTIVES

	Enhanced Service Airports	General Service Airports	Basic Service Airports
Airport Reference Code (ARC)	C-II	B-II	B-I or Below
Runway Length (Primary)	Minimum 5,500 feet	Minimum Length 4,000 feet	3,000 feet Paved; 2500 feet Turf
Runway Width	100 feet	75 feet	60 feet Paved; 120 feet Turf
Taxiway	Full Parallel	Partial or Turnarounds	Exits as Needed
Approach	Precision	Non-Precision	Visual
Runway Lighting	MIRL/HIRL	MIRL	LIRL (Pilot Controlled)
Taxiway Lighting	MITL/HITL	LITL	Not An Objective
Weather Reporting	AWOS/ASOS	AWOS/ASOS	Not An Objective
Approach Aids	ALS	ALS	Not An Objective
Visual Guidance Slope Indicator (VGSI)	Both Runway Ends	Both Runway Ends	Not An Objective
Runway End Identifier Lights (REILS)	Both Runway Ends	Both Runway Ends	Not An Objective
Rotating Beacon	Rotating Beacon	Rotating Beacon	Not an Objective
Lighted Wind Indicator	Lighted Wind Indicator	Lighted Wind Indicator	Lighted Wind Indicator/Wind Sock
RCO Facilities	RCO Facilities	Not an Objective	Not an Objective
Other Pavement Strength	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
Covered Storage	For 100% of Based Aircraft	100% of Based Aircraft	100% of Based Aircraft
Aircraft Apron	100% of Daily Transient	50% of Daily Transient	50% of Daily Transient
Terminal/Administration Bldg.	Yes	Not An Objective	Not An Objective
Auto Parking	Spaces equal to 100% of Based Aircraft (paved)	75% of Based Aircraft	50% of Based Aircraft
Fencing	Perimeter	Not An Objective	Not An Objective
Other	Building for Airport Maintenance Equipment	Not An Objective	Not An Objective
Fuel	100LL & Jet A - 24 Hour	100LL & Jet A 24 Hour (as needed)	100LL
FBO	Full Service - 24 Hour	Limited	Not An Objective
Ground Transportation	Rental Car, Taxi or Other	Courtesy Car/Off Site Rental Car	Not An Objective
Food Services	Vending	Vending	Not An Objective
Phone	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restroom	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pilot Lounge	Yes with Weather Reporting	Yes with Weather Reporting	Not An Objective
Security*	*	*	*
Snow Removal	Snow Removal	Snow Removal	Yes

\*See the Iowa DOT Security Enhancement Guidelines.

## Airports by System Role



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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| ✕ Commercial Service Airports   | ▲ General Service Airports  | ○ NPIAS |
| ★ Enhanced Service Airports     | ■ Basic Service Airports    |         |
| ★ New Enhanced Service Airports | ■ Basic Service II Airports |         |

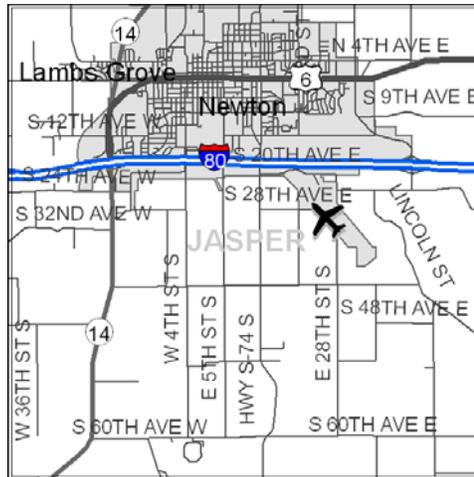
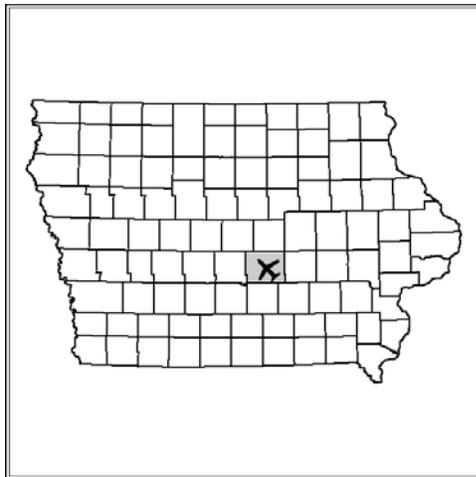
**NEWTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (TNU)  
INDIVIDUAL SUMMARY REPORT**

The Newton Municipal Airport is owned and operated by the City of Newton. The airport is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The NPIAS identifies the Newton Municipal Airport as a general aviation airport. The Iowa Aviation System Plan identifies the facility as an Enhanced Service airport.

General aviation airports in Iowa provide an important means of accessing the communities and regions they serve and provide a link to the national transportation system. The Newton Municipal Airport serves the general aviation needs of Jasper County. The airport is utilized by single engine, twin engine, turboprop, and business jet aircraft along with helicopters. The airport offers a full time fixed-base operator (FBO) that offers fueling, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, aircraft sales, and charter operations. The airport also offers aircraft parking and hangar storage.

A wide range of aeronautical activities occur at the Newton Municipal Airport including: personal travel, business travel both local and transient, just-in-time shipping, law enforcement, agricultural and medical transport.

**LOCATION MAP**



The Newton Municipal Airport is located in Jasper County. Regional access to the airport is provided by I-80 and Iowa Highway 14. The airport is located approximately 2 miles southeast of the central business district.

**EXISTING FACILITIES**

The Newton Municipal Airport provides one runway 5,599 feet in length and 100 feet in width. The asphalt surfaced runway has a 30,000 pound dual wheel loading. The runway is equipped with medium intensity threshold and edge lights. Runway 14 is equipped with visual approach slope indicator lights (VASI) and runway end identifier lights (REIL). Runway 32 is equipped with an approach light system (MALSR).

A precision instrument approach may be made to Runway 32. Runway 14/32 is equipped with a localizer (LOC) and glide slop (GS) facility. Non-precision instrument approaches may be made to Runways 14 and 32. The following published approaches were available as of 7-10-03:

- ILS Runway 32,
- VOR Runway 14,
- VOR Runway 32,
- GPS Runway 14,
- GPS Runway 32

Runway 14/32 is served by a full parallel taxiway. The asphalt taxiway is equipped with medium intensity taxiway edge lights (MITL). The taxiway is 45 feet in width.

The airport has a rotating beacon, non-directional radio beacon (NDB) and lighted wind indicator. An Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III) is located on the field. A remote communication outlet (RCO) facility has been installed.

Landside facilities include a terminal building, aircraft storage hangars, fuel facilities, apron area and vehicle parking. The airport maintenance equipment is presently located within a tee hangar stall.

The apron, 5,000 square yards, provides ten tiedowns.

A new general aviation terminal building is under construction. The terminal building, 4,221 square feet, will provide a pilot briefing room, restrooms, offices, lounge area, vending machines, telephone, and conference room.

Aircraft storage facilities under construction in 2004/05 are noted as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Year Constructed</u>	<u>Storage Area</u>	<u>Area</u>
Tee Hangar	2004	12	17,520 square feet
FBO Hangar	2005	10-15	11,114 square feet
FBO Shop	2005	--	520 square feet

All existing tee hangars and the existing terminal/hangars are being demolished. The existing structures were obstructions. The mitigation will also require the construction of a new access road, vehicle parking lot and taxiways.

The Maytag Corporation maintains its corporate flight department on the airport.

Excluding the FBO maintenance shop, the airport has storage space for 25 aircraft. The FBO shop may be used for storage of overnight transient aircraft.

Fuel (100LL) storage is provided by below ground 10,000 gallon tank. Fuel is dispensed by pump. The airport also provides a 10,000 gallon underground Jet A storage facility. Jet A fuel is dispensed by truck.

Vehicle parking area provides space for 60 vehicles. Existing parking facilities are being relocated.

A comprehensive land use plan was adopted by the City of Newton. The plan depicts land uses compatible with the airport. The City of Newton has established zoning districts to implement the land use plan. A tall structures zoning ordinance has been adopted by the City of Newton and Jasper County.

#### **EXISTING SERVICES**

Aeronautical services provided by the FBO include charter, aircraft rental, fuel (100LL), power and airframe repair and pilot instruction. Fuel is available 24/7. The FBO provides 24/7 on-call service.

The terminal building provides a pilot briefing room, restrooms, offices, pilot lounge, public lounge, vending machines and other amenities. Off-site ground transportation is available. A courtesy car is available at the airport.

**NEWTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (TNU)**



Federal Role: General Aviation Airport  
State Role: Enhanced Service Airport

**CURRENT AND FORECAST DEMAND**

There were 23 aircraft, not including ultralights, based at the airport in 2003. The based aircraft mix is noted as follows:

Single engine piston	19	Twin engine piston	1
Turboprop	1	Turbojet	2
Helicopter	0	Ultralights	0
Gliders	0	Experimental	0

The number of based aircraft excluding gliders, ultralights and others is forecast to increase to no fewer than 28 in 2022.

There were an estimated 11,195 total annual operations conducted in 2003. The total number of operations is expected to increase to 14,921 in 2022.

<u>Operational Activity</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2022</u>
Based Aircraft	23	24	25	28
Annual Operations	11,195	12,308	13,290	14,921
Itinerant Operations	6,362	7,385	7,974	8,953
Local Operations	4,833	4,923	5,316	5,968

The based aircraft mix and aircraft operational mix are expected to change over the 20 year planning period. Reference may be made to Chapter Four of the 2004-2024 Iowa Aviation System Plan for additional forecast data regarding:

- Based aircraft mix
- Operational mix
- Annual Instrument Approaches
- Annual Instrument Operations

## AIRPORT FACILITY AND SERVICE NEEDS

The Newton Municipal Airport has been classified as an Enhanced Service airport and should provide facilities and services commensurate with its system role.

The following table summarizes current facilities and services, the airport's facility and service objectives, and actions/projects recommended to meet objectives within the context of the system plan. Local airports may have additional projects planned to accommodate local needs and demand.

Airside Facilities	Existing	System Objective	Recommendation
Airport Reference Code	C-II	C-II	C-II
Primary Runway Length	5,599'	5,500 min.	None
Primary Runway Width	100'	100'	None
Taxiway	Full Parallel	Full Parallel	None
Approach	Precision	Precision	None
Runway Lighting	MIRL	MIRL	None
Taxiway Lighting	MITL	MITL	None
Approach Aids	Runway 32 MALSR	ALS	None
Visual Guidance Slope Indicators (VGSI)	Runways 14/32 VASI	Both Ends	None
Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL)	Runway 14	Both Ends	None
Rotating Beacon	Yes	Rotating Beacon	None
Lighted Wind Indicator	Yes	Lighted Wind Indicator	None
RCO Facilities	Yes	RCO Facility	None
Pavement Strength	30,000 lb SW	To be determined	None
<b>Landside</b>			
Covered Storage	25	100 % Based Aircraft	None
Aircraft Apron	10 tiedowns	100% Daily Transient	None
Terminal/Admin Building	Yes	Yes	None
Auto Parking	60	Space equal to 100% based aircraft	None
Fencing	Yes	Perimeter	None
Storage	Yes	Building for maintenance	None
Fuel	100 LL, Jet A (Private)	100LL, Jet A (As needed)	None
FBO	Yes	FBO	None
Ground Transportation	Yes	Rental Car, Taxi, Other	None
Food Services	Yes	Vending	None
Phone	Yes	Phone	None
Restroom	Yes	Restroom	None
Pilot Lounge	Yes	Pilot Lounge	None
Security*	*	*	*
Snow Removal	Yes	Snow Removal	None
Other	Heated hangar	De-Icing	None

\*Security enhancements for each airport depend on the size and activity at the airport. Each airport is encouraged to complete a security plan that addresses security enhancements recommended by the Transportation Security Administration and the Iowa DOT.

**SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COSTS**

The City of Newton has initiated a program to remove and mitigate obstructions within the terminal area.

The ACIP data sheets provide for actions that are consistent with system plan facility and service objectives for Enhanced Service airports.

<u>Development Item</u>	<u>2004-2009</u>
Obstruction removal/taxiway	\$867,000
ACC pavement maintenance	\$211,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,078,000</b>

**OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Consideration may be given to the ultimate development of a crosswind (secondary) runway.

**DEVELOPMENT COSTS - OTHER**

<u>Development Item</u>	<u>2004-2009</u>
Fuel system	\$199,000
Tee Hangar	\$316,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>

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