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DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Runway 9/27 Reconstruction to Begin

DULUTH, MN— Runway 9/27 reconstruction work will begin on Monday, July 31st. The reconstruction work will include approximately 2,000 feet of the west end of the runway, leaving 7,000 feet of usable remaining runway length. This will allow commercial and general aviation flights to operate as scheduled.

Once the west end runway work is near completion, work will begin on the middle 6,200 feet of runway 9/27 and is anticipated to begin on or around Labor Day. Additional updates on reconstruction of the center section will be provided once the construction schedule is finalized. During reconstruction of this middle section, all flight operations will use runway 3/21 and will operate as scheduled. At no time is it expected that there will be flight interruptions due to the reconstruction project.

This reconstruction is part of a three-phased project to fully reconstruct all 10,162 feet of the main runway at Duluth International Airport. The last part of the reconstruction project, which is the east end, is planned to be completed in 2018. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and MNDOT Office of Aeronautics are providing 95% of the funding for the \$30,000,000 total project costs. The remaining 5% of the project costs are funded by \$6.6 million included in the Transportation Bill by the State Legislature earlier this spring as part of ongoing improvements to aging infrastructure at the Airport.

About Duluth International Airport

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