

ELMIRA CORNING REGIONAL AIRPORT

Construction under way on ELM parking lot

A major parking lot construction project began in July at the Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM). The first phase of the project, which converted former grassy areas beyond the existing lot into parking areas, did not impact visitors to the Airport. In the final phases of the project, there may be some minor inconvenience and delays as construction moves to the renovation of the existing parking lot and front entrance driveway.

“This much-needed upgrade to the parking lot will provide the capacity, efficiency and aesthetics to support our continued growth in airline passengers,” said Ann Crook, manager of the Elmira Corning Regional Airport.

Nearly 100 new parking spaces will be added in three designated lots: “long term parking,” “preferred/short term parking” and a new “cell phone waiting lot” for individuals who are picking up incoming passengers but do not want to leave their vehicle and pay for parking.

The completed project also will include a new Airport entrance sign, two convenient passenger pick-up/drop-off lanes in front of the terminal with a separate lane for taxis and shuttles and an auto-

mated credit card machine at one exit booth so parking guests can save time by avoiding a line at the staffed booth. Fresh pavement in all areas, new signage and amenities in the entrance area will complete the job.

To compensate for any inconvenience during the final construction phases, temporary reduced parking rates are in effect from August 25 through November 17.

Design and construction management for the project is being done by McFarland Johnson, Inc. of Binghamton and the contractor is ZMK Construction of Apalachin.

A comprehensive project Fact Sheet featuring maps, parking rates and project details is available at the Airport. Project information also is posted on the ELM Web site at www.ecairport.com. For more project detail, see page 2 of this newsletter.



Counterclockwise from left: underground stormwater detention system in place; excavation work underway; FAA cable installed. Every area in these photos will be paved over and become NEW parking.



Finger Lakes Wine Country concierge table in ELM terminal.

Watch for new terminal displays

Finger Lakes Wine Country has set up an ongoing concierge table in the terminal to provide Airport visitors with information about local sites and activities. A temporary display from the John Jones Museum is also currently on view in the Airport Terminal.

“Even if you’re not flying out, it’s always a good time to come to the Airport to see what we have going on,” said Airport Manager Ann Crook. “As a gateway to the regional community, we want to give our visitors a taste of what is so special about the Finger Lakes region.”

Later in the fall, terminal displays will feature the Corning Museum of Glass and Rockwell Museum of Western Art. “We’re also working on some creative decorations that will involve the community during the holiday season,” added Crook.

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NEW PARKING FOR ELM!

Underway now! Elmira Corning Regional Airport parking lot and front entrance drive makeover

Construction began in early July on an improved parking lot and entrance driveway for ELM. When the project is complete in mid-November, the entire lot will be redesigned and renovated to simplify traffic flow and improve the overall experience for ELM visitors. Nearly 100 spaces will be added overall, in three designated lots: "long-term," "preferred/short-term" and a new "cell phone waiting" lot. During the fall, construction phases, there may be some inconvenience to Airport visitors as work continues. To compensate for construction delays, reduced parking rates will be in effect from August 25 through November 17.

Project phasing for convenience

July 7 - August 25

- Construction on Area 1 begins but does not impact Airport visitors;
- Curbs between parking lot and terminal removed and replaced;
- Temporary Pedestrian Walkways installed to provide access from parking lot to terminal (in place 8/18 - 10/18);
- Area 1 opens August 25, featuring new long-term parking places.

August 25 - September 19

- Reduced parking rates go into effect from 8/25 through 11/17;
- Cell Phone Waiting Lot completed - opens 9/22.

September 22 - November 17

- Short-term/preferred Parking area completed;
- Main entrance to parking lot closed (9/22 - 10/17). During this period, Airport visitors will drive past the terminal and enter parking lots on the East side of the lot. Watch for temporary directional signage;
- Main drive in front of terminal will be paved (10/13 - 10/18). Expect delays during this period, as road will remain open with flaggers guiding traffic;
- New Ground Transportation lane opens 10/20;
- New pavement and signage for all areas completed.

Project Q&A

What if I want to pick up a passenger, but would rather not pay to park?

ELM's new plan features 10 spaces in a new "cell phone waiting" lot. Just pull in and have your passenger alert you when they touch down and are ready for pick up.

Will ELM PASSplus members have preferred parking?

Yes! PASSplus members can use their PASSplus card to use the "short term/preferred" lot, which will be the two rows closest to the building for the entire east-west length of the lot. With their membership cards, they will be charged the reduced "long-term" rate to park in the "short term" lot. Becoming a member is free and easy at www.eairport.com.

Will parking rates change?

To compensate for any inconvenience caused by construction, temporary parking rates will go into effect beginning 8/25 until 11/17. The rates will apply to all areas of the lot.

0 - 15 mins	FREE
16 mins - 1 hour	\$ 1.00
Each additional 30 mins	\$ 0.75
Daily Maximum	\$ 6.50
Weekly Maximum	\$32.50

For questions about parking rates call Republic Parking at (607) 739-9937.

Parking lot improvements substantially completed by November 17, in time for convenient holiday travel.

What about taxis, shuttles and other ground transportation?

There will be three lanes directly in front of the terminal, including one lane designated for "ground transportation" such as taxis and shuttles. This lane will be separated by a median strip from two "passenger pick-up/drop-off" lanes.

Will rental car pick-up/drop-off be impacted by this project?

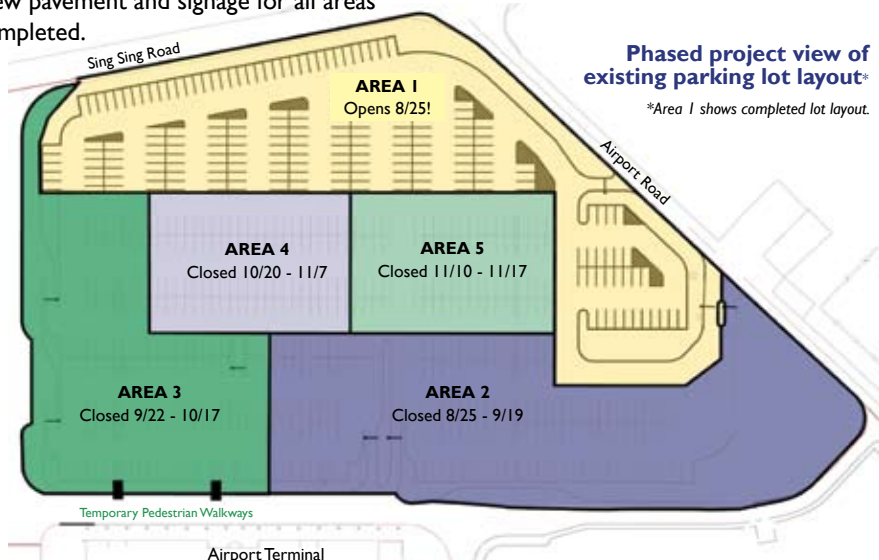
No. Safety and efficiency improvements to ELM's rental car lot were made in 2007.

What does the project cost and how is it being funded?

Funding has been secured for the project, consisting of a \$1 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, \$1 million grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and \$1 million of local county funds. Local funding comes in part from a Passenger Facility Charge which is added on to airline tickets to pay for airport improvements.



It's all in a day's work! When some neighboring cows got loose and were causing traffic problems on Sing Sing Road, Airport maintenance worker Jason Halm helped round them up and herd them back home.



Environmental assessment on ELM runway extension moves forward

The Airport Environmental Assessment initiative is right on schedule, but with some major changes. This project began in fall 2007 to explore the environmental consequences associated with extending ELM's main runway by 400 feet. The runway extension is required to accommodate the larger regional jets that commercial airlines are using with more frequency.

"Originally, we were looking at having to reroute Sing Sing Creek and Chambers Road in order to accommodate this extension," said Jeff Wood, project manager for McFarland Johnson. "However, information provided through the course of this study, including the concerns of some of the Airport's neighbors as well as input from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District have led us to a revised strategy we feel is a win-win."

According to Mr. Wood, the new approach is made possible due to a fairly new technology called "engineered material arresting system" (EMAS), featuring a soft concrete material. When installed on the ground at the end of the runway, the material brings aircraft that may overrun the runway to a safe stop in a shorter distance than bare ground. "By installing this EMAS bed we are able to add the additional 400 feet, be ready for changes in the airline fleet, and not touch either Sing Sing Creek or Chambers Road," he said.

A draft of the Environmental Assessment featuring this preferred alternative will be available for public review in October 2008 and a public meeting will be held to inform regional residents and businesses about the findings. "In the meantime, I want to give my own heartfelt thanks to all who have been a part of this process to this point," said ELM Manager Ann Crook.

PASSplus memberships grow

Enter now for sweepstakes drawing on October 7

ELM's PASSplus Passenger Rewards program continues to grow, and now has more than 770 members! PASSplus is designed to recognize and appreciate Twin Tiers community members and to keep them informed about Airport news through regular email communication. The program also features frequent member sweepstakes drawings with prizes offered by regional Airport partners.

All registered PASSplus members are eligible, excluding Airport personnel. Once members have won a prize, they are ineligible for the balance of the year. The next sweepstakes drawing will take place October 7, and will feature the following prizes:

- Deluxe Elmira Jackals Package;
- Basket of Finger Lakes goodies compliments of PASSplus Partner Finger Lakes Wine Country;
- ELM-imprinted items, including: denim shirts, T-shirts, mugs and insulated coolers.

"We have been so pleased with the positive response we've received from members and winners," said Airport Manager Ann Crook, who shared the following note from recent sweepstakes winner Molly Youngman:



"Thank you for the lovely Elmira Corning Airport shirt that I won in your ELM PASSplus drawing. It was a complete surprise and I was delighted. The prize prompted phone calls from other ELM PASSplus holders who were pleased that they knew someone who had won. My husband and I enjoy flying out of Elmira as it is the friendliest and most hassle-free of any airport in the area. Again I wish to thank you for the shirt and wish you continued success on the airport improvements."

ELM PASSplus member registration is open, free and easy to join at www.ecairport.com. Members receive monthly announcements by email about the Airport's ongoing improvements and air service updates.

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Airport business services

Elmira Corning Regional Airport is committed to providing services to enhance the travel experience for our passengers. Whether you are waiting for a flight, sending off business associates or meeting for a business lunch, the Airport offers a comfortable, convenient setting for business-on-the-go.

High-speed Internet access

Free wireless Internet access is now available on the entire first floor of the Airport terminal, provided courtesy of D-Link and Databranch of Elmira. In the conference room adjoining the DC-2 Restaurant, there is a DataCounter for hardwire Internet connection.

Conference rooms

Two conference rooms are available for use by business travelers, and feature high speed Internet access. One is located in the terminal just before the departure area. Another, complete with audio visual equipment and teleconferencing capability, adjoins the Airport restaurant, and can be reserved for catered meetings and luncheons. Contact the Airport manager's office for reservations information.

Airport fax service

Fax service is available in the Airport manager's office on the third floor of the main terminal, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays. The following charges apply:

To send: \$3 first page, \$2 each additional page
To receive: \$2 per page.

ATM machine

A 24-hour Chemung Canal Bank automated teller machine is located near the ticket counters. (PLUS / MC / VISA / NYCE / DISCOVER / CIRRUS / American Express).





The Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM) is located in the town of Big Flats, just off Exit 50 from Interstate 86/Route 17. Air Service is provided by US Airways and Northwest Airlink, providing service from Elmira Corning Regional Airport through major hubs to national and international airports and destinations.

The Elmira Corning Regional Airport makes your next trip as easy as checking in, hopping on the plane, and flying to your destination — on time, with no hassles.



Directions from highway

Traveling east or west on I-86/Rt 17, take Exit 50 to Kahler Road. Go north on Kahler Road to Sing Sing Road. Turn right on Sing Sing Road. Airport entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on right-hand side. Look for signs.

Airport manager's office

The Airport manager's office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:30pm. An auto-attend-

ed phone service is available after business hours.

- Airport manager's office
Suite 1, 276 Sing Sing Rd.,
Horseheads, NY 14845
607-795-0402, 607-739-8539 (fax)
ecra@co.chemung.ny.us (email)

Note: The Airport manager's office does not have information regarding lost bags, flight schedules, delays and/or passenger information. These inquiries should be made directly to the appropriate airline reservation numbers. Flights can be tracked at the Elmira Corning Regional Airport Web site at www.ecairport.com through FlightView's Flight Tracker.

Airlines and destinations

Elmira Corning Regional Airport offers flight service through two airlines, offering convenient transport to national and international flight hubs. The air carriers should be contacted directly for all flight and passenger inquiries at the national and local numbers listed for below. If there is no answer at the local contact number, try again; airline staff are likely attending to flight arrivals or departures.



- **Northwest Airlink** – Four round trips daily to Detroit, MI. Tickets: 800-225-2525
Baggage: 607-796-6545
www.nwa.com
www.mesaba.com

- **USAirways** – Five round trips daily to Philadelphia, PA. Tickets: 800-428-4322
Baggage: 607-796-6019
www.usairways.com

- **General Aviation** – ELM houses a separate terminal on Aviation Drive, servicing all non-commercial carriers, charters and private aircraft. General aviation services are operated by Atlantic Aviation - ELM. 607-739-3597
607-739-0239 (fax)
www.atlanticaviation.com

- **FirstAIR** – provides aircraft repair and maintenance services, passenger boarding bridge services, and aerial photography & scenic flights
866-883-3597 (toll free)
www.firstair.us/

Arrival and check-in times

Passengers are required to arrive at the Airport for check-in at least one hour prior to departure time.



Baggage information

Passengers are allowed only one carry-on bag. Baggage must remain in your possession at all times. You may not leave your baggage unattended. A list of prohibited and permitted items is available on the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Passenger Information Web site at www.tsa.gov.

Ground transportation



Taxi service and several national car rental agencies are located next to the baggage claim area in the terminal to provide travelers with convenient options for ground transportation to and from the Airport. Reservations are recommended to ensure prompt service.

- **Taxi services:**
 - **Bill's Taxi:** 607-731-8801
 - **Terp's Enterprises:** 607-795-4426
- **Car rental companies:**
 - **Avis:** 800-331-1212 or www.avis.com
 - **Hertz:** 800-654-3131 or www.hertz.com
 - **National:** 800-227-7368 or www.nationalcar.com
 - **Alamo:** 800-462-5266 or www.alamo.com
- **Holiday Inn/Express Shuttle** - 607-739-3681

Passenger drop-off

Passenger drop-off, unloading and pickup are permitted directly at the Airport doors. Parking or standing is not permitted.

Airport parking

Convenient long- and short-term parking is available at Elmira Corning Regional Airport, and is operated by Republic Parking at 607-739-9937

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0-15 minutes	free
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Daily Maximum	\$6.50
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which lets you track the status of arriving and departing flights in real-time.

In addition, register to join ELM's free PASSplus passenger loyalty program. Check out the article on page 3 for more detail, sign up and start saving today!