

City Council Workshop May 18, 2017 Agenda

5:30 P.M.

A. Budget Reviews

- Auburn Lewiston Airport
- Fire Department
- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Facilities
- Finance
- Health & Social Services
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)

Auburn Lewiston Airport Operation Budget

for Fiscal Year 2017-2018



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The airport provides \$24,627,000 annually in economic benefit to the twin cities

Jobs

- On the airport and in the Air Park
- Provides 311 jobs with an annual payroll of \$8,152,800

Travelers

- People who have a destination but not crewmembers or owners (1450 enplanements annually)
- People who bring development and new business

Tourism Gateway

- People who fly somewhere to see the sights (Private Pilots)
- Destinations like Freeport or Sugarloaf staying locally overnight

Freight

- 300,000 pounds annually scheduled
- Does not include unscheduled flights

Location

- Good place for an intermodal connection
- Within 1 mile of turnpike and rail upload



for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The airport provides this economic benefit through two different rubrics

Airport Operations



Flight Continuation Service





Our Vision and Mission Statement

Vision – A regional airport that demonstrates the culture and character of the Lewiston-Auburn community to the people that use its services made available with willingness of effort and respect of person





Mission – to provide a safe, economical transportation interchange for people and freight thereby enhancing the prosperity of the region



for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Budget Drivers

Airport Operations

- → Increased maintenance expenses due to previously deferred maintenance. In some cases, this has compromised safety because of failing condition. (\$32,600)
- → Missed opportunity due to failed or inadequate infrastructure
 - → Airport landside parking is undersized and out of standard for transportation facilities. It does not meet TSA regulation requirements for airports.
 - → Unable to service transient international aircraft because of lack of facilities to house customs office since Intermodal Center ceased operation.
 - → Airport closed or restricted because of inadequate deice/anti-ice materials supply (closed 168 hours this fiscal year so far)
- → Promotions and merit raises for employees in absence of COLA (\$11,828)
- → 23% increase in health care benefit cost for employees (\$18,568)
- → Increased competition from airports with newly developed infrastructures
 - → Oxford County Regional Airport is returning to service
 - → Brunswick Executive Airport is near final conversion to civilian airport
 - → Augusta State Airport has new hangar construction on field
 - → Twitchell's Airport in Turner has new hangar construction



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Budget Drivers

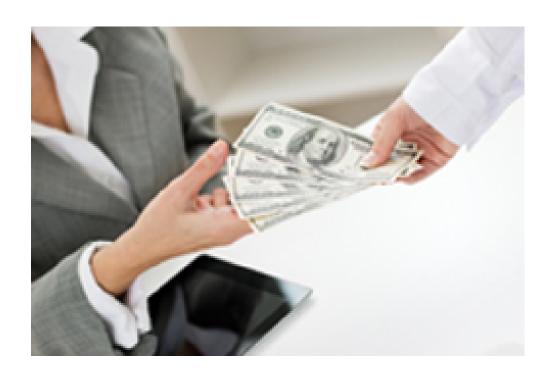
Flight Continuation Service

- Fuel price competition with reduced price point in the market; noncompetitive prices means no customers thus no sales
- → Missed service opportunity due to obsolete ground support equipment failure
 - Ground Power Unit will not start or keep running
 - Aircraft preheater leaks gasoline and is unusable**
 - Ground PW radio fails preventing call for assistance**
- → 38% increase in health care benefit cost for employees (\$25,058)
- → Reducing utility costs through updates in infrastructure
 - LED conversion of air field lighting; pay back is 2 years in electricity cost and light bulb replacement (\$9,000 annually)
 - Obtaining electric vehicles to lower fuel usage (\$3,500)
- Opportunity for increased aircraft maintenance revenues with upgraded certifications and required support (\$5,700)

^{**} Creates a safety issue and prevents further actions. Opportunity to hurt someone or damage aircraft or airport equipment is very high.



Revenues





Expenses





Capital Improvement





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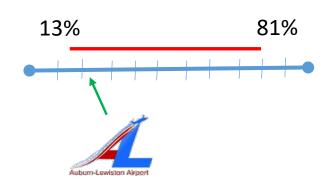
Subsidy or Investment?

Subsidization or Investment in airports is commonplace

The FY18 operating budget subsidy of \$167,800 per City represents 11% of the total proposed fiscal year operating budget of \$1,496,008.



In Maine, the amount of local investment ranges from 13% to 81% annually

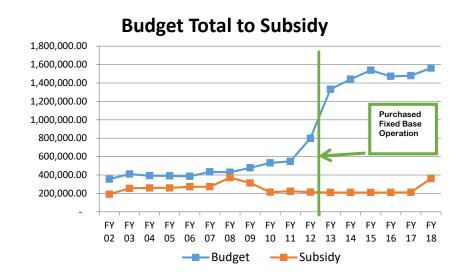


The combined 22% operating budget subsidy is still among the lowest of the public-use general aviation airports in Maine.



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Subsidy or Investment?



The subsidy investment needed in the operating budget as well as support for capital investment, creates new money in the community.



An investment of \$167,800 per City is justified as it produces over 145% return on investment.