

State of Aviation in Pennsylvania

John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport

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Regional Listening Sessions

As part of the TAC's study, the Johnstown Airport hosted one of the in-person Regional Sessions.

- The session was well attended.
- Provided surrounding airports and communities an open forum to discuss issues affecting their individual airports and aviation in general.



Focus Areas

As Mark Murawski presented, the Pennsylvania Aviation System Strategic Investment Plan identified and categorized the aviation issues into eight (8) focus areas.

At the Johnstown Airport, we have seen the need for those focus areas to be addressed. I will highlight four (4) of those focus areas:

- Industry Collaboration & Partnerships
- Commercial Air Service
- Workforce
- Economic Impact/Development

Industry Collaboration & Partnerships

Industry collaboration and good partnerships are a key component in the successful operation, development, and growth of an Airport.

We have collaborated and partnered with:

- SkyWest Airlines
- Nulton Aviation Services
- Saint Francis University



Workforce and Commercial Air Service

We have seen workforce and Commercial Air Service issues with our Essential Air Service (EAS) air carrier, SkyWest Airlines.

- In March 2022, our air carrier issued a Notice of Termination citing a lack of commercial airline pilots.
- By making some adjustments to the airline service, including a tag route (a stop at another airport in route to the designation hub), we were able to retain our air carrier and they rescinded their Notice of Termination.

Workforce and Commercial Air Service

To address the national and local commercial pilot shortage, we recommend:

- Increasing the mandatory requirement for Part 121 commercial airline pilots from age 65 to 67.
- Support for SkyWest Charter obtaining Commuter Authority from the U.S. DOT so they can provide Essential Air Service (EAS) under Part 135 Charter Service, which does not require pilots to retire at the age of 65.
- Support for Part 141 Flight School Programs like that of Nulton Aviation Services and Saint Francis University.

Industry Collaboration & Partnerships,

Economic Impact,

and

Workforce

In 2017, the Airport Authority and the FBO, Nulton Aviation Services, worked together to obtain an MTF Grant, that included:

- Construction of a FBO Office – This will help the FBO to better serve their customers and increase economic impact at the airport.
- Replacement of the FBO's Hangar Door.
- Acquisition of a flight simulator.
- \$250k for marketing and scholarships for Saint Francis University to begin a Part 141 Flight School program, which will help to address the current pilot shortage.

FBO Hangar and Office

- MTF Grant in 2017

FBO Hangar

- Replaced Hangar Door
- Wall & Ceiling Insulation
- Heaters & Ceiling Fan

FBO Office

- New FBO Office
- Flight Simulator

Part 141 Flight School

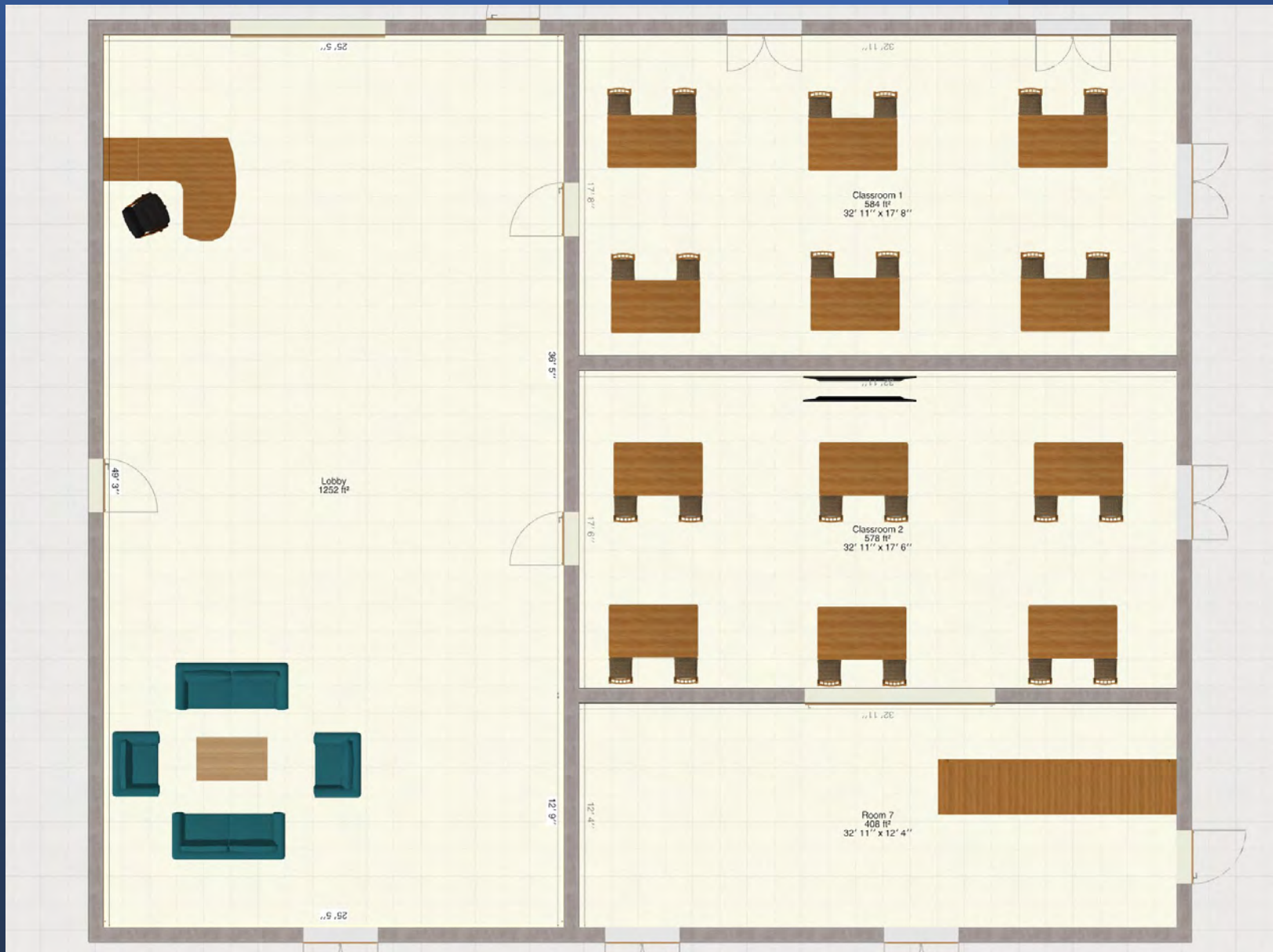
- \$250k to SFU for scholarships and marketing



FBO Hangar and Office



Hangar 15C – Classrooms for Part 141 Flight School Program



Workforce and Industry Collaboration & Partnerships

There is an industry wide shortage in aircraft mechanics.

- In 2019 and 2022, the Airport Authority and the FBO, worked together to obtain an MTF Grant and an RACP Grant to renovate a Hangar 15A and Building 15B for the Saint Francis University to start a Part 147 Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Maintenance Program at the Johnstown Airport.
- This collaboration and partnership will help to address an industry workforce need of aviation mechanics.
- Additionally, students completing the A&P Program will also be prepared to work for the multiple DOD contractors in the area, again addressing a workforce issue.

Hangar 15A and Building 15B

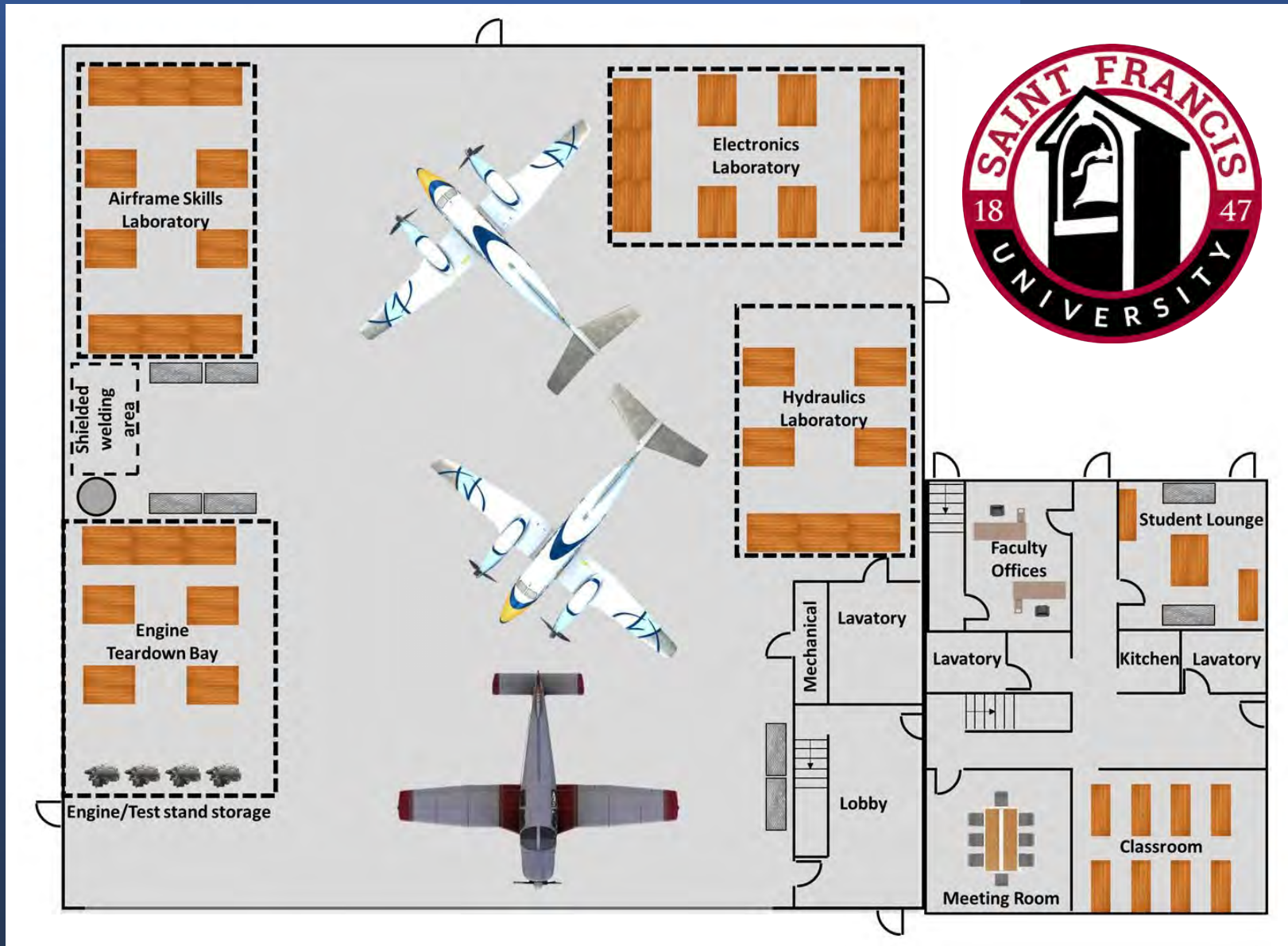
- 2019 - MTF Grant
- 2022 - RACP Grant
- Part 147 A&P
Maintenance Program

Hangar 15C

- Converted into
classrooms for a Part 141
Flight School Program.



Fall 2024 - SFU Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) Maintenance Program



Industry Collaboration & Partnerships and Economic Impact / Economic Development

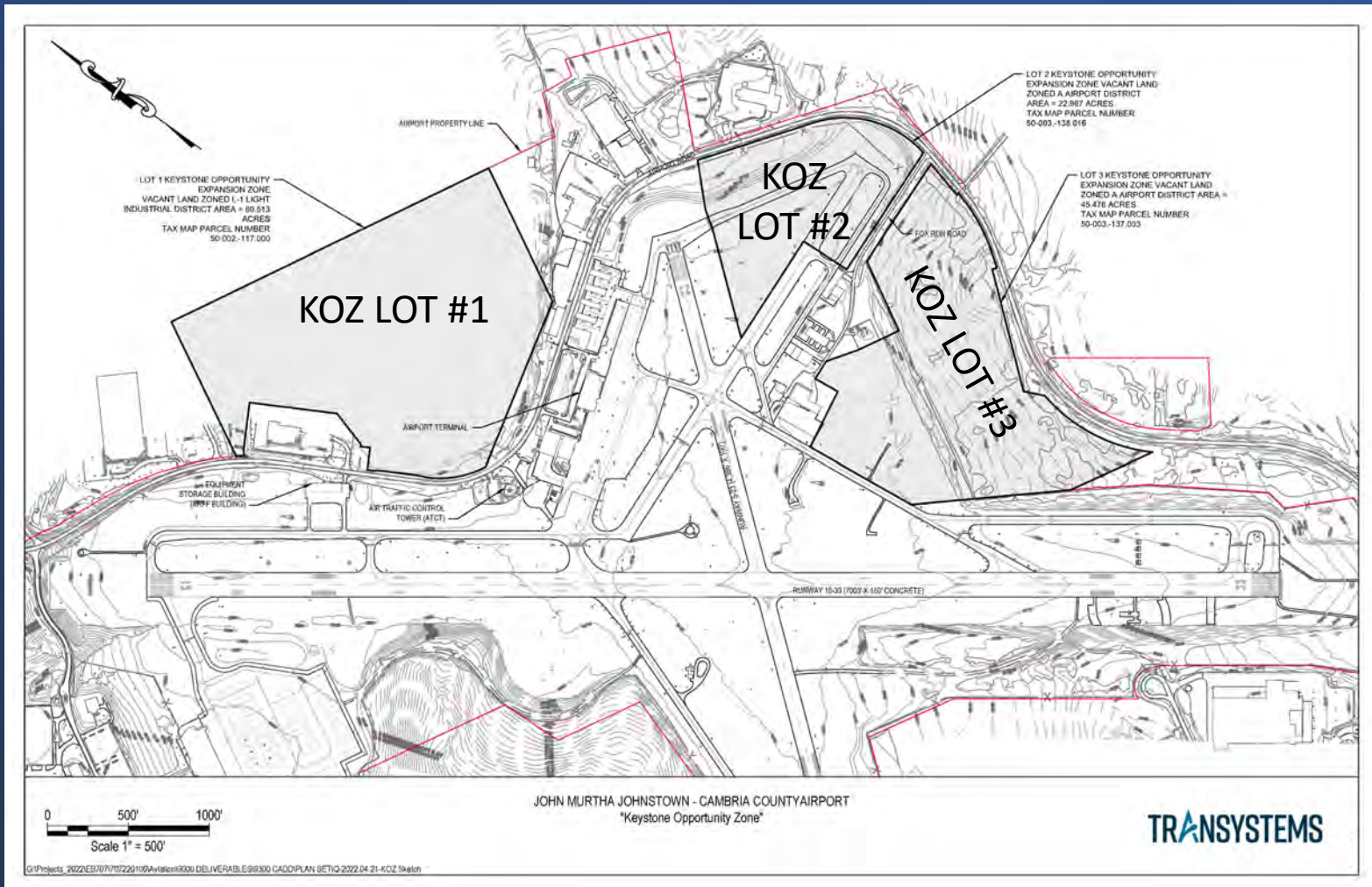
In 2021, the Airport Authority and Nulton Aviation Services collaborated in the subdivision of three airport parcels that were approved for the inclusion in the Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone.

- The future development of these parcels has the potential to have an additional economic impact to the community.



The Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ) Program

- Economic development program designed to stimulate investment, economic growth and employment in the commonwealth for development and revitalization.
- 2021 – KOEZ Approved - Total Acreage = 129 +/- acres



Economic Impact / Economic Development

The following provide additional examples of economic impact / economic development both planned and occurring at the Johnstown Airport.

The challenge with these projects is funding. For many of these projects, alternative funding sources, such as MTF, RACP, and CARES Act funds were sought due to unavailable FAA and PennDOT BOA funds.

Potential solutions are:

- Increasing available grant funds from the PennDOT BOA
- Increasing funding percentages from the PennDOT BOA

Access (Loop) Road

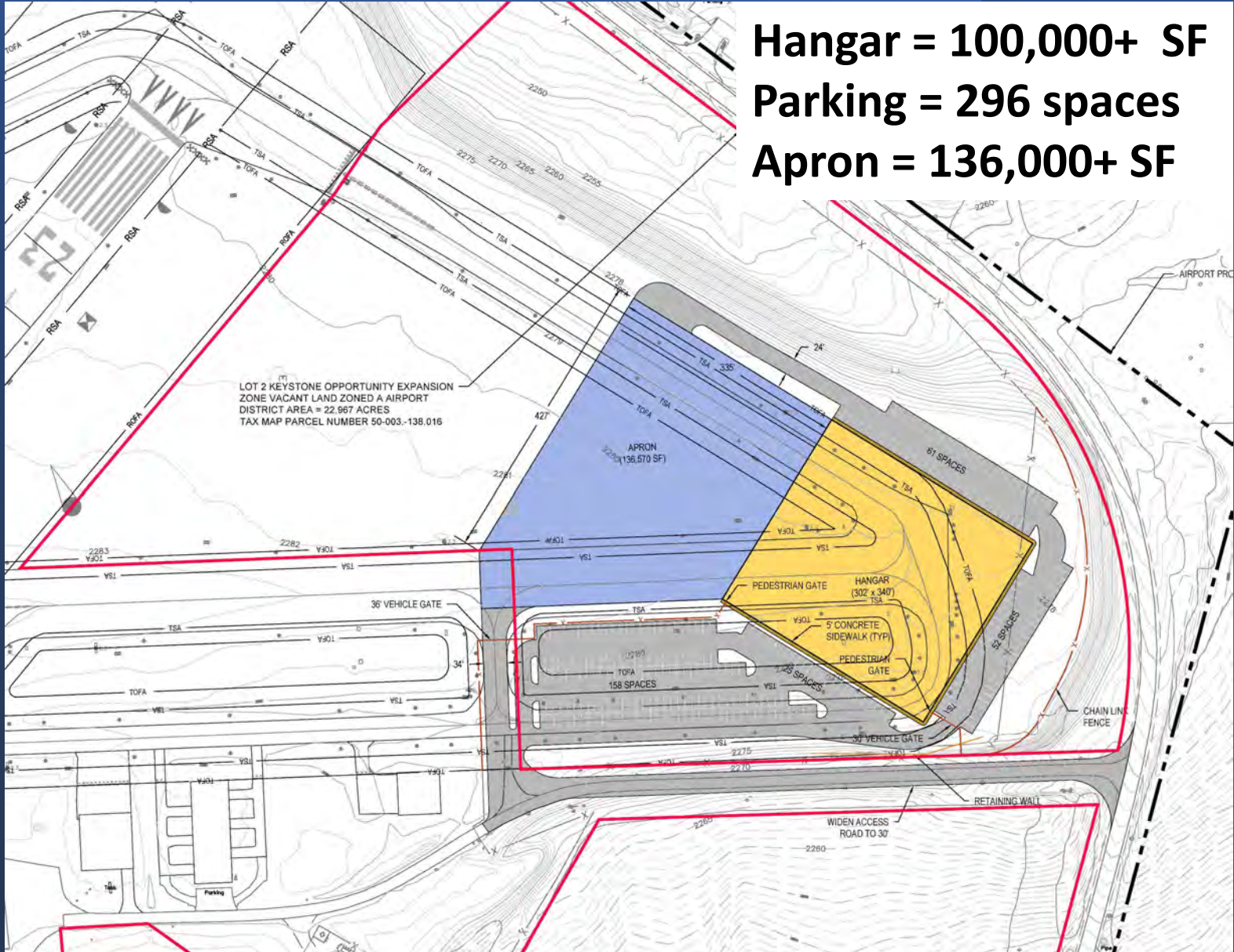
April 2022 - U.S. Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson announced a Grant Funded Project to construct an intermodal connector road from Airport Road onto the Airport property along Fox Run Road.

This road project will open-up developable land on Airport property to support the Airport Authority’s economic development plans, including developing a heavy aircraft maintenance facility.

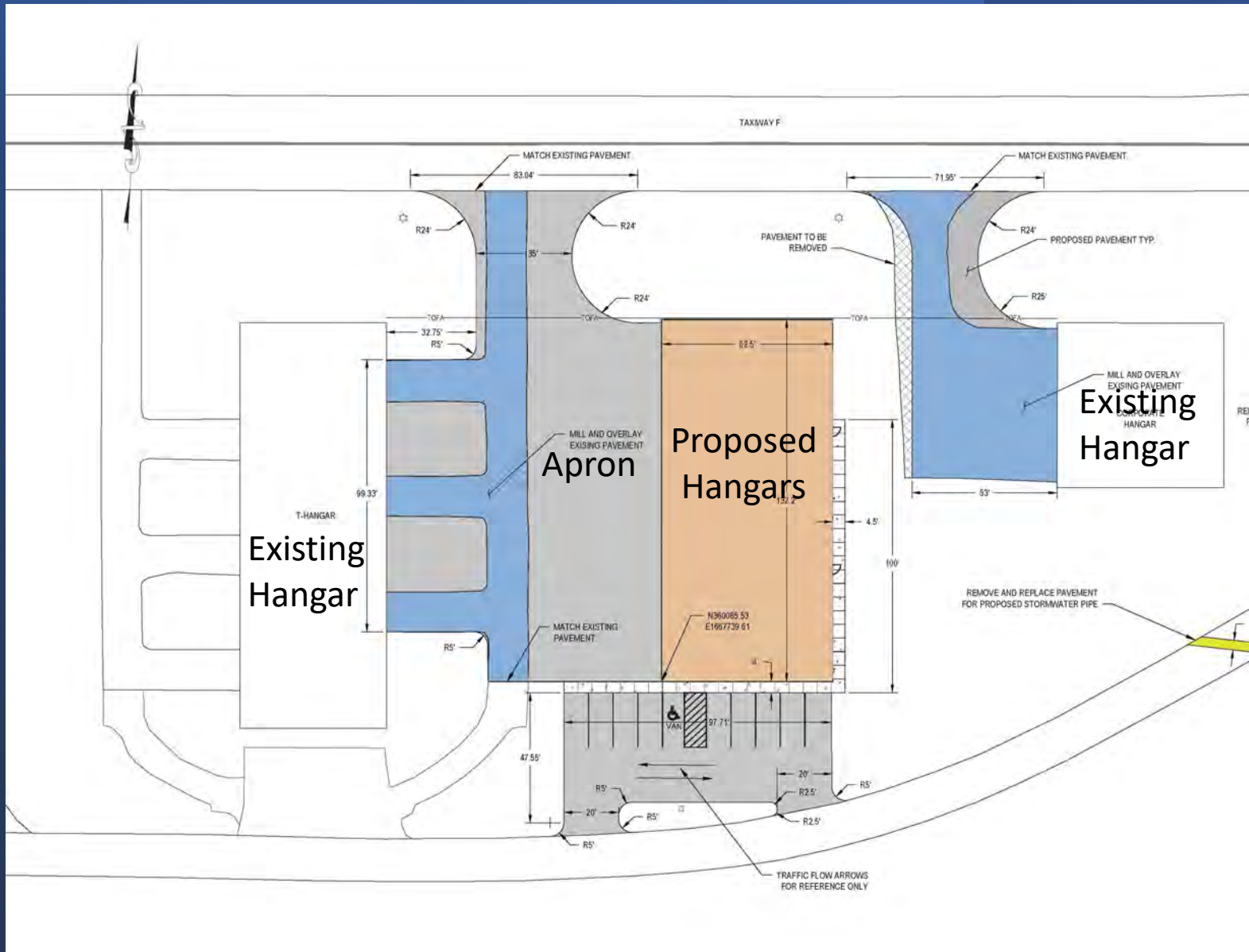


Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) Facility

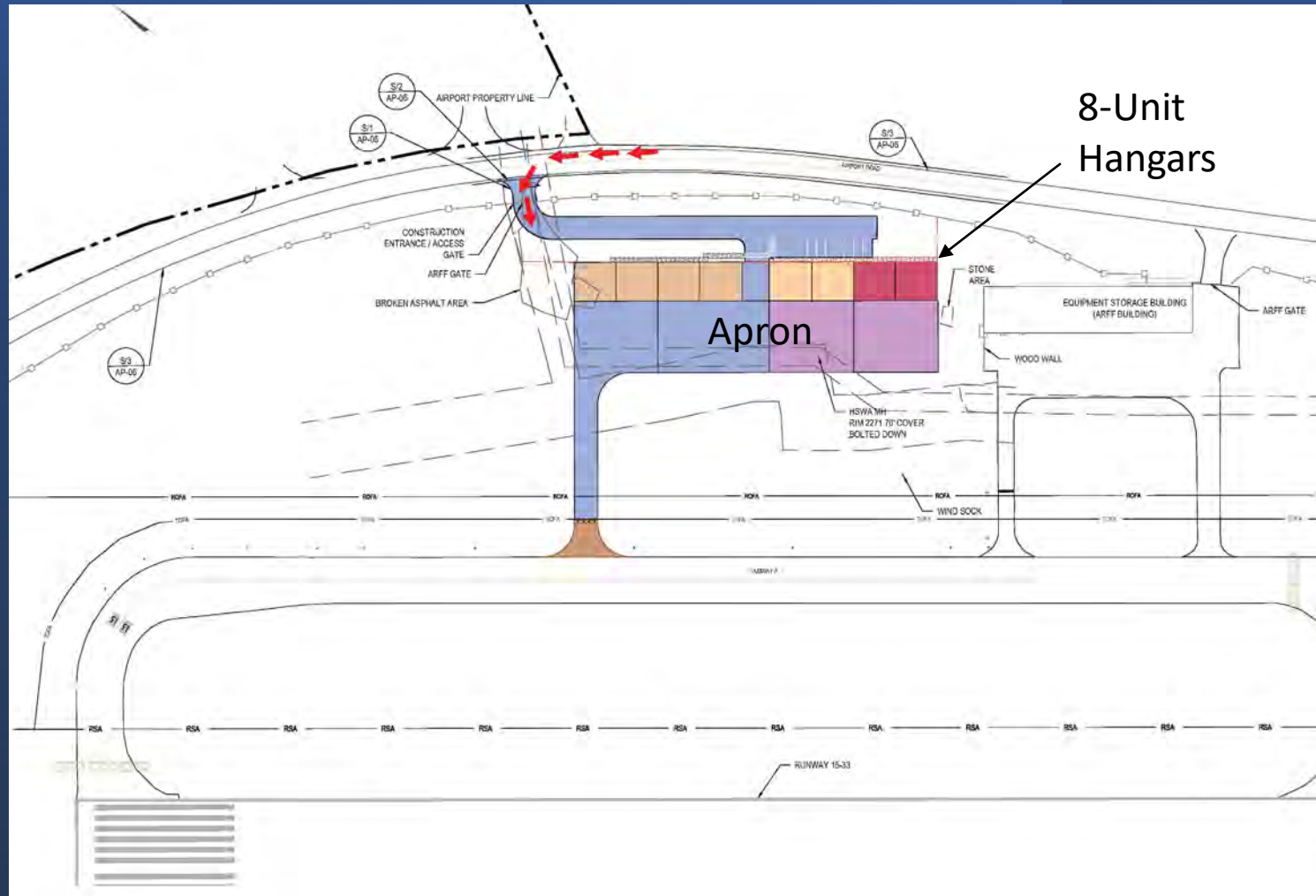
Provide good paying jobs, which would provide a positive economic impact at the Airport and the surrounding communities.



2-Unit Corporate Hangar – to be constructed 2023



Proposed Eight (8) Box Hangars



MTF Grant Application – Fence, Parking Lot, & Apron



Industry Collaboration & Partnerships and Workforce

The Airport Authority is partnering with Nulton Aviation Services, Saint Francis University, and elected, industry, and educational leaders to present the Inaugural Aerium Summit.

- This event will:
 - Provide guidance to students interested in careers in aviation, aeronautics, drone operation, defense, and related maintenance careers.
 - Provide best practices to educators looking to offer aviation curriculum.
 - Showcase the region as an optimally located destination for aircraft maintenance.



SAVE THE DATE

Inaugural Aerium Summit

May 30 - June 1, 2023

John Murtha Johnstown-
Cambria County Airport

About the Event:

Bringing Together Aviation Industry
Leaders, Students, and Educators for
Three Days of Collaboration, Unique
Insights & Networking

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Industry Collaboration & Partnerships

The Airport Authority is partnering with Commemorative Air Force (CAF) to bring the CAF's Air Power History Tour to the Airport.

- This event will:
 - Provide the public with an opportunity to see and ride in WWII aircraft.
 - Bring people to the region and the Airport.
 - Showcase the Airport.

CAF's Air Power History Tour

May 30 – 31, 2023

CAF AirPower History Tour
National Air Tour of Historic World War II Aircraft

Coming to Johnstown, PA
May 30-31, 2023

Featuring

"FIFI" 



Plus other classic warbirds !!



T-6 Texan



PT-13 Stearman



RC-45J Expeditor

Attending aircraft subject to change

LOCATION

Main Terminal Ramp
John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport
479 Airport Road
Johnstown, PA 15904

SCHEDULE

Open To The Public for Rides and Tours
Tuesday May 30 and Wednesday May 31
9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. each day

B-29 flies Wednesday at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

B-24 flies Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Other aircraft rides available each day

Aircraft tours available when planes are not flying

COST

Adults \$20 Youth 11-17 \$10 10 and under FREE

** Price includes FREE cockpit tours **

RIDES

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www.airpowertour.org
and book your ride on
"FIFI" and the other
warbirds! Seats fill
quickly! Book online
TODAY and SAVE!



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Summary



We agree with the purpose and the conclusion of the Pennsylvania Aviation System Strategic Investment Plan.

At the Johnstown Airport, we have seen a need to:

- Collaborate and partner with airlines, FBOs, funding agencies, and political leaders to address Pennsylvania's aviation issues
- Increase the retirement age for commercial airline pilots
- Support SkyWest Charter
- Support for Part 141 Flight Schools
- Support for Part 147 A&P Programs
- Increase PennDOT BOA funding
- Increase PennDOT BOA funding percentages



THANK YOU!

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