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Efforts to Attract Frontier Airlines

The Airport Authority presented a proposal to Denver-based Frontier Airlines in an effort to attract their service. Frontier Airlines will be receiving some Bombardier Q400 turboprop aircraft and is looking for new markets to serve. The Q400 holds 70 passengers and are reported to be very quiet and comfortable aircraft to travel in.



At the March Airport Board meeting, the Board voted to offer Frontier Airlines \$250,000 toward a guarantee for the first year of service. This offer is in addition to marketing assistance, waiver of landing fees and other financial inducements offered by community development organizations.

The Airport Authority has hired Sixel Consulting, of Eugene, OR to assist our efforts. Sixel Consulting has been instrumental in securing a Small Community Air Service Development Grant that brought Phoenix service in 2005 as well as acquiring service to Orlando and Atlanta from Sioux Falls.

Frontier Airlines would also like to see support from local fliers. You can help by going to the website link on our homepage and signing up for Frontier Airlines' frequent flyer program. The website to do this is <http://www.flyfrontierfsd.com>.

Over 60 airports have made presentations to Frontier Airlines. They expect to select 16. Their decision will be made the end of April.

New X-Ray Machine to Arrive

The Transportation Security Administration has agreed to install a second x-ray machine at the passenger screening checkpoint. The machine is scheduled to arrive the middle of May. Having a second x-ray machine available during peak times will cut down on

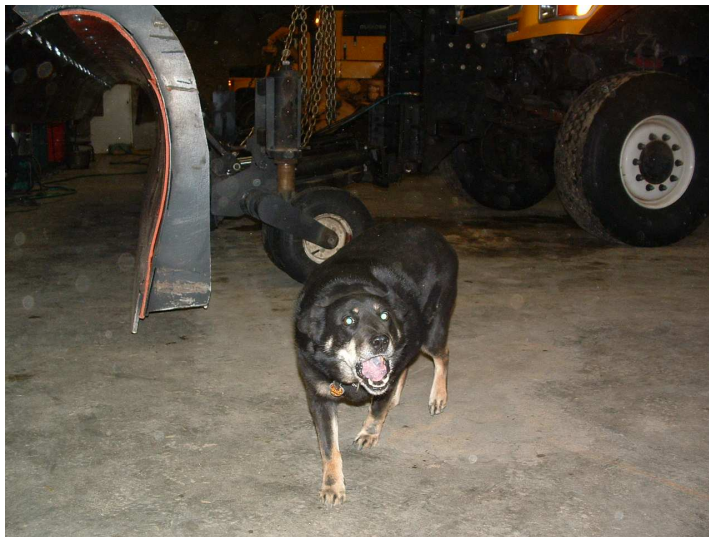
passenger waiting times. Currently there are a couple times during the day when multiple flights are departing and an additional x-ray machine to check carry-on baggage would be beneficial. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport also has peak periods during the year when a second machine could be in almost constant use.

Senator John Thune was very helpful in convincing the TSA to add the additional x-ray.

Prior to installation of the machine, the Airport Authority will be changing the configuration of the checkpoint to make room for it. The Authority will also take this opportunity to move some glass walls around to create a larger and better queuing area for passengers.

Suzy, the Airport Goose Dog Dies

Suzy, the Airport's goose dog passed away in her sleep March 27. The border collie mix was 8 years old.



Suzy was originally acquired as part of the Airport's goose control program. Geese that primarily lived on Covell Lake were beginning to create problems for aircraft. There were two bird strikes involving geese—one involving a TWA DC-9 and the other a SD Air National Guard F-16. The geese would leave Covell Lake in the morning to feed in corn field surrounding the airport. They would return to the lake in the afternoon, crossing runway approach paths both directions.

A local farm family heard the Airport was looking for a dog. They had a border collie mix. They also had domestic geese that they raised. The border collie mix loved to chase the geese around. Unfortunately, the family did not enjoy their geese having all the meat chased off them so they offered the dog to the Airport Authority. After some obedience training, Suzy was ready to go to work. Any time geese would land in the fields

surrounding the airport, permission to enter the fields was sought from the landowner and Suzy was put to work. She could clear a field of geese in no time flat.

When she wasn't working, Suzy lived in a kennel built into one of the Authority's snow removal equipment buildings. From there she could watch the cargo planes coming and going. John Traub, an Authority employee, took a special interest in Suzy and would take her for runs along the perimeter road. Occasionally he would take her home over the weekend.

In addition to Suzy, the Airport employed "bird bangers"—special pyrotechnics fired from a pistol, mylar streamers that snapped and glistened in the wind that could be placed on posts in fields, and a noise cannon that could be programmed with a timer to fire at odd intervals.

When the City of Sioux Falls instituted a total ban on feeding geese within the city limits, the goose problem from Covell Lake declined dramatically.

The feeding ban put Suzy in semi-retirement. She continued to live at the snow removal equipment building and continued to enjoy watching planes come and go and going for exercise runs around the airport.