

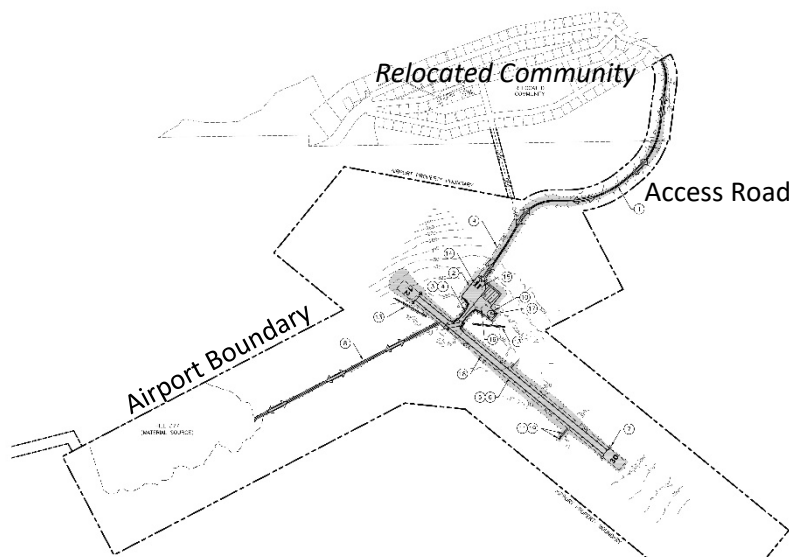


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities is proposing to design and construct a new Community Class airport to support the village of Newtok at the Mertarvik relocation site.

The Airport Relocation project includes design and construction of:

- Main Runway
- Taxiway
- Aircraft Parking Apron
- Two Equipment Storage Buildings
- Access Road
- Supporting Utility Infrastructure



SCHEDULE UPDATE:

Final Design and
Construction Bid Package
August 2020

ROW Acquisitions
(August 2020)

Environmental Permits were
received in July 2020

Construction Start: **Fall 2020**

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NEWTOK AIRPORT RELOCATION PROJECT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. How big will the new runway be?

The proposed runway will be 75 feet wide by 3,300 feet long. The runway safety area will be 150 feet wide by 3,900 feet long.

2. How far away will the airport be located from the community?

The new airport will be approximately one mile from the community.

3. What is the largest aircraft the new airport at the Mertarvik site can safely support?

The airport will be built to accommodate a Cessna 208 and Piper Navajo Chieftain.

4. When will airport construction begin and when will it end?

Construction may begin in Fall 2020. Construction will last two years, so the new airport is scheduled to be operational in the fall of 2022.

5. Will there be local hire available for the airport construction?

The contractor will hold a pre-construction meeting before the project begins. This is a good question to ask the contractor at that time, but DOT&PF cannot require them to use local hire due to federal funding requirements.

6. What will happen to the existing Newtok Airport?

Once the new airport is operational, the old airport will no longer be owned and operated by the DOT&PF. The old airport will remain closed and the land will be transferred to DNR.

7. What is the name of the new airport?

The new airport will be named Newtok Airport and have the identifier EWU, which must be transferred from the old airport in order to maintain status in the Federal Essential Air Service Program.

8. Why was there a public hearing for the approved 2018 EIS?

Engineering, design and studies performed since the 2018 EIS lead to changes in the design to reduce the overall environmental impacts. The proposed Modified Preferred Alternative was made available for public review and comment via public hearing in July 2019.

