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Saskatoon John G. Diefenbaker International Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project

SASKATOON – A major reconstruction of the main Runway 09/27 at the Saskatoon John G. Diefenbaker Airport is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2008. The project also includes the installation of high intensity approach lighting and restoration of taxiway Foxtrot and a portion of taxiway Alpha. Graham Construction has been awarded the contract through a competitive tendering process.



Through extensive research, consultation and weather analysis the construction schedule has been developed to minimize operational impact at the airport. Air travel should only be restricted from July 22 – 24 when restoration of the runway intersection is scheduled. The public is advised to check with their airline if they have travel plans during this time.

“The work is critical to the operational integrity of the main runway”, comments Bill Restall, President and CEO of the Saskatoon Airport Authority. “We have gone to considerable effort to plan this rehabilitation project with a minimum of disruption to the airlines, the traveling public, and the community at large.”

Throughout the summer, residents directly south of the airport will experience increased air traffic as Runway 15/33 will be used primarily during this time. The runway project is expected to be completed by the end of September, 2008 at a cost of \$16 M.

Information regarding the project is available on the Saskatoon Airport Authority website at www.yxe.ca.

