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George Balmer, President
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Dear Mr. Balmer:

Re: Concerns with airside facilities at Whitehorse Airport

Thank you for Canadian Owners & Pilots Association's (COPA) continued interest in the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport (ENWIA). I greatly value the feedback given by stakeholders and associations such as COPA in our Yukon aviation network.

The Department of Highways and Public Works, Aviation Branch has been making progress on major capital projects at ENWIA, as well as several other aerodromes in the Yukon Airport System. As you are aware, the branch manages 29 aerodromes throughout the Yukon and must balance the needs at these facilities with those of ENWIA. In an operation of this magnitude, over an area as large as the Yukon, priorities sometimes need to shift due to changes in regulatory requirements or industry demand. As you can appreciate, this work needs to be completed within existing budget allocations.

With regard to the specific capital projects you mention in your letter, I offer the following information. Please note that unless otherwise indicated, all these projects are included within our current 5-year Capital Plan and all are subject to budget appropriation in the Yukon legislature:

- Designs for former Hangars A, B and C, Airside Apron Concrete Pad replacement and Parallel Runway Pavement Overlay are complete. Construction is currently planned to start in 2012, with completion of all projects in 2014, subject to funding approvals (Yukon and Federal).
- Taxiway G paving and extension is slated to commence 2013 and will be complete in 2015.
- Apron II improvements were completed in October 2010.
- The design for the sewer and water extension into the South Development area is complete and City of Whitehorse approvals have been obtained.

The air terminal expansion and parking lot improvements were required to ensure that ENWIA continues to provide all Yukoners and visitors with a modern, efficient and safe facility.

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