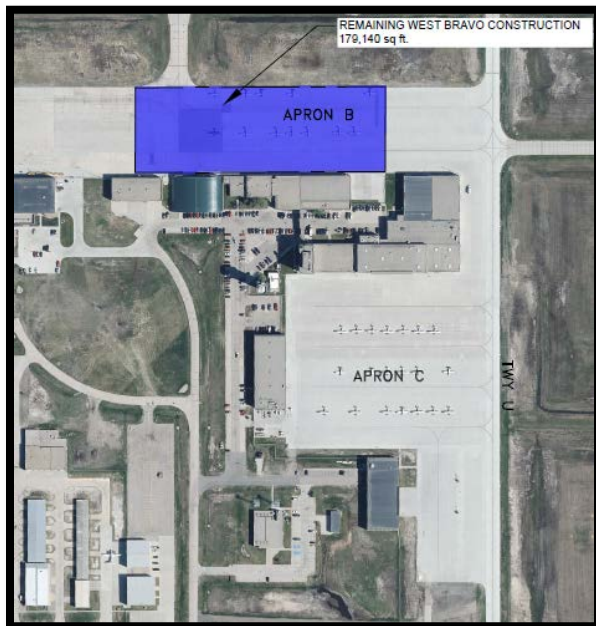


UND Aerospace support of NDAC Budget

The University of North Dakota appreciates the proposed financial support of \$5M to complete the Apron Reconstruction Project that began in 2015. The infrastructure support for the aviation program shows a continued dedication to the University of North Dakota and the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

The aprons that UND Flight Operations uses at GFK were in need of reconstruction. In the mid-2000s the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) decided that they would not continue to fund exclusive-use aprons like this one. With that final determination from the FAA, UND began looking for alternate funding. Work began in 2014, with the initial request to the ND Legislature to fund the rehabilitation of the aircraft parking aprons at the GFK Airport that supports UND Flight Operations and the flight training program.

The 2015 Legislature awarded \$6M for phase 1 of this project and east Bravo apron and Charlie apron were rehabilitated and reconstructed during the summer of 2016. Currently, there is one final portion (Bravo apron - west) that requires reconstruction (see photo).



University of North Dakota Flight Operations at GFK Airport.

UND Flight Operations is the largest collegiate flight training program in the nation, and likely the world, and significantly contributes to the economic impact to the airport, city and state. Enrollment in UND flight programs has grown by more than 50% in the past five years.

This area of the aircraft parking area is extremely important to the continued level of activity, safety and success for UND Flight Operations and our students.

Below is a recent article that outlines the UND activities at the GFK Airport.

UND Today article (1/21/2021)

<http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2021/01/ramping-up-infrastructure-improvements-at-und-flight-ops/>

UND Aerospace You Tube Channel – Virtual Tour (2:10). At 1:35 of video shows Bravo apron.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0pgy77OLXw>

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