



October 18, 2010

John McCarty  
Executive Director  
SEMSWA  
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Dear John,

Attached please find a map produced by Alan Leak, P.E. with WRC Engineering in support of our fee reduction request relative to the annual SEMSWA storm water fee charged to the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority ("Authority"), owner and operator of Centennial Airport.

As you are aware, the Authority is the highest fee-paying entity covering the SEMSWA territory, paying a storm water fee for impervious surfaces in excess of \$200,000 annually. The Authority respectfully requests that SEMSWA reconsider the basis upon which it charges the fee and reduces the cost to the Authority accordingly. Specifically, our request is two-fold, namely the fees charged for public roads, and the fees charged to public runways, taxiways and connectors.


On the attached map the legend identifies two distinct areas of use; orange depicts the public roads at Centennial Airport, while blue depicts the public runways, taxiways and connectors. While some of the roads shown have either been dedicated or are in the process of being dedicated (Easter Avenue, Potomac/County Line/InterPort Blvd), other roads have not been dedicated nor will they be dedicated because the property was purchased with federal Airport Improvement Program funding. The roads that have not been dedicated nevertheless serve to provide public access to businesses on the airport (Briarwood/SMFRD, Alpha North, S. Peoria Loop, East Control Tower Road, Eagle Rock Road and Wallace Court). The total area of impervious surface in question is estimated at  $\pm 19.8$  acres. The Authority requests that SEMSWA consider all public roads at or near Centennial Airport, dedicated or not, to be exempt from the impervious surface storm water fee.

With respect to the public runways, taxiways and connectors depicted in blue, the Authority similarly requests that SEMSWA consider these impervious surfaces exempt from the storm water fee. The basis for our request is that runways, taxiways and connectors are in essence similar to roads. The federal government requires that these surfaces remain accessible to the public based on the 1926 Commerce Act, as amended. While runways and roads differ in their respective types of conveyance, i.e. air transportation versus surface transportation, they provide the same function; the transportation of people, goods and services. Both impervious surfaces have restrictions, such as weight or zoning restrictions but both must be open or available to the public. The total area of impervious surface in question is estimated at  $\pm 94.8$  acres. Again, the Authority respectfully requests that SEMSWA consider

all public runways, taxiways and connectors at Centennial Airport to be exempt from the impervious storm water fee.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Olislagers  
Executive Director



