



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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2850 Airport Road  
La Crosse WI 54603

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### Aviation Board

Monday, February 16, 2026

4:00 PM

Grandad Room  
City Hall

**MEETING CANCELLED**

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Minutes

#### Agenda Items:

- 1      [26-0181](#)      Board Recognition and Remembrance of William Blank
- 2      [26-0182](#)      Approval of the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Budget
- 3      [26-0183](#)      Projects/Operations/Marketing/Air Service/Ft. McCoy Update

#### Adjournment

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

#### **NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY**

*Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to [ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org), with as much advance notice as possible.*

**Aviation Board Members: Tamra Dickinson, Drake Hokanson, Alan Fullerton, Ryan Seib, Jeannie Groskreutz, Rick Cornforth, Mark Haakenson, Bradley Weber, Melissa Dubois.**



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# William A. "Bill" Blank

Inducted: 2021



Bill Blank is a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) and a retired ophthalmologist. When lens implants were new, he was the first ophthalmologist to perform that surgery in La Crosse. Bill is also an FAA medical speaker who gives ophthalmology lectures at AME courses and writes medical articles for the Midwest Flyer magazine. He has also given medical presentations at Wisconsin DOT Aviation Division flight instructor recurrent training classes. Bill continues to do flight physicals because he has a good understanding of the FAA medical certification process - which permits him to be helpful to pilots with problems.



Bill promotes general aviation education and fellowship through his memberships in the La Crosse Area Flyers Club and EAA Chapter 307, and is a past president of both. As a pilot he has about 5400 hours, and is certified as an ATP, SEL, SES, MEL, CFII and private pilot helicopter. He recently learned to fly a helicopter, because of an interest in learning a different aspect of flight. Bill is also the flight advisor for EAA Chapter 307.

Bill has retired as an aerobatic pilot. He has given about 1500 hours of aerobatic instruction, and also did unusual attitude training for Minnesota DNR pilots. He has had a surface air show waiver for 28 years and has flown 198 performances, most in Wisconsin. His shows routinely included volunteer participation in the annual La Crosse Area Flyers Club "Flying Waffles" fundraising breakfast. Bill taught two of his sons to fly. His tail wheel check out was done by a man with pilot's license number 1000 who had learned to fly in a Jenny, and had been a barnstormer and flying circus pilot.

Bill is a volunteer member of the City of La Crosse City of La Crosse Aviation Board; and is a member of the Board subcommittee reviewing the La Crosse Regional Airport's minimum standards.

He is an Eagle Scout and has been involved with the scouts since his children were small. Bill has been a cub master, was a member of the Gateway Area Council Board for 20 plus years, and has been Council President. He has also received the Silver Beaver leader's award. All three of his sons are Eagle Scouts. Bill routinely recruits area pilots every summer to fly Boy Scouts encamped at Camp Decorah for their Aviation Merit Badge program.



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La Crosse Regional Airport Capital Improvement Projects - 2027-2031

Airport Project Title	FAA/SA CIP Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Sources	Previous Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Airfield Drainage Improvements	Airfield Drainage Improvements - Construction	Construct airfield drainage improvements	\$3,675,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M	\$1,496,250.00 \$39,375.00 \$39,375.00	\$1,890,000.00 \$105,000.00 \$105,000.00				
Snow Removal Equipment Building Rehabilitation/Expansion	Rehabilitate SRE Facility	Modernize and expand snow removal equipment building	\$2,500,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 11 - PFC/PFC-R		\$90,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00	\$2,160,000.00 \$120,000.00 \$120,000.00			
Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation - Rebid	Rehabilitate Runway - 13/31	Rehabilitate Runway 13/31 full length	\$6,000,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M			\$5,400,000.00 \$300,000.00 \$300,000.00			
Prepare Development Site	Prepare Development Site	Remove sand storage building to prepare for hangar development	\$170,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M				\$153,000.00 \$8,500.00 \$8,500.00		
East GA Apron Reconstruction	Rehabilitate East GA Apron	Rehabilitation of east GA parking apron	\$9,600,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M			\$540,000.00 \$30,000.00 \$30,000.00	\$8,100,000.00 \$450,000.00 \$450,000.00		
Remove Runway 4/22	Remove Runway	Removal of Runway 4/22	\$10,400,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 11 - PFC/PFC-R			\$360,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$20,000.00	\$4,500,000.00 \$250,000.00 \$250,000.00	\$4,500,000.00 \$250,000.00 \$250,000.00	
Taxiway A Relocation	Reconstruct/Rehabilitate Taxiway A	Relocate Taxiway A to meet design standards, construction	\$5,400,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M	\$360,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$20,000.00				\$4,500,000.00 \$250,000.00 \$250,000.00	
Taxiway B Rehabilitation	Rehabilitate Taxiway	Rehabilitate Taxiway B full length	\$5,000,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 11 - PFC/PFC-R					\$4,500,000.00 \$250,000.00 \$250,000.00	
South GA Apron Reconstruction	Rehabilitate South Apron	Rehabilitation of south GA parking apron	\$9,400,000.00	6 - State/Federal 6 - State/Federal 17 - O&M	\$360,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$20,000.00					\$8,100,000.00 \$450,000.00 \$450,000.00
					Year Total	\$2,200,000.00	\$9,400,000.00	\$14,170,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$9,000,000.00
				6 - State/Federal		\$2,090,000.00	\$8,930,000.00	\$13,461,500.00	\$14,250,000.00	\$8,550,000.00
				10 - Other (CFC)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				11 - PFC/PFC-R		\$5,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
				17 - O&M		\$105,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$458,500.00	\$250,000.00	\$450,000.00



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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Council President Dickinson

Aviation Board Members

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Airport is providing the following updates to the Aviation Board:

### **1. Airport Capital Improvement Projects**

- a. ARFF Building Rehabilitation – Pre-bid meeting took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; bid opening scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>
- b. Terminal Emergency Generator – Pre-bid meeting took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; bid opening scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>
- c. South Terminal Parking Lot – Finalizing environmental document changes; pre-bid meeting expected to be scheduled soon
- d. Storm Drainage Improvements – Pre-bid meeting scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>; expected to begin in Spring 2027

### **2. Airport Operations & Maintenance**

- a. Maintenance staff have been working on removing and trimming trees causing a hazard along the approach end of Runway 31

### **3. Airport Business & Air Service Development**

- a. Allegiant Air February 6<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Flight Recap
- b. United Airlines May 7<sup>th</sup> Launch Progress



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- c. La Crosse Chamber Driftless Day at the Capital Recap – Support for a statewide funding mechanism for air service
- d. Update to La Crosse Regional Airport website

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lauren Koss*

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Airport Director



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Enplanements (excluding charters)													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
2017	6,070	6,375	7,536	7,410	7,518	7,977	7,627	8,717	7,000	7,522	7,159	6,786	87,697
2018	6,781	6,655	8,029	7,972	8,402	8,708	8,143	9,424	8,133	8,719	7,809	7,599	96,374
2019	6,139	5,056	7,844	7,242	8,870	8,935	9,345	10,078	8,000	8,513	7,586	7,697	95,305
2020	7,604	7,195	3,948	372	821	1,399	2,980	3,942	4,066	3,903	3,700	3,897	43,847
2021	3,956	3,731	5,061	5,490	7,248	8,457	8,469	8,695	7,682	7,800	7,703	6,851	81,143
2022	6,027	5,762	6,205	5,483	5,721	5,012	5,189	5,955	5,824	4,406	3,916	3,739	63,239
2023	3,875	4,246	4,911	4,227	4,322	2,810	3,261	3,289	2,799	2,586	2,786	2,345	41,457
2024	1,904	2,240	2,612	3,303	3,987	3,391	3,504	4,096	3,776	3,069	3,369	3,088	38,339
2025	3,082	2,614	3,579	3,620	4,385	4,196	4,112	4,206	3,823	3,641	2,678	3,189	43,125
2026	3,048												

-1.10%

Load Factors (excluding charters) *													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Avg
2017	85.78%	85.69%	89.40%	87.49%	85.24%	80.98%	77.43%	86.56%	80.68%	81.18%	84.46%	72.45%	83.11%
2018	76.71%	79.80%	78.95%	84.45%	85.82%	82.07%	74.50%	82.59%	80.21%	84.98%	85.72%	82.06%	81.49%
2019	87.70%	89.01%	83.27%	83.76%	79.98%	75.91%	74.95%	81.17%	78.97%	80.08%	77.33%	79.15%	80.23%
2020	84.71%	85.65%	46.72%	9.80%	38.19%	60.30%	53.31%	55.79%	55.90%	45.70%	50.11%	49.77%	56.35%
2021	53.82%	57.17%	65.51%	68.32%	79.65%	81.02%	77.83%	83.24%	79.00%	89.90%	87.28%	85.11%	76.71%
2022	88.63%	94.06%	87.05%	87.36%	89.45%	88.71%	83.42%	86.10%	81.19%	91.58%	73.07%	76.31%	85.74%
2023	71.42%	73.77%	75.48%	67.59%	75.09%	85.05%	74.97%	75.61%	69.98%	81.84%	75.30%	70.00%	74.15%
2024	69.74%	82.66%	82.92%	77.72%	63.35%	71.06%	64.65%	79.74%	75.05%	80.30%	68.94%	82.68%	74.90%
2025	66.21%	72.53%	75.06%	63.70%	60.42%	70.66%	69.38%	77.16%	69.46%	61.65%	52.14%	58.16%	66.38%
2026	57.76%												

-12.76%

Available Seats (excluding charters)													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
2017	7,076	7,440	8,430	8,470	8,820	9,850	9,850	10,070	8,676	9,266	8,476	9,366	105,790
2018	8,840	8,340	10,170	9,440	9,790	10,610	10,930	11,410	10,140	10,260	9,110	9,260	118,300
2019	7,000	5,680	9,420	8,646	11,090	11,770	12,468	12,416	10,130	10,630	9,810	9,724	118,784
2020	8,976	8,400	8,450	3,794	2,150	2,320	5,590	7,066	7,310	8,540	7,384	7,830	77,810
2021	7,350	6,526	7,726	8,036	9,100	10,438	10,882	10,446	9,724	8,676	8,826	8,050	105,780
2022	6,800	6,126	7,128	6,276	6,396	5,650	6,220	6,916	7,173	4,811	5,359	4,900	73,755
2023	5,426	5,756	6,506	6,254	5,756	3,304	4,350	4,350	4,000	3,160	3,700	3,350	41,457
2024	2,730	2,710	3,150	4,250	6,294	4,772	5,420	5,137	5,031	3,822	4,887	3,735	51,938
2025	4,655	3,604	4,744	5,683	7,257	5,938	5,927	5,451	5,504	5,906	5,136	5,483	65,288
2026	5,277												

13.4%

Tower Counts													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
2017	707	1,122	1,163	1,322	1,755	1,954	2,023	1,995	1,846	1,811	1,563	1,129	18,390
2018	1,244	1,201	1,695	1,368	1,496	1,628	2,027	2,012	1,956	2,235	1,259	1,281	19,402
2019	1,221	855	1,765	1,464	1,721	2,121	2,643	2,320	1,764	1,748	1,095	1,322	20,039
2020	884	1,543	1,095	628	677	1,145	1,828	2,138	1,459	1,406	1,179	1,087	15,069
2021	1,051	1,035	1,662	1,636	1,635	2,696	2,568	2,015	2,165	1,954	1,565	1,276	21,258
2022	1,111	1,356	1,273	1,294	1,577	1,607	2,315	1,876	1,628	1,880	1,303	1,191	18,411
2023	808	1,207	1,514	1,598	2,205	1,694	2,238	1,968	1,501	1,796	1,224	1,021	18,774
2024	661	1,547	1,333	1,670	1,902	2,009	2,238	1,824	1,981	1,786	1,130	942	19,023
2025	1,308	1,095	1,772	1,728	2,198	1,925	2,536	2,000	2,167	2,069	1,543	1,108	21,449
2026	987												

-24.5%

Airport Statistics for			
	2025	2026	YOY Change
Car Rentals	January N/A	January N/A	
Colgan Sales	January \$68,568.68	January \$65,046.25	-5%
Fuel Sales (Gallons)	January \$ 46,520.00	January \$35,064.00	-25%
Restaurant/Shop Sales	January \$ 15,969.19	January \$ 17,939.06	12%
Parking Revenue**	January \$30,086.00	January \$29,080.00	-3%

\* - Note: Load factors are estimated due to diversions/maintenance flight  
 \*\* - Note: Parking Revenue includes credit card sales only