

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

September 1, 2023

1. **Billings Logan International Airport** - Billings Logan International Airport (BIL) is continuing to expand air service development efforts to increase direct flight opportunities and reduce air fares. Air service development is focused on retaining and/or establishing air service to an airport by ensuring airport infrastructure has sufficient capacity for expansion and working with air carriers to further develop existing route structures, expand existing flight capacity (larger aircraft/more seats), and attracting new air service to markets not currently served from BIL. (Please see the attached slides that illustrate the current BIL air service and describe efforts to encourage air carriers to increase air service.)
2. **Splash Pads** - The splash pads in the city normally close the Tuesday after Labor Day. Since the weather looks like it will cooperate for a couple more weeks, the Parks and Recreation staff have decided to extend the season. Splash pads will remain open until further notice with normal operating hours of 10AM to 8PM.
3. **Political Signs Posted in the Right of Way** – Please see the attached informational piece from Code Enforcement on campaign signage requirements when posting signs around town as campaigns ramp up this fall.
4. **Saluting Branches** – Saluting Branches is a national volunteer program, “Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance” where professionals from the tree industry volunteer to provide tree care at veteran properties. The mission of Saluting Branches is to honor American service men and women by organizing volunteer tree and landscape care for the property dedicated to veterans. Saluting Branches is the largest one-day volunteer event in the tree industry. Saluting Branches is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2015 by a group of arborists in Minnesota. The idea of Saluting Branches was sparked by the desire to give back to the community and honor veterans.

This year a local group has come together to host a Saluting Branches event at Mountview Cemetery. Arborists and tree care companies from across Billings along with City Parks staff have agreed to provide tree pruning, removal and planting, along with other volunteer activities like raising sunken head stones at the cemetery. The volunteer event will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to signup can do so here: <https://saluting-branches-2023.vercel.app/locations/mountview-cemetery>.

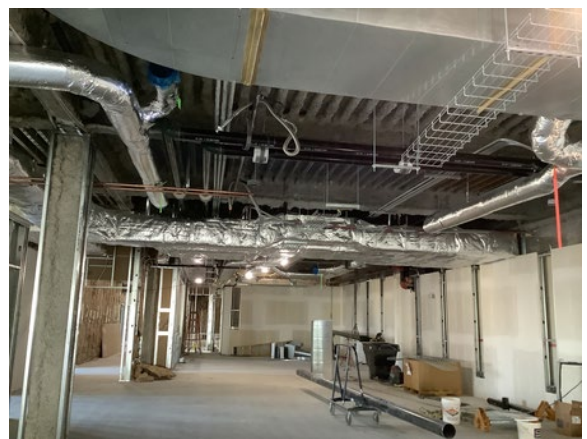
5. **10 -n mbar VACOM** – Last week the mayor and I along with BSED and the Department of Commerce met with VACOM to sell Billings and answer questions. They are a German company with several clients in the California.
6. **Family Justice Center** – Staff and the stakeholder group continue to make progress. They held a planning meeting last week in preparation for the September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Sessions being held at the YWCA. Please add this to your calendar if you want to participate.

7. **Dehler Park** – We continue to have dialogue with Sean Lynch and Mitch Dimich to expand events at Dehler Park during the 2024 outdoor concert season. I'm hoping we can have some big announcements this fall and winter.
8. **Parks Project Progress Report** – Please see the attached updated report.
9. **New City Hall Update** - This week at the city hall project more HVAC penetrations were cut through the roof and roof curbs set. Installing duct and VAV's on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor continues. Plumbing in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor restrooms was completed and the waste and vent inspection was done and signed off. Overhead plumbing in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor ceiling is being worked on and core drilling from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor got started. Overhead electrical on 5<sup>th</sup> floor and 4<sup>th</sup> floor wall rough in continued. Sheetrock top out and one siding walls on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor was worked on. Wall insulation on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor got started. Curtain wall framing in the council chambers was completed and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor framing continued. Fire sprinkler rough in on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor finished and 1<sup>st</sup> floor was started.

### Council Chambers



### Bathroom Area



### 10. Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces

- a. Labor Day – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> City offices will be closed.

- b. North Park Task Force, Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, North Park Community Center, 716 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- c. Council Operations Committee, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room.

## 11. From the PIO Desk:

### Mayor & Council

*Top EPA official talks Brownfield cleanup in Billings*

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/top-epa-official-talks-brownfield-cleanup-in-billings>

*Billings City Council lays out how \$143 million parks bond will be spent*

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-city-council-lays-out-how-143-million-parks-bond-will-be-spent>

*Naval Medical Forces Atlantic fosters relations with Billings to deepen Navy connection*

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/452541/naval-medical-forces-atlantic-fosters-relations-with-billings-deepen-navy-connection>

### Fire

*Climbing the ladder: Senior volleyball adopts firefighter's mindset*

<https://www.kulr8.com/tncms/asset/editorial/cf85637e-47aa-11ee-a950-8be5a0566068/>

*Hugs after firefighters save cat trapped by leash in tree*

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/hugs-after-firefighters-save-cat-trapped-by-leash-in-tree/article\\_498e305a-4513-11ee-b099-63403564cc87.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/hugs-after-firefighters-save-cat-trapped-by-leash-in-tree/article_498e305a-4513-11ee-b099-63403564cc87.html)

### In other news...

*Billings BIRD has big plans for North Park starting with reducing crime*

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-bird-has-big-plans-for-north-park-starting-with-reducing-crime>

*West Nile Virus spreads in Montana; 2 hospitalized in Billings*

<https://dailymontanain.com/briefs/west-nile-virus-spreads-in-montana-2-hospitalized-in-billings/>

*Yellowstone County committee to look at jail and justice issues*

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-committee-to-look-at-jail-and-justice-issues>

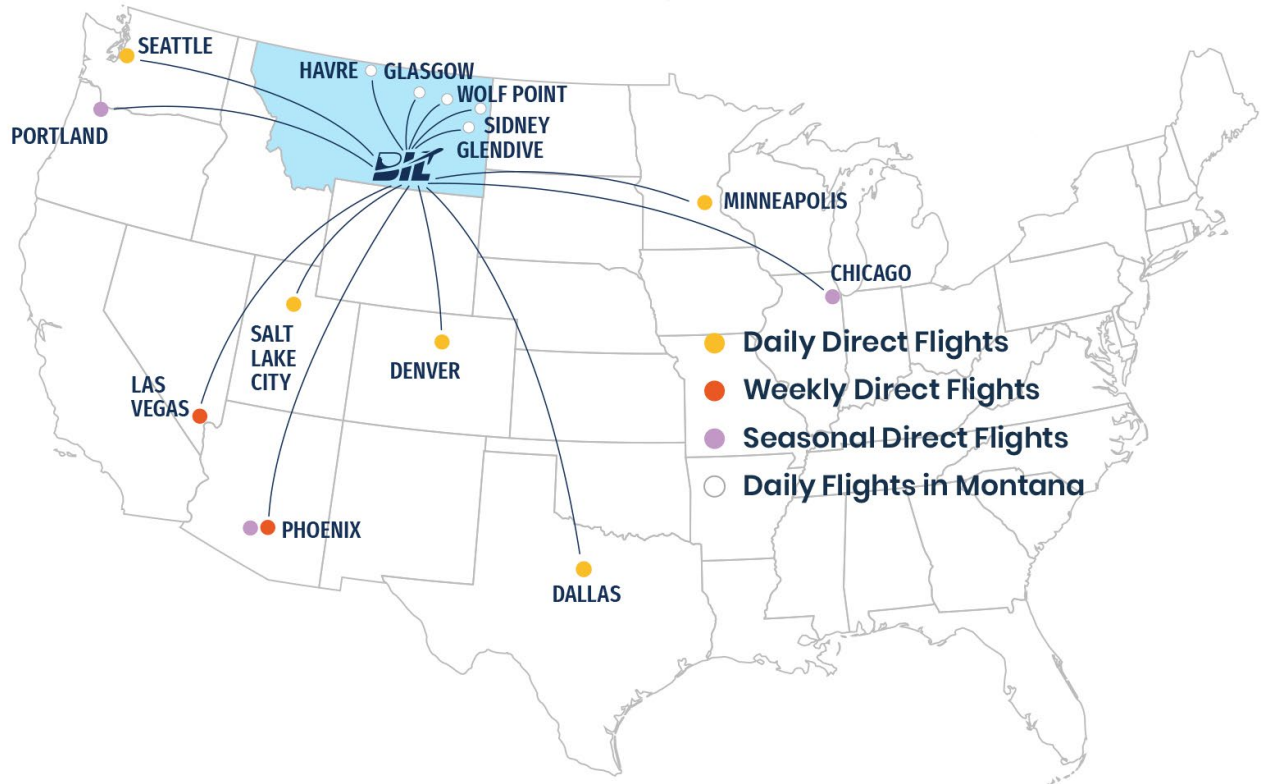
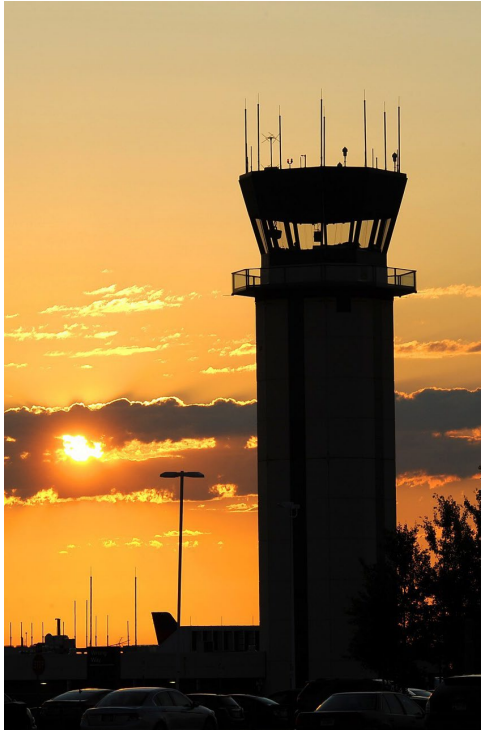
*Burn the Point Classic Car weekend returns*

[https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/burn-the-point-classic-car-weekend-returns/article\\_94d2d3d6-2666-59dc-b0e4-4c4ebc29a4dd.html](https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/burn-the-point-classic-car-weekend-returns/article_94d2d3d6-2666-59dc-b0e4-4c4ebc29a4dd.html)

# BIL EXISTING AIR SERVICE



Destinations



- 14 TOTAL MARKETS SERVED (NINE OUT-OF-STATE HUBS AND FIVE IN-STATE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE)
- CURRENT PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (DEPARTING PASSENGERS) ARE UP 12.32% OVER CY 2022
- ON TRACK TO EXCEED 830,000 PASSENGERS SERVED AT BIL IN CY 2023

# Air Service Development Efforts

## Terminal Expansion Project (\$60 M) & Terminal Upgrades

- Improve/update facilities for existing air service providers
- Increase terminal airside capacity for additional air service

## Mead and Hunt 5-year Contract

- Air service development conferences & headquarters visits
- Air carrier data collection and analysis

## USDOT SCASD Grant Application Submitted

- Small community air service development grant to incentivize additional air service

## Kinetics/AD Creative 5-year Contracts

- Marketing support to increase customer awareness and revenue generation
- Expand social media engagement and outreach

## Chamber of Commerce Air Service Development Committee

- Prepare air service development products (meeting slides) and raise match funding
- Foster community support for air service development efforts



# TOP O&D MARKETS – Calendar Year Ending March 30, 2023

Rank*	Destination	O&D Passengers	O&D Revenue (\$)	Average Fare (\$)
1	Las Vegas, NV	49,189	6,106,119	124
2	Denver, CO	48,133	8,767,262	182
3	Seattle, WA	47,024	9,824,191	209
4	Phoenix, AZ (AZA)	45,892	3,943,588	86
5	Minneapolis, MN	27,513	5,822,184	212
6	Salt Lake City, UT	27,044	6,068,899	224
7	Dallas, TX (DFW)	23,637	6,873,159	291
8	Phoenix, AZ (PHX)	21,733	5,525,763	254
9	Portland, OR	20,926	4,731,710	226
10	Houston, TX (IAH)	14,620	4,553,623	311
11	Orlando, FL (MCO)	14,400	4,522,563	314
12	Los Angeles, CA	11,554	3,117,767	270
13	San Diego, CA	11,164	2,930,358	262
14	Chicago, IL (ORD)	10,996	3,232,726	294
15	Atlanta, GA	10,909	4,071,531	373
16	Sidney, MT	10,778	1,335,563	124 **
17	Anchorage, AK	9,238	3,174,208	344
18	Sacramento, CA	8,362	2,371,702	284
19	Cancun, Mexico	8,098	2,669,681	330
20	Boston, MA	7,533	2,679,780	356
<b>Total All Markets</b>		<b>775,277</b>	<b>210,504,749</b>	<b>272</b>

O&D Passengers - The number of passengers beginning or ending their flight at the domestic market, which includes all flights regardless of number of stops enroute

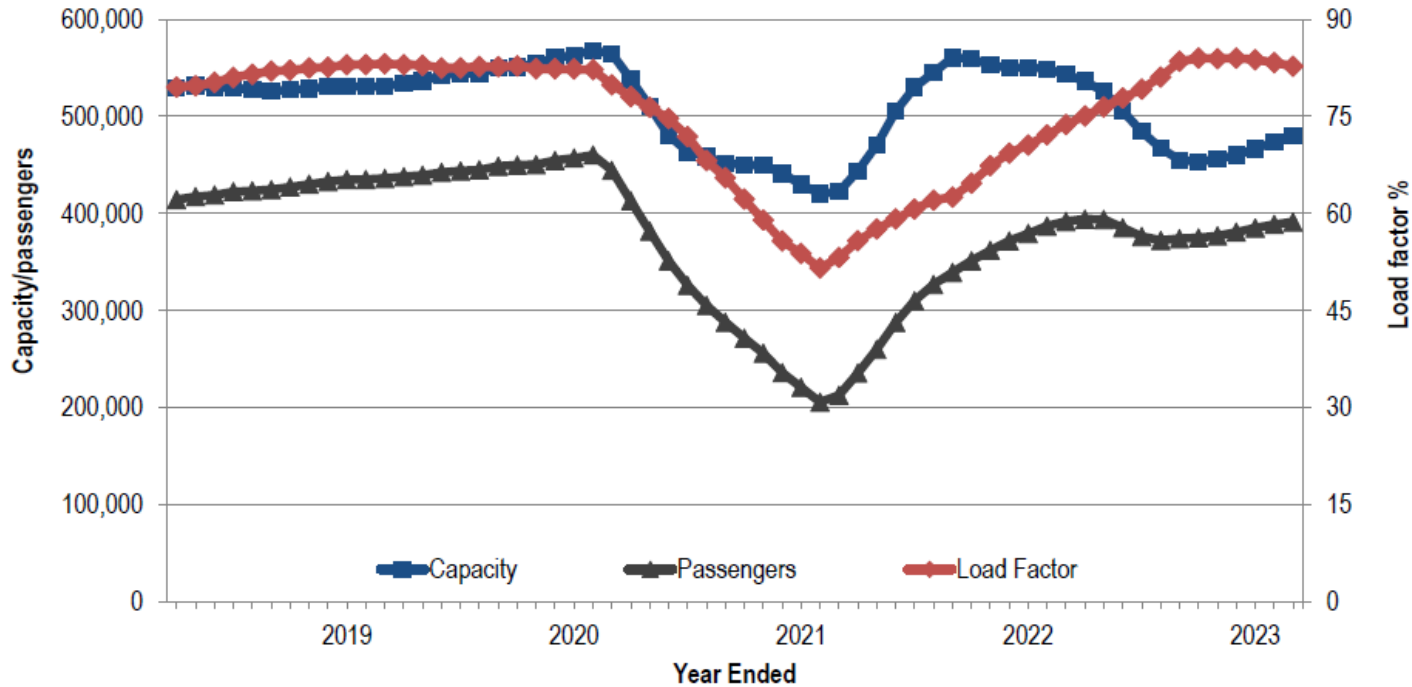
O&D Revenue - The gross revenue to airlines from O&D passengers for the domestic market

Average Fare - The average one-way air fare between Billings and the domestic market

\* Top nine domestic markets currently served with direct flights from BIL

\*\* Includes EAS subsidy

# TRAFFIC/CAPACITY TRENDS



YE Q1 2023 year-over-year capacity was down 12%, while onboard passengers were stable, driving average load factors up 9% points.

Capacity – The total number of seats available on all outbound flights from BIL (should nearly equal Load Factor)

Passengers - The total number of enplaned passengers departing BIL

Load Factor - The percentage of the seats available that are filled on average

# PROPER POLITICAL SIGN PLACEMENT


















All temporary signs should be placed on private property. All signs should not block or impede clear vision of intersections. If signs are placed in the boulevard or on public property they can be confiscated without notice. If political signs are placed in the boulevard note the address, who the candidate is and we will contact them via email to remove and place on private property.

Improper locations:

- (a) In the right of way or on other public property without approval of the city.
- (b) Placed on private property without consent of the owner or authorized agent of the owner of such property.
- (c) Within a clear vision triangle (see subsection 271802.H)
- (d) Attached to utility poles, other utility or public infrastructure structures or equipment, or wireless communication facilities.



September 1, 2023 progress report

Park	Progress	Project	Status
	Started -----> Completed		
Arrowhead playground replacement			Play equipment was delivered and ready to be installed by contractor
Castle Rock playground addition			Playground open, waiting on delivery of final pieces to complete
Castle Rock parking lot & restroom			Design work with consultant underway
Central tennis courts replacement			Courts open to the public, substantial completion awarded to contractor, final punch list in progress
Comanche playground replacement			Playground complete and open to the public
*Cottonwood Park masterplan			*Third public meeting being held Thursday September 7th, 6:30pm at Ben Steele Middle School
Coulson Park South Improvements			Received approval from US Army Corps of Engineers, proceeding with design
*Gorham irrigation automation			*Contractor locating underground utilities, begin work after Labor Day
Grandview irrigation automation			Advertised twice, no bids both times, rebid at a later date
Highland playground replacement			Playground equipment was delivered, installer under contract for Fall completion
Millice irrigation automation			Sealed bids opened, project over budget, rebid at a later date
North Park adult exercise & shelter			Adult exercise equipment delivered, shelter in production, installer under contract for later Summer completion
North Park playground replacement			New play equipment ordered and in production
*North Park restroom replacement			*Existing restroom closed, site contractor scheduled to start demo of old building
Pioneer Park tennis courts replacement			Direct solicitation for Design/Engineering consultants underway
Ponderosa irrigation automation			New pump station and irrigation system operational, final punch list by contractor
*Skypoint sail replacement			*Contractor scheduled to begin September 12th, street and intersection closures facilitated by the DBA