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On March 9, 2022, 29 regional airports across the United States (U.S.) were notified that their Essential Air Service (EAS) services, provided by SkyWest Airlines (SkyWest), will be terminated. SkyWest and other regional airlines have endured various stresses related to staffing, operating costs, and extreme fluctuations in customer demand during the recent period affected by the pandemic and economic events.

The situation is not unique to the Johnstown Airport nor to SkyWest.

The Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority (Airport Authority) is working to react to the situation.

While this development is certainly disappointing, the Airport Authority recognizes the success of the service that has been in place over the past two years and the importance of reliable service to our community.

The Authority is actively engaged with United Airlines, SkyWest Airlines, the Federal Department of Transportation and with the Airport Authority's Airline Consultant, The ArkStar Group, to assess options and to keep the Johnstown Airport in the best possible position to transition to a new air carrier.

On March 11, 2022, the U.S. DOT issued a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for air carriers to provide Essential Air Service to the Johnstown Airport and the other affected airports. Air carriers will respond to the RFPs with their service offerings by April 11, 2022.

With the help of our U.S. DOT contacts and our consultant, the Airport Authority's strategy is to ensure that the Johnstown Airport receives as many air carrier proposals as possible.

Currently, the Johnstown Airport is very well positioned to attract high-quality air carriers. With the support of the community and local government, the Johnstown Airport has increased passenger volumes to record levels; the highest levels in over fifteen years, and offers the highest quality facility, with modern equipment, consistent maintenance, and demonstrated operational reliability.

Our management team and our consultant are acting rapidly to ensure that our Airport can engage air carriers very early in the process to ensure the best possible placement in the bidding process.

SkyWest will continue to provide service for at least the next 90-days and beyond until the new carrier is in place. The Airport Authority will stay focused on creating a pathway to a smooth transition to the new air carrier.

Additional briefings will be provided as the effort moves forward.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Johnstown Airport.

Passengers should contact United Airlines or SkyWest with any questions about current bookings.