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**AIRPORT RECEIVES SECURITY UPGRADE AND PASSENGER BOARDING RAMP GRANT**

CASPER, WY – Casper / Natrona County International Airport officials announced the receipt of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Security Upgrade and Passenger Boarding Ramp grant. The \$256,750 grant will cover 95% of the cost of the projects, with the State paying 3% and the Airport 2%.

The Airport recently received approval to increase its' security index which will now permit schedule air service with aircraft having more than 60 seats. The boarding ramp meets the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and also accommodates passenger boarding on larger aircraft. "We're excited about both of these projects," said Glenn Januska, Airport Manager. "The passenger ramp will not only be used with the Allegiant Air service to Las Vegas on the large MD80 aircraft, but can also be used for passenger enplaning/deplaning on the aircraft diversions we get here. The security upgrades not only allow for larger scheduled aircraft, but anytime we can increase the security at the Airport, the better it is for all our passengers."

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