

## Draft Memorandum

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**Subject:** CIAL Airfield Pavement Maintenance Pricing Study

### 1 Introduction

Christchurch International Airport Ltd. (CIAL) commissioned Beca on 05 June 2012 to provide high level airfield pavement maintenance advice assistance to support current pricing reviews.

This draft memorandum summarizes our initial advice for review and further discussion with CIAL.

### 2 General Background

Airfield pavements are subject to the following common types of load related and environmental damage:

- Cracking at joints due to general ageing and exposure to the environment;
- Stone loss and general pavement surface deterioration due to general ageing and exposure to the environment;
- Load-induced fatigue cracking and block cracking;
- Load induced surface shape loss and rutting;
- Shunting, surface scuffing, delamination due to horizontal forces exerted by braking/ accelerating/ turning aircraft;
- Bitumen stripping or aggregate deterioration due to moisture in the pavement;
- Loss of surface texture due to rubber deposits and abrasion.

Airfield pavement maintenance is required to keep the pavements in serviceable condition. The proportion of costs of maintenance that are attributed to aircraft loading, and which are attributed to environmental factors (age) are situational – i.e. it depends on the age of the pavement, the type of the pavement and the loadings on the pavement.

### 3 Pavement Area Usage by Aircraft Type

The airfield pavements of Christchurch International Airport are currently used by both turboprop and jet aircraft. To assist CIAL with developing their pricing model a hypothetical high-level layout plan sketch has been prepared to identify those areas of the existing airfield pavement which could be required if the airport were used by commercial turboprop aircraft only.

The layout plan sketch SK-01 in Appendix A indicates these areas.

This layout plan has been prepared based on the following assumptions:

- Runway 02-20 maintained for turboprop operations in 1,300m length and 30m width (Code 3C runway) from Taxiway A3 to Runway 11-29 (Chainage 800m to 2100m).

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- Runway 11-29 maintained in full 1741m length and 30m width (Code 3C runway) as there are no intermediate exit or entry taxiways that would allow the use of a reduced runway length without backtracking operations.
- Taxiways A, A3, A4 and A11 maintained in their current full length but in a width of 18m and without shoulders compared to their existing width of 23m plus shoulders.
- Taxiway A5 maintained in its current full length but in 18m width as opposed to 23m.
- Taxiways E/E1 and F/F1 maintained in their current full length but in 18m width as opposed to 23m.
- Taxiways E12 to E14 and A12 to A14 maintained in their current length and width.

*(Actual areas of the respective pavements suggested for turbo prop and existing mixed usage can be provided as required. An approximate measurement from SK-01 of pavements for turboprop usage is 280,000m<sup>2</sup>)*

The following areas have been excluded as they have been deemed to be required for jet aircraft operations or non-commercial turboprop (Antarctic C-130 Hercules Aircraft) operations only:

- Runway 02-20 from Taxiway A2 to Taxiway A3 (Chainage 0m to 800m);
- Runway 02-20 from Runway 11-29 to Taxiway A7 (Chainage 2100m to 3288m);
- Taxiway A2;
- Taxiway A6;
- Taxiway A7;
- Taxiway A from Taxiway A11 to Taxiway A2;
- Taxiway A from Runway 11-29 to Taxiway A7;
- Taxiway A15 (provides access to jet stands only);
- International aircraft stands and apron areas (Stands 25 to 35);
- Antarctic Apron (Stands Z1 to Z8) and Remote Code E Stand (Stands R1 to R3).

## 4 CIAL Airfield Maintenance Plan Options

Two versions of the CIAL 20-year airfield pavement maintenance programme have been developed on the basis of the pavement area usage assumptions described in Section 3 above.

Option 1 of the maintenance plan is the existing model assuming that operations continue with the current mixed jet and turboprop aircraft fleet over the total extent of the current airfield pavement areas.

Option 2 is a reduced version of the maintenance plan assuming that only the pavement areas identified in Section 3 for turboprop aircraft use would be maintained.

In addition to the reduced areas, the following assumptions have been made in the Option 2 maintenance plan to reflect the reduced maintenance requirements resulting from the exclusion of jet aircraft from the traffic fleet mix and the resulting reduced structural loading.

- The overlay thickness of the runways reduced from 75mm/ 100mm to 50mm.
- The overlay thickness of the taxiways reduced from 60mm/ 75mm/ 100mm to 50mm.
- The patching allowance has been reduced to 50% of Option 1.
- The grooving of the main runway is not required for turboprop operations so has been deleted.

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- The time between subsequent maintenance overlays increased by three years on average on the runways (from 11 years to 14 years on Runway 02-20 and from 12 to 15 years on Runway 11-29).
- The time between subsequent maintenance overlays have been increased by four years in average on the taxiways, from 15/16 years to 19/20 years, with an interim surface treatment remaining at approximately 10 to 12 years.

The maintenance plan options are included in Appendix B.

*(Please note the Option 2 maintenance alternative for turboprops has been prepared reasonably quickly, and if this information is being used in detail for the upcoming pricing reviews we would recommend a further review of the maintenance elements)*

10-year and 20-year total and annual average maintenance costs are summarized for the whole of airfield pavements and for the runways only in Tables 4-1 and 4-2, respectively:

**Table 4-1: CIAL Maintenance Cost Estimate for Runways, Taxiways, and Aprons**

	10 Year Total	20 Year Total	10 Year Average per Annum	20 Year Average per Annum
	2012/2013 to 2021/2022	2012/2013 to 2031/2032	2012/2013 to 2021/2022	2012/2013 to 2031/2032
<b>Option 1 - Jet and Turboprop Aircraft</b>	\$53,040,000	\$110,751,000	\$5,304,000	\$5,537,550
<b>Option 2 - Turboprop Aircraft Only</b>	\$10,620,000	\$31,286,000	\$1,062,000	\$1,564,300

**Table 4-2: CIAL Maintenance Cost Estimate for Runways 02-20 and 11-29**

	10 Year Total	20 Year Total	10 Year Average per Annum	20 Year Average per Annum
	2012/2013 to 2021/2022	2012/2013 to 2031/2032	2012/2013 to 2021/2022	2012/2013 to 2031/2032
<b>Option 1 - Jet and Turboprop Aircraft</b>	\$23,650,000	\$44,600,000	\$2,365,000	\$2,230,000
<b>Option 2 - Turboprop Aircraft Only</b>	\$2,450,000	\$7,500,000	\$245,000	\$375,000

It is noted that the planned maintenance activities and resulting maintenance costs are subject to the current condition of the pavements both for Options 1 and 2 and therefore somewhat biased by the past and current usage by a mixed jet and turboprop aircraft fleet. If maintenance costs were calculated for the case of "all new" airfield pavements, then the difference between the Option 1 and 2 cost figures may be somewhat larger.

It is also noted the Option 2 annual average maintenance cost figures are reasonably similar to the annual average costs in the nominal regional airport pavement maintenance plan under Section 5 below. The differences are due to the differences between a general "nominal" regional airport and

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Christchurch International Airport as a specific example – for example the overall pavement area, pavement construction, climatic conditions, etc.

### 5 Comparison with Nominal Regional Airport Pavement Maintenance Costs

Appendix C includes two examples of hypothetical 10 year pavement maintenance programmes for nominal NZ regional airports which cater for turboprop aircraft only. These airports would typically have a sealed Code 3C runway, often additional unsealed runways, and a taxiway stub connecting the runway to an apron parking area and terminal building.

These facilities are less extensive than those existing at CIAL, and would cater for significantly fewer aircraft movements. However the comparison is provided for information.

The average proposed pavement maintenance expenditure per year varies from approximately \$500,000 to a bit over \$1,000,000 per year. This compares to the approximate figures of \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 per year in Table 4-1 above for CIAL.

We have reviewed a range of maintenance plans for airfields in Australia as well, and found a similar range of annual maintenance spend to the NZ examples for those bases with turboprop usage only.

### 6 Summary

We look forward to discussing this initial information pack further with CIAL, and refining areas to assist further with your current pricing reviews.

We have noted above that the planned maintenance activities and resulting maintenance costs are subject to the current condition of the pavements and the extent of the facilities provided at the airport, and are also somewhat biased by the past and current usage by a mixed jet and turboprop aircraft fleet.

The extent of pavements at CIAL that may be used by a turboprop only scenario as summarised in Section 3 above and the CIAL turboprop only maintenance plan “Option 2” summarised in Section 4 above are likely to be the most relevant sources of information for your review, however a comparison to other nominal airport maintenance costs is also provided and discussed in Section 5.

## Appendices

**Appendix A – CIAL Airfield Pavement Areas Used by Turboprop Aircraft**

**Appendix B – CIAL 20-year Airfield Pavement Maintenance Plan (Options 1 and 2)**

**Appendix C – Hypothetical 10-year Airfield Pavement Maintenance Plan of a Regional Airport**

**Appendix A**

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**TABLE OF COORDINATES**

BENCHMARK	NORTHING	EASTING	ELEVATION
BM1	811238.17	384414.21	32.139
BM2	811402.19	384551.61	31.485
BM3	811835.84	384747.34	30.536
BM4	811889.49	384943.07	30.744
BM5	812103.14	385138.81	31.528
BM6	812336.77	385334.52	30.216
BM7	810934.42	384159.75	33.062
BM8	810700.77	383964.02	34.423
BM9	810467.13	383788.30	35.510
BM10	810233.48	383572.57	36.845
BM11	not shown		
BM12	811042.42	384647.87	31.080
BM13	810846.71	384881.50	29.634
BM14	810741.73	385006.81	28.885
BM15	811531.78	384083.75	33.097
BM16	811727.49	383830.10	34.094
BM17	811857.14	383675.33	34.682
OLD BLOCK VI	812128.38	385159.95	31.374
OBPL	812789.72	385697.21	28.072

**RUNWAY 0220 RUNNING DISTANCES**

R00	812845.51	385522.74
RD500	812462.23	385201.65
RD1000	812078.94	384880.57
RD1500	811895.66	384559.49
RD2000	810928.10	383917.32
RE3000	810545.81	383598.24
RD3288	810324.31	383410.68

**RUNWAY 1128 RUNNING DISTANCES**

R00	810653.48	384935.54
RD500	810974.56	384552.26
RD1000	811295.64	384168.97
RD1500	811816.72	383785.69
RD1741	811770.79	383601.77

**NOTES**

HORIZONTAL COORDINATES ARE IN TERMS OF NZ GEODETIC DATUM 2000, M PLEASANT 2000 PROJECTION FALSE ORIGIN: 800000 mN, 400000 mE. ORIGIN OF SURVEY: OLD BLOCK VI SO 16271 (GEODETIC CODE BH3G) 812128.38mN, 385159.95mE (FROM LINZ DATABASE)

VERTICAL ELEVATIONS ARE IN TERMS OF MEAN SEA LEVEL LYTELTON DATUM 1937, ORIGIN OF LEVELS BM5 SO11018, RL 31.528M (FROM SO 11018)

**BENCH MARKS**

ACCURACY: HORIZONTAL +/-20mm  
VERTICAL +/-2mm

THE BENCH MARKS ARE SCREWS IN LEAD PLUGS SET IN CONCRETE BLOCKS

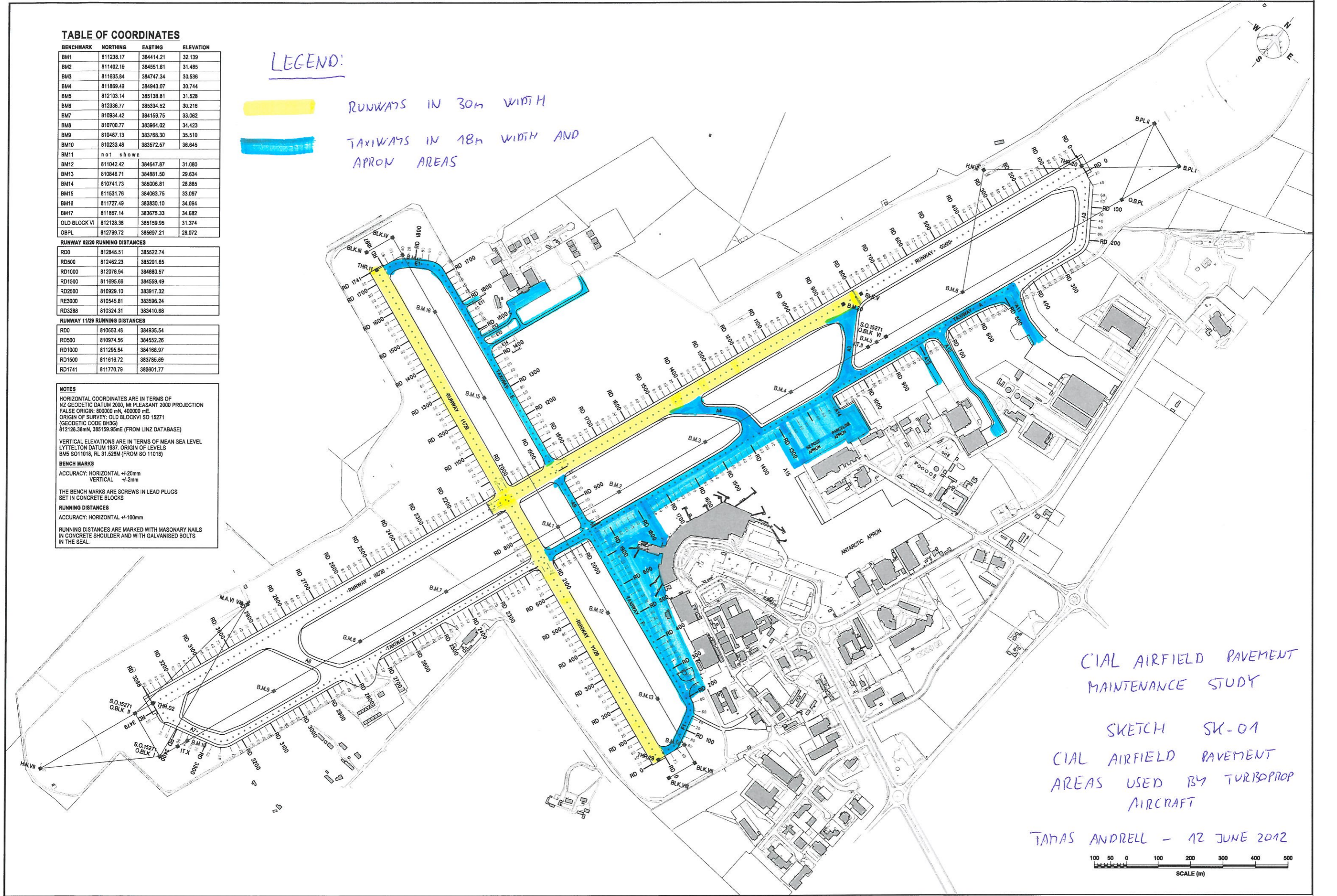
**RUNNING DISTANCES**

ACCURACY: HORIZONTAL +/-100mm

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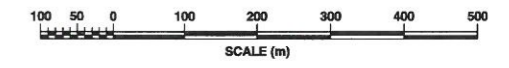
- RUNWAYS IN 30m WIDTH
- TAXIWAYS IN 18m WIDTH AND APRON AREAS



CIAL AIRFIELD PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE STUDY

SKETCH SK-01  
CIAL AIRFIELD PAVEMENT AREAS USED BY TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT

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**Appendix B**

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**Appendix C**

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## Nominal New Zealand Regional Airport (Turbo Prop) Spend

	Surface Rehabilitation
	Surface Treatment

### Airport 1 - Higher Traffic

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Runway	187	2708	3376	176	50	190	100	165	130	1070
Taxiway	23	35	38	473	8	40	10	30	20	20
Apron	217	296	821	196	201	196	196	271	196	196
<b>Total (\$000's)</b>	<b>\$ 427</b>	<b>\$ 3,039</b>	<b>\$ 4,235</b>	<b>\$ 845</b>	<b>\$ 259</b>	<b>\$ 426</b>	<b>\$ 306</b>	<b>\$ 466</b>	<b>\$ 346</b>	<b>\$ 1,286</b>

**Average \$ 1,163,500 per year**

### Airport 2 - Lower Traffic

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Runway	74	3766	12	7	22	105	42	77	80	532
Taxiway	4.5	200	11	11	650	5	5	11	10	11
Apron	10.5	9.5	14	7	7	12	12	9	10	9
<b>Total (\$000's)</b>	<b>\$ 89</b>	<b>\$ 3,976</b>	<b>\$ 37</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ 679</b>	<b>\$ 122</b>	<b>\$ 59</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 552</b>

**Average \$ 573,550 per year**