

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

November 22, 2023

1. **Aviation News** - Allegiant Air (<https://www.allegiantair.com/>) announced on Thursday that they intend to initiate direct seasonal non-stop air service between Billings (BIL) and Los Angeles (LAX) twice a week beginning May 16, 2024. Allegiant will fly round-trip LAX-BIL on Thursday and Sunday May 16 – August 11. This new service is not tied to the SCASD Program grant awarded to the community, as this service does not meet the criteria for daily non-stop service to LAX or SFO. The air service development team will continue to work with other airlines to secure the SCASD Program grant supported air service.



2. **SBURA Leadership** – Mayor Cole, DM Boyett and I met with Dick Zier to discuss possible next steps as a result of the bond failing.
3. **Boise Trip Debrief** – attendees including CM Rupsis and I identified next step. The CoC will be coming to the Council early in 2024 to explore how the community can establish permanent supportive housing in Billings.
4. **Chamber Board** – The board discussed several issues including the election results, crime, CPTED and the next aspirational city tour in 2025 to Grand Rapids, Michigan.
5. **Parks News** ~ Please see the attached Parks Progress Report.
6. **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces**
  - a. Heights Task Force – Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Oasis Conference Room.
  - b. City Offices are closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

November 22nd, 2023 progress report

Park	Progress	Project	Status	*updated information for this week
	Started -----> Completed			
Arrowhead playground replacement	<div></div>		Playground punch list in progress	
*Castle Rock playground addition	<div></div>		*Slide replacement parts installed and completed, manufacture warranty work on going for swings and zip line	
Castle Rock parking lot & restroom	<div></div>		Design work with consultant underway	
Central tennis courts replacement	<div></div>		Submitting LWCF paperwork for project reimbursement	
Comanche playground replacement	<div></div>		Playground complete and open to the public	
Cottonwood Park masterplan	<div></div>		Presented at November 8th Park Board meeting and approved for recommendation to City Council	
Coulson Park South Improvements	<div></div>		Received approval from US Army Corps of Engineers, proceeding with design	
*Gorham irrigation automation	<div></div>		*Pump station being shipped by manufacture for installation	
Grandview irrigation automation	<div></div>		Advertised twice, no bids both times, rebid at a later date	
Highland playground replacement	<div></div>		Playground equipment was delivered, installer under contract for Fall completion	
Millice irrigation automation	<div></div>		Sealed bids opened, project over budget, rebid at a later date	
North Park adult exercise & shelter	<div></div>		Contractor beginning site work for new shelter and adult exercise equipment	
North Park playground replacement	<div></div>		Received delivery of new play equipment at Parks shop	
North Park restroom replacement	<div></div>		Pre-fab concrete restroom damaged during transport from manufacture, installation being rescheduled	
*Pioneer Park tennis courts replacement	<div></div>		*Contract being routed for signatures to start work with Consultant on design	
Poly Vista inclusive playground and parking lot	<div></div>		Landscape Architect hired for design of inclusive playground and complete parking lot for phase II	
Ponderosa irrigation automation	<div></div>		Final walkthrough complete, system fully operational	
*Rose Park pool spray equipment replacement	<div></div>		*Spray equipment delivered, contractor being scheduled for installation	
Skypoint sail replacement	<div></div>		Structural Engineer's report completed, proceeding with recommended repairs prior to painting	
*Aquatic Facility Assessment	<div></div>		*Consultant performed on site visits and are compiling information for assessment	