UAA Alaska Airlines Center Project Information Item

PROJECT UPDATE
Traffic Management Plan for the Alaska Airlines Center, developed by Kittelson & Associates, has now been approved by the Municipality. This plan will be used by the University to manage event traffic at the arena. Minor landscaping punch list items at the new Elmore roundabout as well as the roadwork on Sharon Gagnon Lane/Health Drive are complete. Remaining sidewalks, landscaping, and hardscape materials around the perimeter of the building began in late June and are now complete.

Thirty modifications have now been issued and fully executed since reconciliation of the final $86M GMP contract. Total GMP contract currently stands at approximately $89.9M. This includes Contract Modification #25 which added the Restaurant Tenant Improvements in the Mezzanine level ($1.425M) - approved by the full BOR in April. The bid documents included a total of over 40 Additive Alternates and these alternates have been prioritized by the Athletic Dept. and the project Team. Five (5) Additive Alternates have been incorporated into the project since the last update including: CCTV system; Venue Size Management; Additional Seating in Aux. Gym; Provide Flooring (paint) in Basement; and Electrical Company Switches. Additional Additive Alternates have been incorporated directly thru the Athletic Dept. via fund raising efforts (aux. gym gymnastics scoreboard; courtside scoring table video boards; north/south video ribbon boards at balcony level; Video conferencing in Meeting & Conference Rooms; Misc. interior graphics packages. This work was all undertaken directly through the UAA Procurement Office. There is approximately $100,000 remaining from the original $1.3M Contractors contingency. Approximately $250,000 is remaining in the Owners construction contingency.

With the Temporary Water Use Permit (TWUP) received from Dept. of Natural Resources, the required monthly/seasonal testing and monitoring has now begun. All work is being coordinated directly through R&M (civil sub-consultant) and is anticipated to continue until approximately mid-2015.

Overall construction, commissioning, and training for the building are nearly complete. Misc. punch list items (both interior and exterior) continue to be worked on as well as completion of the new mezzanine restaurant (recently named the Varsity Sports Grill). The restaurant completion is now anticipated in mid-October. Both a CCO and a final Certificate of Occupancy have been issued by the Municipality and the University has issued the Certificate of Beneficial Occupancy effective August 1, 2014. The Athletic Department began moving in a couple of key staff on July 21st and the majority of the staff started moving in August 10th.

Contract Award has been made to Think Office for all the building furniture. Approximately 95% of the contracted furniture has now been delivered / installed within the building. Delivery of all remaining furniture is anticipated for mid-late August.
Approximately 180 individual artist proposals were electronically received for the Art in Public Places piece for the building. The Selection Committee has reduced that list to 4 artists who will now visit the site and will then be asked to provide a site specific concept/proposal piece of art for preliminary approval by the Committee, final approval by the Chancellor, and with BOR concurrence.

Overall percentage of construction completion is approximately 99%.

The current schedule for completion is:

Planning & Design: August 2008 – Summer 2012
Construction, Ph 1: May 2012 – July 2014
Construction, Ph 2: October 2012 – July 2014
Occupancy: August 2014