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Dear Airport Patron:

A warm welcome to you from the staff and leadership of the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. Thank you to all of you who continually utilize this airport for your travel needs. The airport staff works very hard to keep the facilities clean and safe, and most importantly, to keep the airport open for business. As we close out the year of 2022, the airport staff and I are looking forward to 2023, and we are hoping that it will be a year of great positive change and improvement at the airport.

As with most other airports and most businesses, the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport continues to endure staffing challenges. As a result, we have had to increase staff salaries quite significantly in order to compete for new talented workers and to retain current employees. This comes at a significant cost but is well worth it. Welcome to all our new staff who will help keep the airport open and operating 365 days per year. The sacrifices that this staff make every day are truly astounding. We hope that 2023 is going to be a year that we achieve fully staffed status so that our hard-working employees can get some much-needed time off. Regardless, know that the airport staff is highly dedicated to keeping the airport operating safely and at peak efficiency.

We want to welcome Signature Flight Support to the airport. For those of you not familiar with Signature, they are one of the largest fixed base operator (FBO) chains in the world. Here in Amarillo, they have a great facility that serves the general aviation and corporate aircraft traffic, providing fuel and related services to general aviation, corporate, and commercial airline aircraft. We look forward to many good things from this company in the future.

The airport is planning some major pavement replacements in this coming year including the replacement of the entrance and loop road (Rosenwald), the road that connects the entrance and the exit (Batson), and the replacement and reconfiguration of the outdoor parking lots. While this construction will most likely cause some temporary disruption to the normal traffic flow, when completed, the new pavements will provide a significantly better experience for all of our travelers. Please be patient with us as we make these much needed improvements.

If you are new to Amarillo, we believe you will find most everyone here to be friendly and accommodating. The general "vibe" in Amarillo is one of positive change, continual improvement, and hope for an incredible future. In 2023, we will continue to promote our vision of being the most respected airport of choice in the State of Texas. To that end, it is our sincere hope that the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport is your first choice for air travel in 2023. If Amarillo is your travel destination, we hope you have the opportunity to explore all that Amarillo and the surrounding communities have to offer. If your travel destination is elsewhere, we hope you enjoy your travel experience and look forward to your return.

On behalf of the entire airport staff and the City of Amarillo, I wish you safe travels throughout the year. Thank you for using the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

Sincerely,

*Michael W. Conner*

Director of Aviation