

# DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DLH)

## Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement



### The DLH Airport:

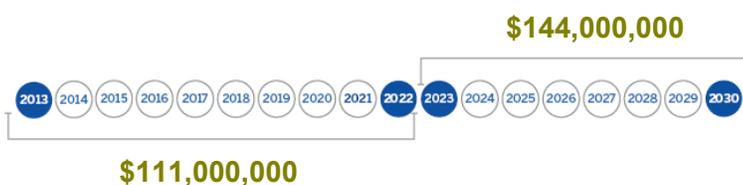
The Duluth International Airport provides a vital service to the region with a unique traffic mix of commercial service, cargo, medical and military flights passing through annually. This unique mix contributes \$760 million annually to the region's economy and provides over 6,000 jobs to our area.

Over \$111 million in infrastructure investments have been completed in the past 10 years, with plans to continue this investment in infrastructure over the next 20 years to total \$163 million. To sustain the growth of air commerce and services that are essential to the region, a new air traffic control facility is necessary for enhanced safety and viability.

### The new ATCT:

The ATCT located at DLH was built in the mid-1950s making it the 3rd oldest air traffic control tower in the country. The tower is deteriorating and does not meet FAA standards for line-of-sight requirements. Historically, there has not been a federal program to fund the replacement of locally owned air traffic facilities. The Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act changed that by providing a unique funding opportunity for The Duluth Airport Authority. This will cover 95% of eligible construction costs, estimated to be \$38 million. Additionally, we request \$14 million from the state legislature from the budgetary surplus to leverage this federal investment. Our request of \$14 million from the state legislature will ensure the final design of the new facility, the commission of the FAA to participate in the design process, demolition of three blighted buildings to make way for the new tower and an environmental assessment. The state's investment in this project will help secure funding that would not otherwise come to Minnesota.

### Historical & Projected Infrastructure Investment



### The Control Tower:

- 70 years old
- 3rd oldest ATCT in the country
- Does not meet FAA standards for line-of-sight requirements and is in deteriorating condition

## HIGHLIGHTS



**DLH contributes \$760.6 million annually to the region's economy**



**Supports 6,230 jobs (direct, indirect and induced)**



**DLH provides 67,000 operations per year (2023 estimate)**

Includes: commercial passenger, cargo, medical and military flights



**Project will cost: \$40 million, with \$14m coming from state surplus**



**Limited time to receive funding from the Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs act**