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Airport program in holding pattern

Feds grant monthlong budget extension while it debates long-term authorization.

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After more than a dozen short-term budget extensions, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Manager Mary Beard no longer is fazed by last-minute renewals.

"We just do it day by day and month to month," Beard said. "We just plan like it will continue and move forward from that point."

The most recent extension for Essential Air Service, the federal incentives offered to commercial airlines to maintain lightly traveled routes, was set to expire Wednesday, but Congress OK'd funding for Federal Aviation Administration programs for another month.

Congress' last FAA authorization expired in 2007, and it has been operating on short-term extensions since that time.

Both the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate passed a longer term FAA reauthorization earlier this year, but because their versions differed, a conference committee has been assigned to find consensus.

The House-passed version phases out EAS by October 2013. But the Senate version leaves most of those subsidies in tact.

U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack voted for continuing the subsidy as have Sens. Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, though Grassley's support has been tepid.

The EAS program costs about \$200 million a year.

In 2007, Burlington briefly lost its service, but Loebsack lobbied to have it returned. With it, Air Choice One offers daily flights to and from Chicago and St. Louis. The current grant expires in January. Beard expects the U.S. Department of Transportation to send airlines the requests for proposals for service in Burlington in July or August.

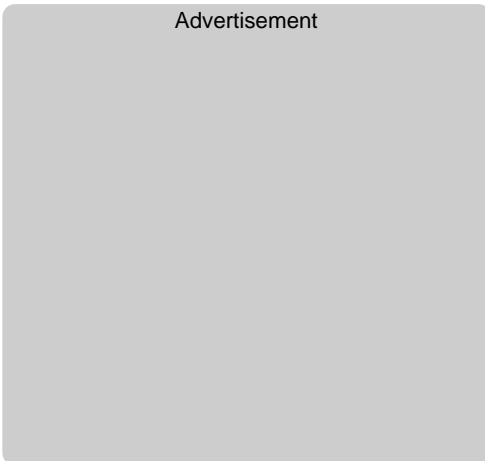
A new schedule went into effect Wednesday at the Burlington airport.

Weekday flights to Chicago are offered at 6:10 a.m. and 4:05 p.m. On weekends, only a

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Brenna Norman/The Hawk Eye Airport attendant Michael Hild signals an Air Choice One Cessna Grand Caravan as it taxis toward the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport terminal Tuesday in Burlington.



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Weekday flights from Chicago arrive at 9:40 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Weekend flights arrive at 3:25 p.m.

Weekday flights to St. Louis leave at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, flights leave at 3:55 p.m.

Flights arrive from Lambert Field at 3:50 p.m. weekdays and 11:40 weekends. Air Choice One also has additional flights coming and going to St. Louis daily except Tuesdays and Thursdays.

While the EAS is important to the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport, Beird said it is only one issue lawmakers must hash out in committee. Other sensitive issues include labor contracts, opening slots at Reagan National Airport and funding to move from a radar-based communications system for airports to a satellite-based one remain.

"I'm really ready to say 'Yay, it's a go! We're here for another two years.'" Beird said.

If the EAS program is phased out, Burlington still would continue to operate a general aviation service.

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