

## FY16 MID-YEAR REPORT FY17 CONTRACT BUDGET PROPOSAL

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**Presented To** 

SUN VALLEY
AIR SERVICE BOARD



## **BIG SUCCESS IN 2016**

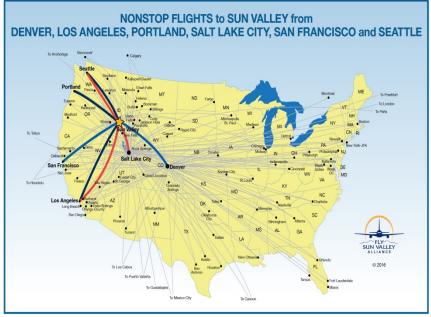
#### Investment in Air Service Continues to Deliver Results

- Now 6 nonstop cities for SUN! New Alaska Portland (PDX) flight to start Dec 2016
- Expanded Flights to LAX, SEA, DEN, more daily frequency to SLC
- □ For the local, business, part-time resident, visitor travelers more choices, more convenience, more competitive fares
- For the Wood River Valley more positive economic impact

2013



2016





#### **FY16 MID-YEAR UPDATE**

#### **FSVA Air Service Development Efforts**

- Airline Meetings/Strategic Development
  - ➤ Negotiated and secured optimized winter & summer air service contracts w/United and Alaska
  - Continued discussions with Delta on increasing SLC flight frequency
  - Continued discussions, analysis on performance, fares, etc. with airlines
  - Continued pursuit of strategic opportunities for enhanced/new future service
  - Continued to support and manage enhanced diversion bussing for winter
  - Weekly monitoring/tracking of bookings, competitive developments

#### Local Air Marketing/Community Outreach

- Promotion in local and regional (southern ID) markets.
  Encourage use of SUN as air gateway
- Keep community, stakeholders, consumers, media updated with information via Enews, website, social media, press releases, presentations, etc.
- Gather input from business on air service needs

#### Research

- ➤ Air Passenger survey for winter 2015/16 season completed
- ➤ Air Passenger survey for summer 2016 underway
- Other ongoing research studies, analysis, etc.





## FY16 YTD RESULTS & SUCCESS

# Secured Expanded Service for Winter/Summer FY16 MORE SEATS & FLIGHTS

- Expanded overall service for winter 2015/16 by 12% more seats (5,672)
- Expanded overall service for summer 2016 by 17% more seats (8,215)
- Expanded United DEN-SUN winter 2015/16 service to 5x week
- Added 2<sup>nd</sup> daily SEA flight over peak Xmas holiday period
- Welcomed new Delta nonstop weekly LAX flights for winter/summer 2016
- 186% increase in SUN-SLC flights for 2016 (non-contract service)

#### Improved Diversion Busing Operations & Customer Experience

Newer motor coaches – Airport hosts in TWF/SUN - improved communication with passengers

#### More Competitive average business and leisure airfares to SUN

❖ Airfares in 17 of top 20 SUN markets have decreased over past 2 years by average of 10%







## **FY16 YTD RESULTS & SUCCESS**

#### 2015/16 WINTER SEASON (FMA Reported Dec-April)

- 43,314 seats available up 5%
- 31,958 enplanements up 7%
- Average Load Factor: 74% up 1 pt



#### Notes:

- Passengers and flights diverted to TWF/BOI not included in these stats
- \*Weather-diverted flights increased substantially this winter due to heavy snowfall, which
  means actual flights and passengers were significantly higher. Total scheduled seats for
  winter season were up 12%.

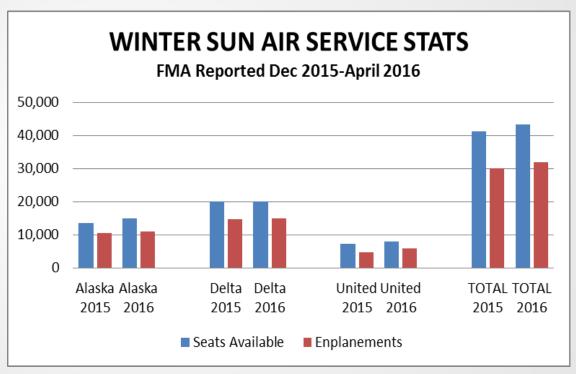
<sup>\*</sup>Average annual flight load factor at competing Rocky Mtn destinations: 65-75%



## **FY16 YTD RESULTS & SUCCESS**

#### **SUN Winter Stats - Continued Growth**

Notes: Statistics do not include flights, passengers diverted to TWF /BOI; diverted flights increased this winter due to heavy snow



TOTAL WINTER DEC-APRIL	Alaska 2015	Alaska 2016	% Change	Delta 2015	Delta 2016	% Change	United 2015 U	Jnited 2016 %	6 Change	TOTAL 2015	TOTAL 2016	% Change
Seats Available	13,680	15,048	10%	20,081	20,148	0%	7,392	8,118	10%	41,153	43,314	5%
Enplanements	10,604	11,084	5%	14,641	15,073	3%	4,750	5,801	22%	29,995	31,958	7%
LF % Avg	78%	74%	(-4pts)	73%	75%	1 pt	64%	71%	7 pts	73%	74%	1 pt



## SUMMER FY16 UPDATE

- Secured 17% increase in seats (+8,215) for summer/fall 2016
- Delta SUN-SLC flights increased 186% in 2016; 169 days with 3 daily Delta flights vs 59 days in 2015.
- FSVA negotiating with contract airlines for 2016/17 winter& 2017 summer service
- FSVA partnered with FMA to submit \$500K USDOT grant for new winter/summer nonstop PDX-SUN service – was awarded grant in July
- SUN Air Passenger Surveys for summer/fall began mid-June
- FSVA & FMA local marketing of SUN air service ongoing





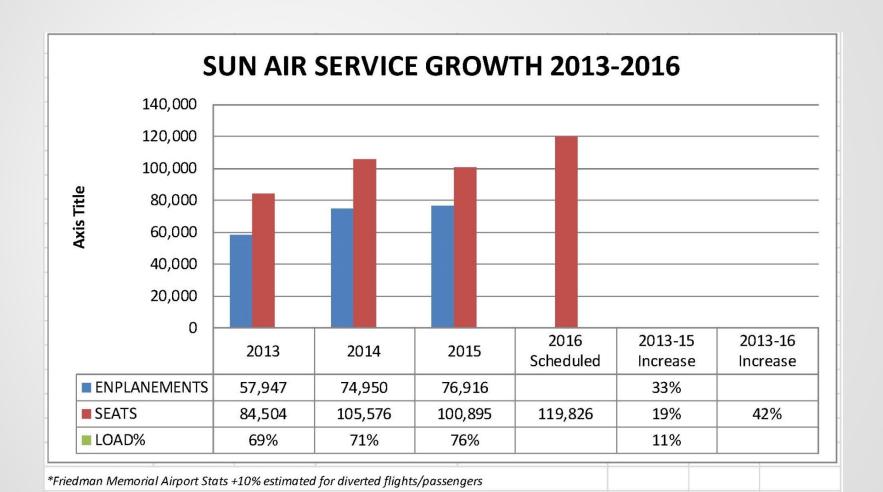
#### WINTER FY17 UPDATE

- 30% increase in seats (+15,500) for winter 2016/17
  - New! Alaska Portland (PDX) flights start in December (2x weekly Wed & Sat)
  - New! Alaska SEA flights expanded starts Nov 23, more flights in Feb & March
  - New! Delta SEA flight daily during holidays and Saturdays all winter
  - New! Delta LAX flight daily Dec March
  - New! UA DEN flights run daily Dec March (up from 2x week in Jan, 5x week Feb & March in 2015)
  - Alaska LAX nonstop flights Dec early April
  - United SFO nonstop flights daily Dec March
  - Delta SLC daily nonstop flights continue year-round, 3x daily flights all winter
- Improved instrument landing procedures at FMA will help reduce diversions





### **SUN AIR SERVICE GROWTH**



\*SFO service began Dec 2013; DEN Service began June 2014; PDX service begins Dec 2016



#### **FY17 Goals & Performance Metrics**

#### Retain/Expand Current Air Service

- Retain contracted nonstop SEA, LAX, SFO, DEN, PDX flights
- Expand winter and summer service schedules and frequency
- Pursue increased frequency during non-peak months (April/May/Oct/Nov)

#### Pursue New Air Service

Pursue new nonstop flight market for FY18



#### Minimize Air Service Contract Costs

- Work with airlines & marketing partners to increase load factors & minimize air service contract costs. Reduce local market leakage.
- Work with airlines to make SUN fares as competitive as possible

#### Research

Conduct Air Passenger Surveys at SUN; continue with competitive analysis, economic impact and air service ROI research.



## FSVA FY17 ASB PROPOSED BUDGET

FSVA CONTRACT INCOME		1% LOT Budget	FY17 1% LOT Budget		
1% LOT Revenues	\$	1,300,000		1,495,000	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,300,000		1,495,000	
*Contract for Services with Air Service Board					
FSVA AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE					
Air Service Contract Costs (United SFO/DEN; Alaska SEA/LAX/PDX)	\$	1,185,000	\$	1,365,000	
Projected maximum MRG FSVA (50% share with SV Resort) + Bussing					
Air Service Consulting Fees/Meetings/Travel	\$	70,000	\$	80,000	
Mead & Hunt consulting fees, airline meetings					
Local Air Service Marketing (fare sales, etc)	\$	25,000	\$	25,000	
Wood River Valley, southern Idaho					
Research	\$	20,000	\$	25,000	
Winter/summer air passenger surveys, other research					
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	1,300,000	\$	1,495,000	

#### Notes:

- FY17 FSVA Air Service Contract Cost amount less than estimated MRG caps due to:
  - > 1) PDX grant
  - > 2) Allocation of 30% increase in VSV marketing \$ for inaugural service to PDX and to fill 30% increase in winter seats and estimated 10% increase in summer seats.



## **FSVA AIR SERVICE PARTNERS**

#### FLY SUN VALLEY ALLIANCE SUN VALLEY AIR SERVICE KEY PARTNERS























Plus.....

The Wood River Valley Community
Over 50 Local Businesses



## AIR SERVICE = BUSINESS

# We continue to make great progress – the investment in air service is working for our community. THANK YOU

