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Silver Airlines to Take Over Essential Air Service by August 2012

Silver Airways will be replacing Colgan Air in Morgantown, Clarksburg/Fairmont, and Beckley.

MORGANTOWN – Georgia-based regional airline Silver Airways has just informed Morgantown municipal leaders that it will begin operations at the Morgantown Municipal Airport by the end of the summer



The U.S. Department of Transportation selected Silver Airways to take over commercial air service from Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) and other regional facilities in the first week of April, 2012.

With this update, City Manager Terrence R. Moore reports that city administration is negotiating a two-year lease agreement now, necessary for the new carrier to begin operations. A draft lease agreement and follow-up update are expected to be offered during the June 26th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Silver Airlines will assume the existing air service partnership with United Airlines and offer 18 weekly nonstop or one-stop round trips over a Clarksburg-Morgantown-Washington Dulles or Morgantown-Clarksburg Washington Dulles routing, it says in its Order Selecting Carrier.

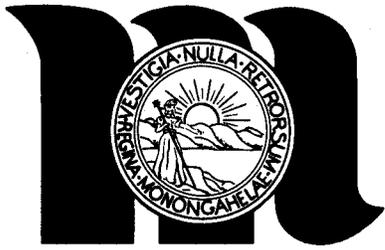


“Silver Airways believes that this proposal will provide these West Virginia communities with superior air service options, wrote Mickey Bowman, Vice President of Essential Air Service at Silver. “We feel the passengers will benefit from seamless service to the United Airlines hub in Washington Dulles International Airport. With a renewed focus on schedule reliability, Silver Airways hopes to grow these markets.”

Passengers will see the same Saab 340 B+ turboprop aircrafts that are used by current provider Pinnacle Airlines, Corp.

Pinnacle Airline’s regional air service provider, Colgan Air, filed a request with the DOT in March to suspend essential air service to Morgantown as well as other W.Va. regional airports in May of 2012. Under EAS rules, once an airline files its intent to suspend service, US





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Department of Transportation (DOT) must begin to find a replacement carrier. Pinnacle is not allowed to stop service until a new carrier has been found and starts operation.

“Pinnacle will continue its operation until the very instant that Silver is ready for take-off at MGW, alleviating any concerns regarding a lack of service during this transition,” Moore said.

For more information on Silver Airlines, visit its website at <http://www.gulfstreamair.com>

If you have questions, please contact Michael Clow, Airport Director, in the Airport Administration office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The number there is 304-291-7461.

