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Work should begin next month to replace 20 security gates at Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field. The Yakima City Council recently approved contracts related to the project, which will replace 11 vehicle and nine pedestrian security gates.

"A lot of them were installed 15 to 20 years ago. We did an analysis on their remaining useful lifespan and decided to be proactive versus reactive," Airport Director Rob Peterson said. "Airport security is a high priority throughout the nation and this is one area we plan to improve."

The project will include replacing asphalt under the gates because of security systems embedded in the pavement as well as surrounding infrastructure.

The project is expected to cost $743,388 and much of that will be paid through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which is working in close coordination with the airport. Yakima Airport will be responsible to pay the remaining 10% of the cost, Peterson said. That amount, about $74,000, will be funded through a $4.50 per Passenger Facility Charge. "We're lucky to have Alaska Airlines to assist in funding these critical improvements," he said.

It's expected to take two to three months to install all of the new gates.

"We have strategically phased the project to minimize the impact on general aviation," Peterson said.

Passengers will not be impacted by the project, he said.

For more about Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field, visit https://yakimaairterminal.com.