Subject: Durango, Colorado La Plata Airport (DRO) Taxiway Reconstruction

Area of Concern: Aviation Operations

Discussion: Durango Airport (DRO) taxiway rehabilitation project is scheduled to begin on May 18, 2016. Runway 3/21 will be closed each night during the taxiway rehabilitation work within the Runway Safety Area (RSA) and opened back up to aircraft traffic each morning. Portions of Taxiway A and the taxiway connectors will be closed for the duration of each phase. There will be limited impacts to the surrounding aprons to accommodate aircraft operations. All aprons will have continuous access routes to the runway for all aircraft operations during normal operating hours. Limited apron access closures will occur nightly but will not affect commercial aircraft operations. The Durango Airtanker Base should have at least one entrance open during the reconstruction.

Below is an overview of the complete schedule, with pull outs of the Schedule I Phase I and III which directly effects the Durango Airtanker Base.
Temporary Changes to Runway and/or Taxi Operations: Sufficient area will be provided around the taxiway rehabilitation project area in order to limit the impact on aircraft operations. Portions of Taxiway A and taxiway connectors will be closed during the rehabilitation. Aircraft may be required to back taxi along portions of Runway 3/21. “The airport authority has assured us that they will be able to support continuous operations.”

Remember to Check Notams at https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/nsapp.html#/ prior to operations at DRO.

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