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Today’s Speakers

Moderated by Eddie Clayson, Salt Lake City Airport

1) Report 117: Airport Escalators and Moving Walkways – Cost-Savings and Energy Reduction Technologies
   • Ashly Spevacek, PPC

2) Synthesis 35: Issues With Use of Airfield LED Light Fixtures
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Project Objective

- Develop a guidebook that helps airports compare and select appropriate cost-saving and energy reduction technologies for escalators and moving walkways.
- Develop an associated financial tool that allows airports to estimate the energy and cost savings associated with technologies presented in the guidebook.
Why read the ACRP 117 guidebook and financial tool?

- Escalators and Walkways can account for 3% to 5% of airport energy usage.
- The energy savings potential for escalators and walkways in the U.S. is estimated to be in the range of 10% to 40% per upgraded escalator.
- The ACRP 117 guidebook consolidates key information necessary to assess and begin selecting energy saving technologies for escalators and moving walkways.
- The associated financial tool provides a quick estimate of the energy and cost savings.
ACRP Report 117: Airport Escalators and Moving Walkways—Cost-Savings and Energy Reduction Technologies

- Provides an overview of the energy saving technologies available as of March 2014 specific to escalators and moving walkways;
- provides an estimation of the potential savings that would result from the installation of said technologies; and
- provides guidance on how to select and implement an energy saving technology.
- Published November 2014
Safety Considerations

- Safety regulations vary by state.
- Codes specific to your state and county should be reviewed before any speed varying technology is installed.
- Code variances can be received in certain circumstances.

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<td>10 ft./min</td>
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<td>Maximum acceleration/deceleration rate</td>
<td>1.0 ft./s²</td>
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<td>Maximum allowable speed for an escalator or moving walkway</td>
<td>100 ft./min</td>
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Identifying Technologies

Literature Review
• Reviewed trade organization websites, manufacturer brochures, case studies, magazine articles, white papers, broad internet searches.
• Identified over 80 sources of information (see report ACRP 117 Interim Report Bibliography for sources).

Manufacturers Interviews
• Goal: Gain an understanding of current energy savings technologies, where technologies have been applied, measured and verified savings of each technology.
Identifying Decision Making Factors

- A survey was provided to 74 individuals at 46 airports.
- Of the 74 contacts, 12 replies were received.
- Questions were designed to determine the profile of escalators currently installed in airports and factors considered when making equipment purchase decisions for an escalator or walkway system.

**Result:** Primary factors considered when evaluating energy reduction technologies (in order of importance) are: cost, downtime associated with installation, payback, energy savings.
Informational Interview Results

Airports with Energy Efficient Systems

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
  – Intermittent drive (2 speed operation – slow down)

Portland International Airport
  – Intermittent drive (2 speed operation – start-stop)

Toronto Pearson International Airport
  – Motor Efficiency Controller (MEC)
Energy Saving Technologies

Included in the Financial Tool
• LED Lighting
• Capacitors
• High/Premium Efficiency Motors
• Motor Efficiency Controller (MEC)
• Intermittent Drive
• Intermittent Drive with MEC/Variable Voltage-Variable Frequency Drive/Regenerative Drive

Not Included in the Financial Tool
• Regenerative Drive
• Wye-Delta Configured Motors
• Direct Drives
• Intermittent Drive with MEC and Variable Voltage-Variable Frequency Drive
Guidebook: Key Components

Applicable standards

Energy saving technologies
- Overview of Technology
- Benefits
- Limitations

Tables summarizing technologies
- Description, benefits, and limitations
- Manufacturer’s that offer the technologies (as of 2014)
- Potential Savings

Guidance on how to select and implement technologies

Steps for using the financial tool

Best practices
Financial Evaluation Tool

- Microsoft Excel based tool that utilizes Macros
- Produces both a detailed and summary view of the results
- Definitions are provided for each of the energy saving technologies as tool tips in the inputs
- Definitions of inputs are provided as tool tips
- Default values are provided for some inputs
- Inputs requested from the user depend on the energy saving technologies selected for analysis

1. Collect Basic Inputs for the Airport
2. Collect Inputs specific to the Escalators or Walkways being considered
3. Select Energy Saving Technologies for Installation
4. Collect Inputs required to calculate Energy Savings

Calculate Outputs

Abbreviated Outputs (Energy and Cost Savings Only)

View Limitations and Assumptions

Detailed Outputs (Savings, Technology Descriptions, Limitations, Assumptions)
# Tool Inputs

## Escalator and Moving Walkway Evaluation Tool

Please enter inputs in the white cells and select drop down values shown in the green cells. For detailed instructions on how to use the tool, see the "Instructions" tab.

### General Information (OPTIONAL INFORMATION)

Enter information used to identify your airport and the upgrade being evaluated.

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<th>ACME Airport</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>123 Main St</th>
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<td>Case Name</td>
<td>January Evaluation</td>
<td>City</td>
<td>Arlington</td>
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<tr>
<td>Evaluation Date</td>
<td>1/12/2014</td>
<td>State</td>
<td>VA</td>
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### Escalator(s) or Walkway(s) Specifications

Enter information used to identify the single or group of escalators or walkways considered for upgrade.

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<td>Type of transport device</td>
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<td>Manufacturer</td>
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<td>Age of Escalator/Walkway years</td>
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<td>Does the unit have lighting? Yes</td>
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### Energy Savings Technologies to Consider for Evaluation

Select a technology configuration to consider installing on your escalator or walkway system.

- LED Lighting
- High Efficiency Motors

### Motor Controllers and Capacitors

- None
- Capacitors
- Motor Efficiency Controller
- Intermittent Drive (Start-Stop Operation)
- Intermittent Drive (Slow Down Operation)
- Intermittent Drive (Start-Stop) with Motor Efficiency Controller
- Intermittent Drive (Start-Stop) with Variable Voltage-Variable Frequency Drive (VVVF)
- Intermittent Drive (Slow Down) with Variable Voltage-Variable Frequency Drive (VVVF)
- Intermittent Drive (Slow Down) with Regenerative Drive
**Tool Inputs**

### Escalator(s) or Walkway(s) Specifications Continued

Please enter specification data for the escalators being considered in this analysis. All escalators must have the same specifications (e.g., motor horsepower, speed, passenger flow, etc.). Default values for some of the inputs are shown in blue. The default values can be modified if they do not align with your system. Please note, the default value for “Maximum Capacity per Step” will be populated after a value is selected for “Type of transport device” in the section above and “Width of step” in the section below.

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<th>Width of step*</th>
<th>inch</th>
<th>Number of motors per Escalator/Walkway*</th>
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<th>Depth of step*</th>
<th>inch</th>
<th>Type of motor installed*</th>
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<th>Maximum Capacity per Step*</th>
<th>Lbs./Step</th>
<th>Motor Horsepower*</th>
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<th>Max Speed of Escalator/Walkway*</th>
<th>Lbs.</th>
<th>Power Factor</th>
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<th>Average weight per passenger*</th>
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<th>Estimated Installation Cost*</th>
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<th>Motor controls currently installed*</th>
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### Average Passenger Flow

In the section below, fill out the average number of passengers over the selected time span along with the corresponding unit electricity cost and the percent of time the escalator/moving walkway is not in use. An average rate including all extra charges (generation, distribution, transmission, demand, power factor etc.) should be entered for the unit electricity cost. Please note, cost savings calculated by the tool do not consider reductions in demand charges for rescheduling loads.

In order to accurately evaluate an escalator/moving walkway configuration, the Average Passenger Flow Table should contain information inclusive of an entire day of operation. For additional information regarding the data required for each column, hover over the column name to see the tool tip.

The Average Passenger Flow table has the capacity to track information for up to 24 discrete time periods. If it is necessary to add another row to the table, click the button “Add More Rows,” located underneath the Average Passenger Flow table.

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<th>Number of passengers*</th>
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<th>Unit Electricity Cost ($/kwh)*</th>
<th>Percent of Time out of Use*</th>
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<td>300</td>
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Output Screens

### Escalator and Moving Walkway Upgrade Evaluation Tool
#### Summarized Results

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#### Current and Potential Energy Consumption

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<td>Energy use per escalator/mallway</td>
<td>24,12 kWh/yr</td>
<td>27,087 kWh/yr</td>
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<td>Total use for all escalator/mallways</td>
<td>66,23 kWh/yr</td>
<td>95,336 kWh/yr</td>
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#### Potential Annual Energy Savings

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<td>0.45 kWh/yr</td>
<td>12,371 kWh/yr</td>
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#### Cost and Other Financial Considerations

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<td>5,725 $/yr</td>
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<td>41,094 $/yr</td>
<td>92,128 $/yr</td>
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#### Financial Metrics

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<td>2.35 years</td>
<td>57.0 %</td>
<td>94,953 $</td>
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### Technology

#### LED Lighting

LED or Light Emitting Diode lighting is a semiconductor light source which can be used above the skirt panel throughout the length of the step band, under the handrail, and below the step at the top and bottom landings on an escalator or moving walkway. LED lighting can also be used for indicator signs at the entrance to the escalator and/or moving walkway.

Studies have shown that LED lighting can reduce the lighting energy consumption by up to 30%. LED lights also require less maintenance since they have a longer lifetime.

#### High Efficiency Motors

As the name implies, high efficiency motors have higher efficiencies than standard motors and result in reduced energy consumption due to the increased efficiency. The most common AC motor seen in escalators are the induction asymmetric squirrel cage motors, composed of an external stator core and rotating rotor. The standard fully-loaded efficiency of induction motors is around 84%, whereas the typical efficiency of an NEMA premium efficiency motor is 90.25%.

By replacing the motor in an escalator, savings are not only achieved due to the higher efficiency, but also times the motor selected for an escalator or moving walkway system is oversized. Significant savings can be achieved by selecting an accurately sized motor.

High efficiency motors may not be compatible for all escalator and moving walkway systems. Modifications may need to be...
Financial Tool Evaluation

Data Sources

• Eaton Corporation
• *Performance of T12 and T8 Fluorescent Lamps and Troffers and LED Linear Replacement Lamps*, U.S. DOE Pacific Northwest Laboratory
• Portland International Airport (Intermittent Drive – 2 Speed Operation: Start/Stop)
• Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Intermittent drive - 2 speed operation: slow down)
• Omega Controllers (data from Toronto Pearson International Airport)
• *MEC vs VSD* report by Power Efficiency Corporation
For additional information:

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ACRP Synthesis 35: *Issues With Use of Airfield LED Light Fixtures*

- Documents airport experience with light emitting diode (LED) airfield lighting fixtures
- Describes LED light source technology
- Reviews published information and case studies of airports using LED lighting systems
- Describes results from a survey of U.S. airports on:
  - Current practices and challenges
  - Installation issues
  - Operation and maintenance
  - Economic issues
- Includes pointers to relevant FAA guidance, technical resources about airfield lighting
- Published July 2012
Research Problem and Approach

• As LED technology evolves and becomes increasingly feasible for airfield lighting applications, information about airports’ initial experiences has not been readily found in a single location
  • Often, information has been kept “in-house”
• As a result, a literature review (including so-called “gray literature”) and survey of airports was conducted to document issues related to installing, operating, maintaining and paying for LED airfield lighting (n=22)
LED Technology

- Technological advantages of LEDs:
  - Durability and longevity (when designed properly)
  - Wide range of available colors
  - Narrowband output – saturated color appearance
  - High efficacy – low energy requirements
  - Immediate “switch-on/switch-off” time

- Questions about LEDs:
  - Lack of heat/infrared output
  - Compatibility with electrical infrastructure
  - Cost/return on investment
  - Human factors (e.g., color identification, brightness, visibility in fog)
Safety First!

The photometric and colorimetric properties of LEDs make them especially suitable for many airfield lighting applications:

- LED colors are less likely to be misidentified than incandescent (Bullough et al. 2012)
- Colors will not shift in hazy atmospheres (Bullough 2014)
Current Practices: Types of Systems
LED System Experience
Perceived LED Challenges

- Electrical compatibility
- Questions about heat/ice build-up
- Higher initial costs
- Finding objective technical information
Installation Issues: Expectations

• Primary reasons for LED installation:
  – Reduce maintenance costs (20)
  – Reduce energy use (18)
  – Improve visibility (13)

• Not concerned about incandescent lamp availability following Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007
  – EISA exempts rough service lamps and certain applications such as airfield lighting
Installation Issues: Ease

• Most survey respondents (16) reported that LED installation was relatively easy
  – No special tools/training necessary
  – A few mentioned modifications to improve compatibility with thyristor-type constant-current regulators (CCRs), or replacement of some transformers

• Installation led by contractors (18) with some assistance (10) by airport staff
Installation Issues: Compatibility

- Most respondents (19) reported compatibility with existing infrastructure
  - Minor issues with silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) regulators (replaced with ferroresonant regulators to improve compatibility)
  - One respondent adjusted regulators to correct flickering upon installation
Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Issues

• LED failures were relatively infrequent
  – In comparison, most common annual failure rates for road traffic signals were <1% and 1%-5% (Urbanik 2008)
O&M Issues: Weather

Few airports have conducted analyses regarding need for heaters
O&M Issues: Monitoring

FAA guidance requires fixtures to maintain 70% of initial light output, and no more than 25% of LEDs within a lighting fixture to fail (Engineering Brief 67D)
O&M Issues: Other

- Maintenance issues such as water/fluid ingress and broken fixtures from plowing/sweeping are no different than incandescent systems.
- LED systems use substantially less energy and require less maintenance:
  - Energy savings with lower-current circuits could increase energy savings from 50% to nearly 90%.
  - Maintenance cost reductions are not documented precisely or on a widespread basis.
- LED airfield lighting is often judged brighter or more visible.
Economic Issues

- Half of survey respondents (11) conducted an economic analysis prior to LED installation
- Initial cost of fixtures was reported as higher than conventional lighting (20)
- Most (14) reported similar labor costs
- Three airports reported that they recovered initial costs within 3 years, five expected to recover within 2-10 years
### Economics: Energy and Maintenance Costs

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF EXPECTED OR REALIZED ECONOMIC COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH LED AIRFIELD LIGHTING**

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<th>Airfield Lighting System(s)</th>
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<td>Prescott Municipal Airport (<em>U.S. Fed News Service 2006; Klein and Napit 2007</em>)</td>
<td>Taxiway lights (one taxiway)</td>
<td>$9,800/year: energy and maintenance (expected)</td>
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<td>Raleigh–Durham International Airport (Pittman 2010)</td>
<td>Airfield lights</td>
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<td>Will Rogers World Airport (<em>Hough and Gilbreath 2010; Brus 2011</em>)</td>
<td>Airfield lights (800+)</td>
<td>$60,000/year: energy and maintenance (expected)</td>
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Future Outlook

• Most (18) respondents planned future LED installations
• But not major electrical infrastructure work (19)
Conclusions

• LED airfield lighting systems for taxiway and runway lighting are available and functional
  – FAA guidance (EB 67) continues to evolve to address issues found in earlier installations
  – FAA maintains a list of certified LED airfield lighting fixtures through Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-53

• Lower energy and maintenance costs offset higher initial costs within a few years
  – Most savings come from reduced maintenance
Conclusions (cont’d.)

• No special equipment or training is needed for LED installation, and reliability improves with each product generation

• Current electrical power infrastructure is not optimized for LED energy savings, nor reliability
  – FAA is currently investigating through its Electrical Infrastructure Research Team (EIRT)
Information Gaps

• Long-term LED fixture performance data are rare
• Impacts on maintenance costs are scarce although they likely are the primary source of savings
  • ACRP Report 148: *LED Airfield Lighting System Operation and Maintenance*
• Analysis methods for identifying if/when LED fixture heaters are needed are lacking
• Characteristics of electrical infrastructure for optimizing energy and reliability need to be identified
• Human factors issues may need more clarification (see 2014 FAA Worldwide Airport Technology Transfer Conference for additional information)
For additional information:

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