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Rex to service Albany air route

Residents of Albany will be able to enjoy increased air services on the Albany-Perth air route after Rex was today confirmed as the new air service provider for Albany.

The City of Albany has welcomed the official appointment of Rex and is looking forward to working with them to grow this air route.

Rex will deliver a 53 per cent increase in the number of weekly flights to Albany, more flexible flight times and an overall increase in seats.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said this was a positive outcome for Albany.

“Albany Regional Airport is the gateway for air travel to the South West and Great Southern regions of the State and also serves the needs of the business community, local residents, tourists and a vibrant general aviation sector,” Mayor Wellington said.

“Air transport and supporting infrastructure is an important economic driver for the region and it is vital Albany has a frequent and reliable air service that serves the needs of customers and the region. We believe Rex will deliver that.”

The City of Albany is meeting today with Transport Minister Dean Nalder and Rex to discuss the appointment of the specialist regional airline, which will service the Albany air route from February 28, 2016 until February 27, 2021.

After those discussions, the City will review the airport business model and council will consider options for changes to fees, including the decision to potentially remove the current security screening.

“We expect a decision on those matters will be made by Council in the near future,” Mayor Wellington said.

“The City is committed to working with Rex to achieve more competitive air fares that will make air travel more affordable and deliver a vital service for our community.

“We are confident that can be achieved.”

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