

Bethel Runway Extension

Gov. Keith Miller announced this week that Burgess Construction Co. of Fairbanks has been awarded a contract for completion of the Bethel runway paving and extension project.

The Bethel airport runway is now 4,000 feet and it will be extended to 6,500 feet that will enable Boeing 737 jet aircraft to land the year round. To date, jet service to Bethel has been possible only during winter months when a runway overrun area has been frozen.

The work on the project will begin this summer and the completion date is planned no later than July 20, 1971.