



Airport Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS **DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2024**

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: 3**

SUBJECT: AIRPORT MANAGER’S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive the October 2024 Airport Manager’s Operations and Activity Report, which includes January-August 2024 aircraft operations data, July 2023-August 2024 financial data, and review of airport highlights and events.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Airport Commission receive this October 2024 Airport Manager’s Operations and Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Airport Manager’s Operation and Activity Report is provided to inform the Airport Commission (Commission) about operations, City Council actions, events, meetings and other issues concerning the Riverside Municipal Airport (Airport).

DISCUSSION:

This update includes information about Airport operations, financials, and highlights.

Key Operational and Financial Statistics

Aircraft Operations:

Aircraft Operations			
Prior Year to Date Versus Current Year To Date	Jan-Aug 2023	Jan-Aug 2024	Year to Date
	87,044	101,097	+16.1%
Prior Year Month Versus Current Year Month	August 2023	August 2024	
	10,982	13,491	+22.8%

NOTE: FAA air traffic statistics are reported on a calendar year basis

Traffic growth continues to increase in double digits, with a 16.1% increase in the January – August timeframe 2024 to compared to that same period in 2023. August 2024 had a 22.8% increase from that same month in 2023. With schools back in session and flight training becoming more active, it appears RAL is on track to beat last year’s record of 130,483 aircraft operations.

Financials:

Airport Financials				
July 01, 2024 – August 31, 2024				
	OPERATING BUDGET	ACTUAL	% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,030,540.58	\$ 288,735.05	14.2% ³	\$2,030,540.58
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,971,935.00	\$ 292,422.73	14.8%	\$1,971,935.00
⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments and encumbrances ⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures as of 9/3/24 ⁽³⁾ 16.66% complete with FY				

Two months into the new Fiscal Year, we are slightly below budget in both revenues and expenditures. Clearly, expenditures below budget are beneficial, whereas revenues below budget are not as beneficial. The Airport continues to explore innovative sources of revenue, including pending ground leases, which should allow revenues to more closely track budgeted amounts.

Highlights

FAA AIP Grant

On August 27, 2024, the Airport was awarded a \$791,604 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant from the FAA to fund 90% of projects costs to rehabilitate Taxiway A. This will include crack seal, asphalt sealcoat, and new markings along the entire 5,401 ft long taxiway. The project will be complete in four phases to minimize impact to aircraft operations.

DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant

On September 11, 2024, a grant was submitted by the Airport for \$2M to develop a Riverside Airport EV Charging Hub consisting of 24 chargers [14 - Level 2 (J1772 connectors), and 10 - Level 3 DC Fast Charge (5 Tesla connectors, 5 CCS connectors) with dual port availability.] The charging stations will be located in the terminal parking lot on the west side.

Doolittle Improvements

Airport property on Doolittle Ave is kept clear to provide sufficient Runway Protection Zone to ensure safe aircraft operations. Recently, there has been illegal dumping and other activity that

airport ops personnel have been required to address. With vegetation growth and past illegal vehicle activity (including off-road into the Hole Lake area), it has been necessary to more actively mow this area. Due to uneven ground, City Streets graciously loaned a grader and front-end loader to the Airport, allowing airport staff to grade portions of the area to allow a mower to safely traverse the ground. A security camera is also being installed to actively monitor this area for illegal dumping and other activity.

Parking Lot Improvements

Over a long period of time, depressions in the asphalt pavement have gradually developed in various vehicle parking spots of ATP Flight School and California Aviation Services. To address this issue, airport staff used a concrete saw to remove the degraded asphalt. Concrete will be poured to bring these spots up to grade level. To minimize expenses, this work is being performed in-house.

Recent City Council and Committee Actions:

- Terminal Restroom Renovation Agreement
- FAA Grant Award – Taxiway A Rehab Project

Upcoming City Council and Committee Actions:

- HR Job Reclassification : Airport Ops Coordinator to Airport Ops Analyst

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The **AIRPORT MANAGER'S OPERATION AND ACTIVITY REPORT** contributes to Strategic Priority No. 5 *High Performing Government* and Goal No. 5.3 – Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** - The Airport fosters community trust by regularly reviewing federal guidelines and regulations to ensure operational safety.
2. **Equity** – The Riverside Municipal Airport ensures equitable access to Airport resources.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This Report provides information describing the financial status of the Airport as a snapshot in time and compares that picture with past performance.
4. **Innovation** – This Report provides a timely account of activities undertaken to ensure the Airport is well-situated for future growth.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** – This Report provides information to the community on the Airport's investment in safeguarding Airport resources and assets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this monthly activity report.

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Attachment: Presentation