



Airport Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MARCH 12, 2026**

FROM: AIRPORT **WARD: 3**

SUBJECT: AIRPORT MANAGER’S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive the March 2026 Airport Manager’s Operations and Activity Report, which includes January 2026 aircraft operations data, July 2025 to January 2026 financial data, and review of airport highlights and events.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Airport Commission receive and file the March 2026 Airport Manager’s Operations and Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Airport Manager’s Operation and Activity Report is provided to keep the Airport Commission (Commission) informed of significant operational matters, recent and upcoming City Council actions, key events, meetings, and other relevant issues impacting Riverside 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	January 2025	January 2026	Year to Date
	7,442	10,670	+43.3%

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

For January 2026, flight activity increased 43.3% from that same month the year prior. This is a strong start to 2026 and may be an encouraging indicator of continued operational growth throughout the year.

Financials:

Airport Financials				
July 01, 2025 – January 31, 2026				
	OPERATING BUDGET	ACTUAL	% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,240,824.06	\$ 997,006.16	44.5% ³	\$2,153,238.06
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,274,000.00	\$ 1,469,363.60	64.6%	\$2,300,000.00
⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments and encumbrances ⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures as of 1/31/2026 ⁽³⁾ 58.3% complete with FY				

Seven months into the current fiscal year, expenditures are nearly 14% below budget, while revenues are 6% above budget. Expenditures will track closer to budget with the completion of several upcoming projects (e.g., marquee installation) funded from the operating budget, whereas revenues will likely continue tracking above budget as airport continues exploring diverse revenue streams and actively pursues past due invoices for collection.

Highlights

Tenant Survey

All airport tenants were invited to participate in an annual survey to express their level of satisfaction with airport services, facilities, and staff. Overall, tenants shared a level of satisfaction of 4.32 on a 5 point scale. This was 0.30 points higher than 2025.

Recent City Council and Committee Actions:

- Authorize submittal of Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application to United States Department of Transportation for estimated project cost of \$7.5 million to include approximately \$1.5 million in required City-match funds for improvements at Riverside Airport’s interior parking lot, roadway improvements on Flight Road, Airport Drive, Gemende Drive, Doolittle Avenue, and Central Avenue, and various traffic operations and safety improvements surrounding the Riverside Airport. The city match would be provided by the Public Works Department as the grant improves the aforementioned roads adjacent to the airport.

Upcoming City Council Actions

- Mead & Hunt Supplementals (PAP CatEx, APMS, Runway 9/27 Erosion Control design)
- Long-term 5-year agreement CAVU
- Long term 5-year agreement Commemorative Air Force
- Long-term 10-year agreement Waypoint Aviation

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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Attachment: Presentation