



City of Arts & Innovation

Airport Commission

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

DATE: MAY 8, 2025

FROM: AIRPORT

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT MANAGER'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive the May 2025 Airport Manager's Operations and Activity Report, which includes January-March 2025 aircraft operations data, July 2024-March 2025 financial data, and review of airport highlights and events.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Airport Commission receive this May 2025 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:

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Prior Year to Date Versus Current Year To Date	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Year to Date
	35,154	31,933	-9.1%
Prior Year Month Versus Current Year Month	March 2024	March 2025	
	12,065	12,451	+3.2%

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

March 2025 aircraft operational activity was only a slight increase compared to March 2024. Aircraft operational activity during the first three months of 2025 actually decreased from the same three-month period in 2024. This is mostly due to a Control Tower operational change in the recording of aircraft activity, to include a now separate accounting of overflights (not included in the aircraft operations data) which can now be verified by airport staff with new access to OpsNet, FAA's aircraft operational system. In essence, operational activity will no longer include overflights and will only include landings and takeoffs.

Financials:

Airport Financials July 01, 2024 – March 2025					
	OPERATING BUDGET		ACTUAL	% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,906,526.38	\$	1,330,883.24	69.8% ³	\$2,000,000.00
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,971,935.00	\$	1,654,362.15	83.9%	\$2,200,000.00
⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments and encumbrances ⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures as of 4/2/2005 ⁽³⁾ 75.0% complete with FY					

Exactly three-quarters through the current fiscal year, expenditures are 5.2% below budget. Consistently performing maintenance and janitorial services in-house has resulted in continued cost savings. Revenues for this same time period are 8.9% above budget. As the airport continues to ensure financial self-sufficiency, innovative land leases and others revenue sources continue to be pursued.

Highlights

Blue Zones Project Kick-Off

On May 17, 2025, from 10am to 1pm, Riverside Blue Zones Project will kick-off at the Riverside Airport. Certified Blue Zone communities have populations with greater well-being, improved health outcomes, reduced costs, and increased civic pride. This event will include booths, speakers, and more.

Ohmio Testing at the Airport

Testing of Ohmio shuttles began on a closed circuit at Riverside Airport the week of March 3. Gemende Drive was partially closed during this week to allow designated RTA operators to be trained on the shuttles.

Compass Rose Painting

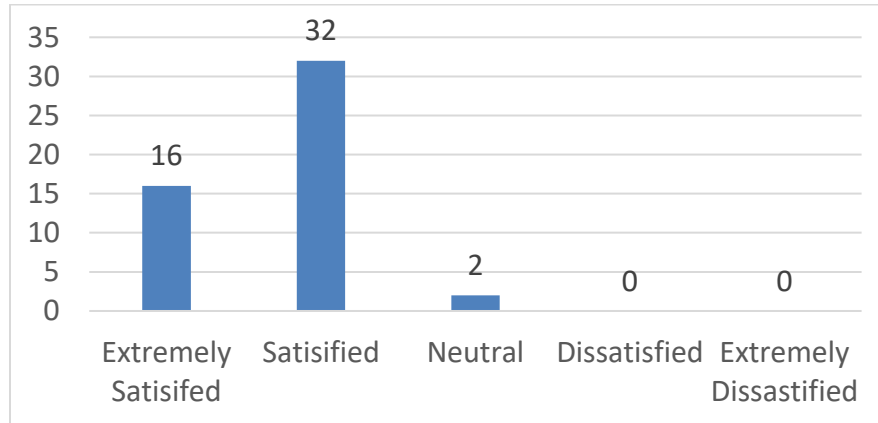
On March 20-22, the San Gabriel Valley 99's performed 250 volunteer hours to paint a 100' diameter compass rose on the ramp immediately north of the main terminal. This compass rose is not only a beautiful landmark, but it is also functional for pilots, in that it is oriented to magnetic north.

Aerospace Expo

In coordination with the City of Riverside and Councilmember Robillard’s office, the Airport will host an Aerospace Expo on May 31. This event will provide aircraft flight simulators, D-Day Doll flights, T6 flights, and local employers in the defense and aerospace industries.

2025 Airport Tenant Survey Results

Annually, the Airport surveys based tenants for their perspective on Airport facilities, services, and staff. Fifty-three tenants participated, for a response rate of 24%. Overall, tenants are either extremely satisfied or satisfied with the Airport.



Recent City Council and Committee Actions:

- CBU Through the Fence Agreement
- Tway A Rehabilitation project Bid award and Construction Agreement

Upcoming City Council and Committee Actions

- None anticipated.

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 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