Airport Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: **AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2025**

FROM: **AIRPORT** **WARD: 3**

SUBJECT: **AIRPORT MANAGER'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT**

ISSUE:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Airport Commission receive this December 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-October 2024**	**Jan-October 2025**	**Year to Date**
	123,419	115,434 (I: 123,777)	-6.4% (+2.9%)
Prior Year Month Versus Current Year Month	**September 2024**	**September 2025**	
	12,442	12,392 (I: 13,457)	-0.4% (+8.1%)

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

Flight activity was fairly flat (-0.4%) for the month of October 2025, compared to October 2024. During the January through October time period, flight activity was down 6.4% in 2025 compared to that same time period in 2024. Even so, the Airport averaged almost 400 operations per day during October.

Financials:

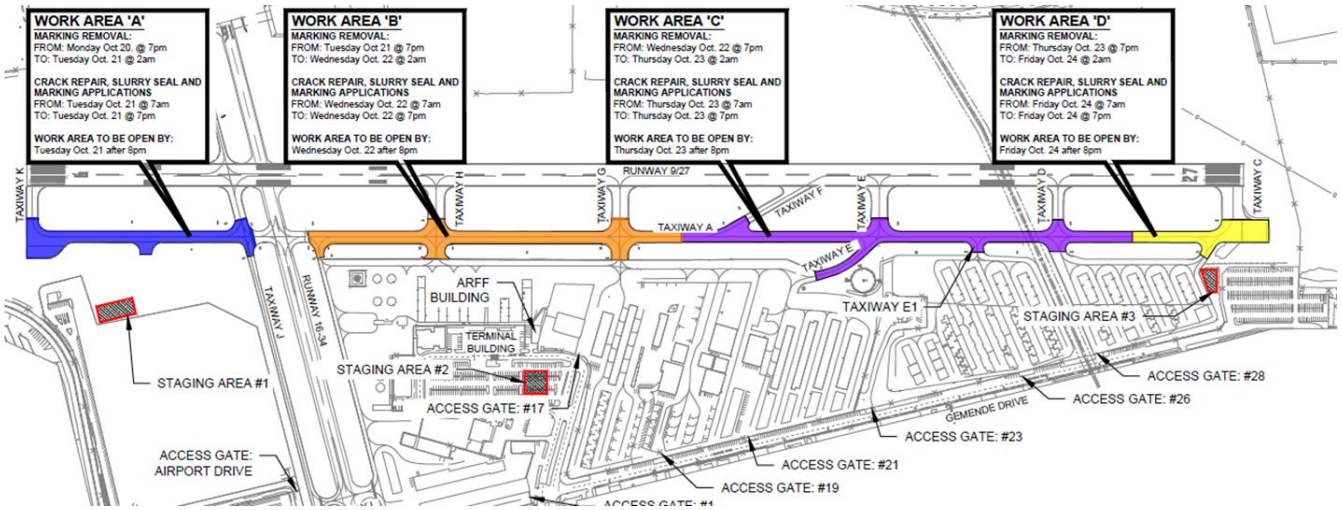
Airport Financials July 01, 2025 – October 31, 2025					
	OPERATING BUDGET	ACTUAL	% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures[1]	$ 1,969,674.00	$ 376,374.06	19.1%[3]	$1,696,674.00
Revenues[2]	$ 2,274,000.00	$ 562,691.09	24.7%	$2,274,000.00
[1] Includes adjustments and encumbrances [2] Preliminary figures as of 11/1/2025 [3] 33.3% complete with FY				

Four months into the current fiscal year, expenditures are tracking more than 14% below budget, while revenues are 8.6% below budget. Expenditures will track closer to budget with the completion of several upcoming projects (terminal exterior painting and marquee installation) funded from the operating budget, whereas revenues will likely begin tracking above budget as additional revenues are realized from advertising revenue, etc.

Highlights

Planes and Treats 2025
Held on October 18, Planes and Treats 2025 had an estimated 12,000 participants. Nearly 30 aircraft handed out 2,100 pounds of candy to hungry trick or treaters from 5:00pm to 9:30pm. This community-friendly event is always well-received and with the City's partnership this year, it was elevated as a city-sponsored event.

Taxiway A Rehab
On Monday night, October 20, the Taxiway A Rehabilitation project began. The first phase of the project was completed in five days, consisting of markings removal, pavement crack fill, asphalt slurry sealcoat, and painting of temporary markings. In approximately 30 days, the contractor will return to paint permanent markings with glass beads and replace several airfield signs.



Master Plan

The Airport Master Plan Update recently kicked off with an airport visit by the consultant on November 3 and 4. This visit consisted of a meeting with airport staff, airfield tour, Tower tour, FBO Tour, CBU Flight school tour, and meetings with Nextgen Flight Academy, Riverside Flight Academy, Waypoint Aviation, CAVU, and Maintenance One. The first Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting was held on November 4, 2025. The consultant has established a website for the community to learn more about the Master Planning process. https://ral.airportstudy.net.

Name Change

As the Airport continues to evolve with airfield improvements, terminal improvements, and staffing improvements, a brand refresh is occurring. Thus far:

1. A compass rose has been painted on the ramp north of the terminal.
2. A new logo has been designed.
3. Graphic wraps have been installed on the front of the terminal.
4. Banners have been installed on light poles facing the ramp.
5. New stationary has been designed.
6. New business cards have been designed.
7. A formal name change process (from Riverside Municipal Airport to Riverside Airport) has been initiated with the FAA and Caltrans.

In the future:

1. A new marquee will be installed at the airport entrance.
2. The exterior of the Terminal will be painted.
3. New jackets and shirts will be ordered for staff.
4. A new RAL sign will be installed in front of the Terminal.

Recent City Council and Committee Actions:

- FAA Grant 3-06-0200-037-2025, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of Grant Funds of $104,500 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Development of an

Airport Pavement Management System (APMS) at the Riverside Municipal Airport; and Authorizing the Execution of all Necessary Documents Related to such Grant

- FAA Grant 3-06-0200-038-2025, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of Grant Funds of $283,366 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Design Phase of Runway 9-27 Runway Safety Area Erosion Control Project at the Riverside Municipal Airport; and Authorizing the Execution of all Necessary Documents Related to Such Grant

Upcoming City Council Actions

- Mead and Hunt Supplemental to increase Master Consultant Agreement amount from $500,000 to $1 million.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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Attachment: Presentation