



City of Arts & Innovation

Airport Commission

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2026

FROM: AIRPORT

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT MANAGER'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive and file the August 2026 Airport Manager's Operations and Activity Report, which includes January-July 2026 aircraft operations data, July 2025 to June 2026 financial data, and review of airport highlights and events.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Airport Commission receive and file the August 2026 Airport Manager's Operations and Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Airport Manager's Operation and Activity Report informs the Airport Commission (Commission) on operational performance, City Council actions, events, meetings and other matters affecting the Riverside 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-July 2025	Jan-July 2026	Year to Date
	78,397	77,992	-0.5%
Prior Year Month Versus Current Year Month	July 2025	July 2026	
	11,628	10,767	-7.4%

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

Although the airport remains operationally busy, July was a slower month this year, primarily due to heat and slower flight training activity. Generally, year to date, 2026 is comparable to 2025 thus far.

Financials:

Airport Financials July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026					
	OPERATING BUDGET		ACTUAL	% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,279,754.92	\$	1,752,002.30	76.9% ³	\$2,000,000.00
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,274,000.00	\$	2,538,577.93	111.6%	\$2,500,000.00
⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments and encumbrances					
⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures as of 6/30/2026					
⁽³⁾ 100.00% complete with FY					

The fiscal year ended on a very positive note. Due to concentrated efforts to generate additional revenues and collect on past due accounts, revenues were 11.6% above projections, or \$2,538,577 compared to the projected revenue of \$2,274,000. Expenditures were 23.1% below budget, at 1,752,002.30 compared to the budgeted \$2,279,754.92. By performing work in-house when possible, expenditures were tightly controlled.

Highlights

America's 250th Birthday Bash

To celebrate America's 250th birthday, the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) hosted a July 4 celebration at the airport, which included a classic car show, aircraft display, parachute jumpers, kid's activities, and airplane rides. Attendance was estimated at 4,000.

Finland Company Visit

On July 14, the Airport hosted Carbon Free Technologies, a Finnish company exploring expanding to Riverside, whose carbon-reduced products could offer benefits to our airport and roads. They help the concrete industry make new concrete using 100% recycled concrete from demolished buildings. We are exploring funding opportunities to support the use of this technology at Riverside Airport.

EAA AirVenture

A number of EAA chapter 1712 members, as well as AvTech Exams and CBU, attended EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This annual event drew 734,000 attendees and 10,000 aircraft. The Airport Manager was able to support two RAL businesses and also make industry connections.

Aerospace Community Expo Special Event

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has recognized the City of Riverside's 2026 Aerospace Community Expo with a **Silver Award** in the Special Event category. This

prestigious recognition reflects the outstanding collaboration among multiple City departments and aviation industry partners to showcase the region's rich aviation heritage while inspiring the next generation of aerospace professionals. The Aerospace Community Expo successfully highlighted the importance of the aviation industry by promoting aerospace education, exposing attendees to a wide range of career opportunities, and engaging youth through interactive experiences. The event featured flight simulators, hands-on demonstrations, aircraft displays, robotics and aerospace technology exhibits, and opportunities for the public to interact directly with pilots, engineers, and industry leaders.

This award is a testament to the dedication, creativity, and teamwork of everyone involved in planning and delivering the event. Their collective efforts not only celebrated Riverside's aviation legacy but also strengthened community awareness of the aerospace industry's critical role in the region's economy and workforce development.

Upcoming City Council Actions

- CAVU 5-year lease
- Rates and Charges

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this monthly activity report; however, if rates and charges are approved by Council, additional revenues will be generated for the Airport.

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Attachment: Presentation