



City of Arts & Innovation

Airport Commission

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JUNE 12, 2025

FROM: AIRPORT

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT MANAGER'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Airport Commission receive this June 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-April 2024	Jan-April 2025	Year to Date
	47,982	43,331 (I: 45,418)	-9.07% (-5.3%)
Prior Year Month Versus Current Year Month	April 2024	April 2025	
	12,828	12,184 (I: 13,046)	-5.02% (+1.6%)

NOTE: FAA air traffic statistics are reported on a calendar year basis
Average 399 operations daily in April 2025.

Index (I) numbers include overflights, as in 2024.

January-April 2025 aircraft operational activity was 9.7% below that same period in 2024. Even considering overflights, activity was 5.3% below that same period in 2024. The month of April 2025 had 12,184 aircraft operations, which was 5.02% below the month of April 2024. Considering overflights, however, April was 1.6% busier than April 2024. In general, the reduced operational activity was due to several cloudy/foggy/rainy mornings, which impacted activity.

Financials:

Airport Financials July 01, 2024 – April 30, 2025					
OPERATING BUDGET		ACTUAL		% TO GOAL	Projection Through End of FY
Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,906,526.38	\$	1,441,539.20	75.6% ³	\$2,000,000.00
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,971,935.00	\$	1,919,593.96	97.3%	\$2,200,000.00
⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments and encumbrances ⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures as of 5/2/2005 ⁽³⁾ 83.30% complete with FY					

With only two months remaining in the current fiscal year, the Airport budget is on track of end the year above budget in revenues and below budget in expenditures. Revenues are currently 14% above budget. A continued focus on economic development and revenue growth is yielding positive results. Expenditures are currently 7.7% below budget. A consistent focus on controlling expenditures and performing maintenance work in house is yielding positive results. 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.

Spring Airfield Maintenance

With spring rains and warmer temperatures, the turfgrass at the Airport has been rapidly growing. This requires daily mowing to control the height of airfield turf. By daily mowing, weed trimming, etc., we will avoid obstruction of lights and signs due to tall grass, minimize bird and wildlife activity, and also minimize tumbleweeds in the Fall.

Gemende Hangar Development

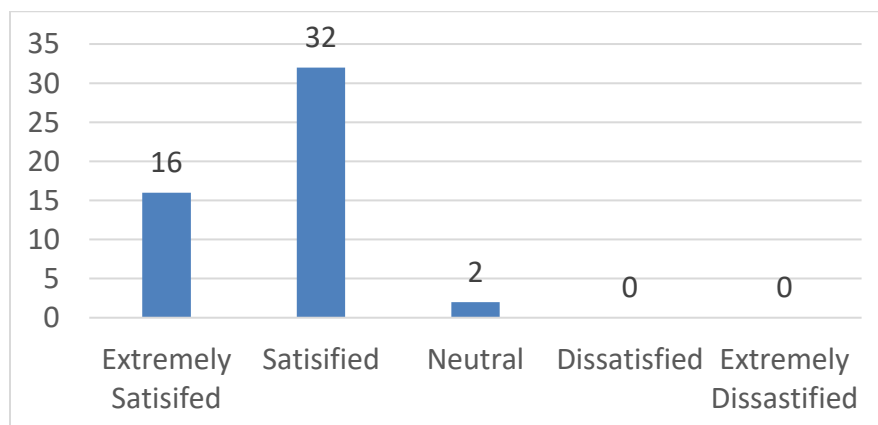
RAS Jetport is constructing four additional aircraft hangars. Erection of steel began the week of May 5. Hangars are scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Roofing Job Walk

The Airport is preparing to initiate a project to replace three roofs at the airport. These roofs have been prioritized due to their poor condition. The mandatory job walk had 20 firms in attendance.

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:

- None

Upcoming City Council and Committee Actions

- Award bid for Terminal exterior painting project.
- Award bid for airport marquee project.

- Award bid for airport roof replacement project
- Revised Airport Café lease agreement.

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