

**COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD
AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD
(AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD)**

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

STATUS REPORT SUBSTITUTE

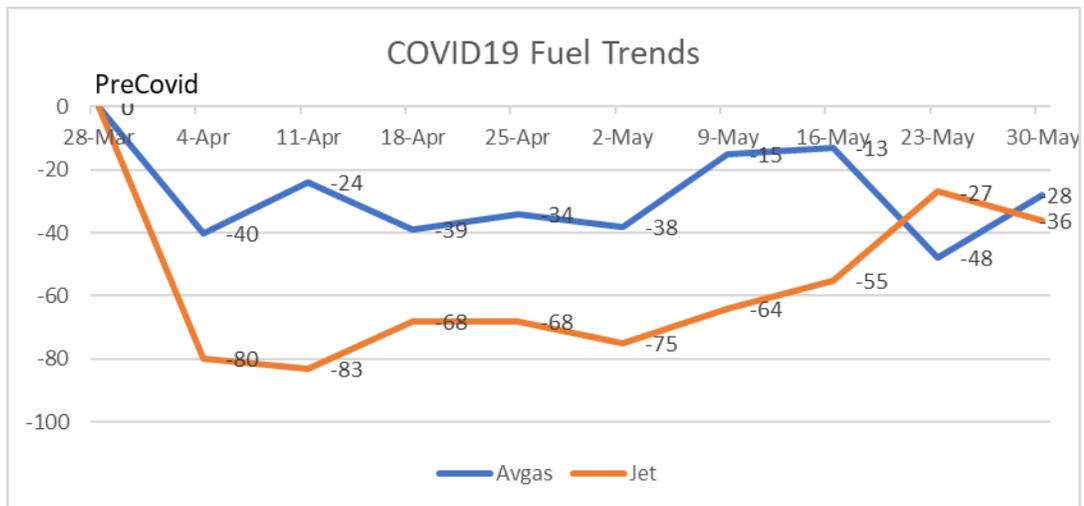
The June 1, 2020 Airport Advisory Board Meeting was cancelled due to the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Order. The following Airport Status Report is provided to the Airport Board Members in substitution of the meeting.

General Status Report:

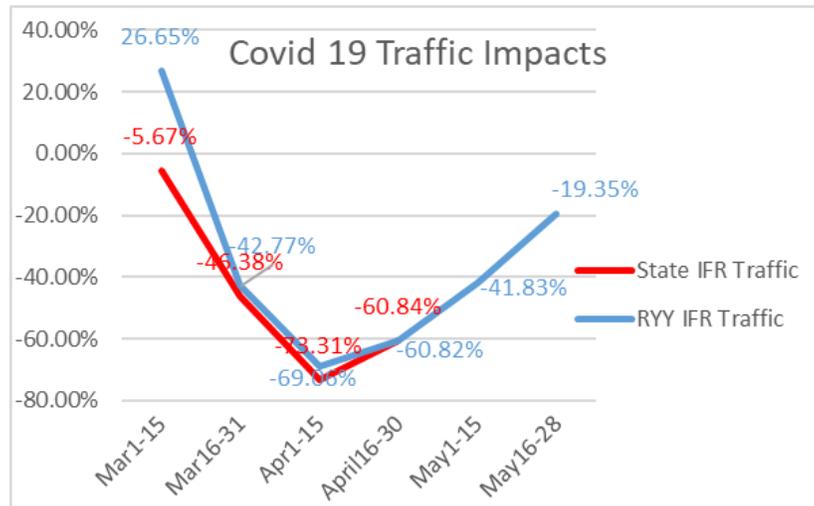
a. Airport –

1. COVID19 Pandemic Impacts–

A. Fuel Impact – Fuel sales have been impacted significantly during the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the Governor. A dramatic drop of 70- 80% in jet fuel sales initially occurred with a gradual improvement to approximately 30% decrease in volumes as businesses started to re-open. Avgas sales have also suffered significant decline with an average of 30% decline in sales over the last two months. Below is a weekly year over year comparison of the percentage drop beginning the week of March 29th.



- B. Air Traffic – Total Traffic is down 20% for the months of March – May and IFR Traffic is down 36%. IFR descended to a low of -69% the first half of April and has been climbing since the Shelter in Place order was lifted. The State average is only available through April, but mirrors the RYY IFR traffic impacts.



- C. Customs Activity – We had 11 international flight arrivals through March 17, zero in April and just one in May (Transient Canadian aircraft arrival).
- D. CARES Airport Grant – The Federal CARES Act includes funds for U.S. Airports to support airport operations through the coronavirus impacts. The Grant to be issued will provide \$157,000 of funding to support our airport operations.
- E. Airport Staff – Airport Staff has been operating throughout the Public Health Emergency to keep the airport operating at required safety standards and meet the aviation needs of the community. Social Distancing among the employees is in practice.
2. **US Customs Contract** – U.S. Customs and Border Protection HQ notified airports across the country that the quarterly reimbursement cost to provide CBP Officers on-site through the User Fee Facility (UFF) Program would be increased approximately 30%-60% depending on the specifics of each location. Airports were provided 3 business days to reply whether to accept the increase or if airports wished for time to evaluate continuing in the UFF Program CBP would suspend the on-site officer for the upcoming quarter to give the airports that time to consider their future service. After discussions with our local CBP office, we agreed on a plan that will result in continuation of service for the upcoming quarter without any impact to the customers while we review our options. The permanently assigned CBP Officer will return to ATL for the next quarter and ATL will provide on-call customs inspections during that time as they do now for afterhour inspections; the airport will consider applying for the recently expanded Reimbursable Services Program (RSP) to replace our User Fee Facility agreement. RSP provides on-call inspection, while UFF provides a permanent stationed officer. The RSP is expected to result in a savings by providing an officer when needed as opposed to a fulltime officer being on-standby.

3. **Aero Atlanta Flight Center** – The new Aero Atlanta Flight Center facility at Entrance B is now open for business. After a complete renovation, Aero Atlanta has transformed the 25 year old facility into a modern facility.



Before



After



Before



After

4. **Cessna Lane (Entrance B) / King Air Lane (Entrance A)** – The Street Name Change application is being completed and submitted for Entrance B Cessna Lane to be renamed Cirrus Way to correspond with their Cirrus-centric business models. Entrance A’s proposed One Tower Place to replace King Air Lane name does not meet the street naming standards. Further discussion with tenants is needed on King Air Lane renaming.
5. **Atlanta Gas Light Pipeline** – AGL has been exploring a potential route for a new gas line installation on the west end of airport property under the runway 9 approach (mostly on the leasehold of Site One). AGL is currently “just exploring options” but there is a possibility of a request coming to install a pipeline. A buried pipeline would be an expected acceptable use of the runway protection zone property by the FAA.

b. Hawthorne Global Aviation Services –

1. **Card Access System Security Cameras** – The new camera equipment is all in place and operating.
2. **FBO Personnel** - The FBO Staff has continued to provide uninterrupted services to the public throughout the Public Health Emergency Order. Even considering the substantial impacts to the business the Hawthorne team has been providing excellent service to the traveling public.
3. **Hangar Demand** – A new Falcon 7x will be based for 1 month on temporary basis. A new CJ3 arrived recently, and talks continue with several large aircraft about basing with Hawthorne. Hangars remain at or near 100% occupancy throughout the Covid19 event.

Projects Report:

- a) **Environmental Assessment (EA)** - The EA draft was advertised and available online for public comment. The public review process is complete and no comments were received. The Federal Agencies are currently reviewing the draft EA and are expected to conclude their reviews by mid-June.
- b) **Taxiway A Relocation Project** – The Board of Commissioners approved the engineering contract and the State Grant which will fund 75% of the work to begin the preliminary engineering work on the 400' taxiway relocation. The work will result in a detailed budget, a construction phasing schedule to match potential annual funding allocations, identify hydrology solutions, and detail environmental impacts of relocating the taxiway. The notice to proceed for the 6 month contract was issued on May 26th.
- c) **North Apron Rehabilitation Phase II Project** – CW Matthews Contracting started construction activities on April 27, 2020 to rehabilitate the apron and install drainage. The two smaller phases have been completed. The third and largest phase is underway with a completion date of July 6th.



Phase 1 - Before



Phase 1 - After

- d) **ARFF Station Hangar Site**– The Board of Commissioners approved updating the Airport Master Plan to include the ARFF Hangar Site that was distributed to the AAB Members via email for comment in April and the BOC also approved applying for a state grant to request funding for the development of the ARFF Hangar Site.
- e) **ARFF Station 31** – The Cobb County Public Safety Department has decided to move forward with selecting a design/build contractor for the Airport ARFF/Hazmat Station. The selection process was initially suspended due to budget concerns. Although the responses from the respondents were well above the project budget, the Fire Department hopes to explore potential savings for the project by selecting a design/builder.
- f) **Non-Aeronautical Lease Potential** – The airport has been approached by the new landowner of the building at the east end of the airport about leasing airport property for the storage of cars for the used car dealership. The FAA has concurred that the proposed non-aeronautical use is likely permissible but final judgement would be made once all the appropriate information is submitted for formal review. There are only two potential users of the landlocked property since there will be no public access provided to the property, so both adjoining landowners to the landlocked site, the auto dealership and Vulcan, will be invited to submit proposals to be considered.



- g) **FBO Terminal Parking Lot** – The realignment and expansion improvements to the terminal parking lot are on standby until the total impacts of COVID19 are understood.

Next AAB Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2020, at 4:00 pm; location Airport Admin Bldg.