

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

APRIL MEETING CANCELLED

STATUS REPORT SUBSTITUTE

The April 6, 2020 Airport Advisory Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Public Health Emergency Order as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic. The following Airport Status Report is provided in substitution of the meeting.

General Status Report:

a. Airport –

1. COVID19 Pandemic Impacts–

- A. Specialty Flights - The airport served many CDC corporate charter flights in March to take cruise passengers that were quarantined at Dobbins ARB to their home states.
- B. NCAA Final 4 Cancelled - Although we were not expecting a large volume of aircraft, we were expecting busier than usual activity and had some marketing elements ready to go. Maybe next time.
- C. Airport Staff – Airport is operating in two-man teams rotating onsite/telework shifts to avoid cross contamination and loss of all essential staff simultaneously.
- D. Hawthorne – The FBO is closing an hour earlier and is running the FBO with less staff per shift with no crossover of personnel teams to minimize cross contamination.
- E. Air Traffic –
 - 1. Air Traffic – Traffic is down about 50% during the last half of March as the shelter in place orders began to take effect. The traffic and fuel volumes continue in that downward trend as the Shelter in Place orders continue.
 - 2. Customs Activity – We had 11 international flight arrivals through March 17, and zero since. It was an excellent start to the month.

- 2. **Cessna Lane (Entrance B) / King Air Lane (Entrance A) –** Tenants along Entrance B have requested Cessna Lane be renamed Cirrus Way to correspond with their Cirrus-centric business models. DLK Aviation is a Certified Cirrus Maintenance Facility and Aero Atlanta Flight Center is a Cirrus Aircraft dealer and uses the aircraft as a focus of its flight training operations. Both tenants request the name change and Hawthorne supports the proposal.

Additionally, the Entrance A roadway is named King Air Lane. The Corporate Row Hangar tenant has requested the road be renamed One Tower Place.

Both roads were originally named in the 1980s and updating the names would bring them more in line with today's aviation environment. The airport will pursue the process to have the roads renamed.

b. Hawthorne Global Aviation Services –

1. **Card Access System Security Cameras** – Equipment is all in place and operating. A final software update is still needed to allow us access and this has been slow to happen due to the vendor's workload increase providing COVID technical support. Activating cameras should be soon.

Projects Report:

- a) **Environmental Assessment (EA)** - The EA draft has been authorized by the State to begin the public review process. The EA has been advertised as available for public review through the airport website (www.cobbcountyairport.org) and by appointment at the airport administration building. The Airport's Engineer Consulting Firm will be coordinating the review with the Federal Agencies.
- b) **Taxiway A Relocation Project** – The State has offered a 75% grant to fund the preliminary engineering work to develop a detail budget for the 400' taxiway relocation, a phasing schedule to match potential funding allocations, identify hydrology solutions, and identify environmental impacts of relocating taxiway. The notice to proceed is expected to be issued in May.
- c) **North Apron Rehabilitation Phase II Project** – The start date was moved to April 27, 2020 to line up the contractor's resources for the project and provide the best chance for an efficient and speedy project. The overall project's contract time is 60 days and will be conducted in phases to limit the impacts to each individual hangar tenant.
- d) **ARFF Station Hangar Site**– A site drawing of the expanded ARFF Hangar Site was distributed to the AAB Members via email for comment, as well as a proposal to replace the North Apron Terminal Area Grant funding request that is listed on the Airport's Capital Improvement Project with an ARFF Hangar Site Grant funding request. All comments received were positive to prioritizing the ARFF Hangar Site, updating the Airport Master Plan with the hangar site layout, and pursue grant funding for site preparation.
- e) **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, June 1, 2020, at 4:00 pm; location Airport Admin Bldg.