

COBB COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NEWSLETTER

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility

The General Aviation U.S. Customs Facility has been operating since June 25th. So far the most distant arrival has arrived from Stockholm, Sweden.

Regular operating hours are Thursday thru Monday 10am to 7pm. U.S. Customs will also arrange to provide off-hour inspections.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has provided the following information to assist pilots in requesting Overflight Exemptions:

When requesting an Overflight Exemption an Email is sent to atloverflight@cbp.dhs.gov with the following information:

- Tail Number of Plane
- Type of Plane
- Color Scheme of Plane
- Pilot's / Crew Full Name Date of Birth Citizenship
- Name of Company/Owner w/address and Point of Contact phone number or Email

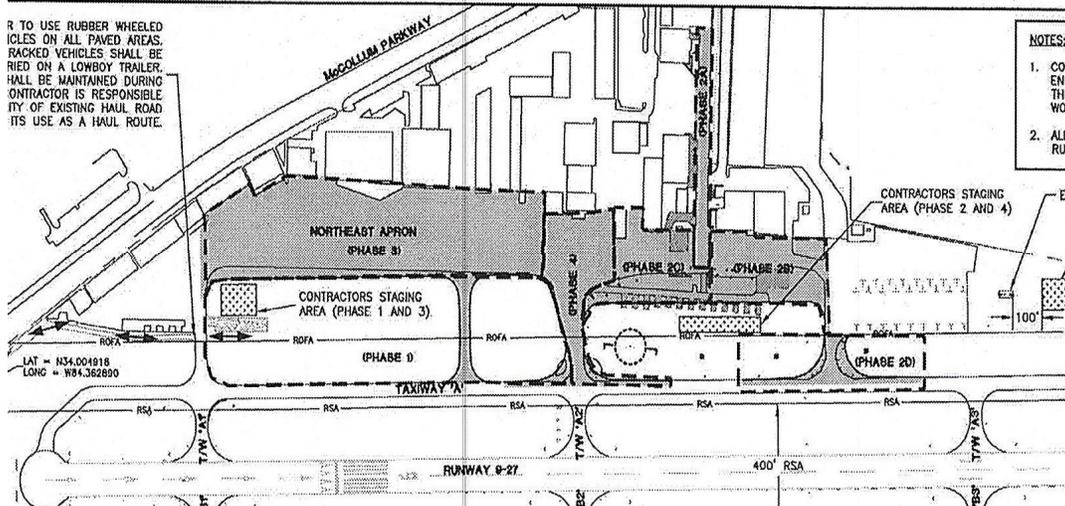


Cobb County International Airport – McCollum Field

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved updating the name of the airport to include “International”. The signs around the airport have been updated and the new name will begin appearing in the FAA publications.

North Apron Rehabilitation and Expansion Project

The FAA and State have approved funding for improvements to the north apron. The project's priority is to construct a new connector taxiway to Taxiway A across from Hangar 700 and rehabilitate and expand the north apron east of Taxiway Connector A2 to the east apron. Existing apron from the terminal to the west will be rehabilitated as far as funding permits. The project is scheduled to be bid in February with construction to begin as early as April/May.



Medium Approach Lighting System – with Sequenced Flasher (MALSF)

Engineering is underway for the installation of a MALSF to Runway 27. The State has offered a grant to cover 75% of the costs for installation. The local Town Center Community Improvement District is paying for the design of the system. Bidding is scheduled for February and installation is expected to begin as early as April/May.



New Air Traffic Control Tower and Airport Administration Offices

The new Air Traffic Control Tower began operations on March 5th and has been operating very effectively. The new control tower is 78' tall and has improved the situational awareness for the air traffic controllers and provided much needed space for equipment.

The old control tower shaft has been demolished and the old base building has been renovated into improved airport administration offices.



Rotating Beacon

A new rotating beacon has been installed on the top of the new Air Traffic Control Tower. The old rotating beacon will be removed during the construction project to rehabilitate and expand the north apron.

Airport Operations Employee

Cobb County International Airport has an operations manager. Steven Spencer transferred from the Cobb County DOT to become the airport's first operations manager. Steven has his Aviation Management Degree from Auburn University. The Operations Manager's role is to enhance safety, ensure regulatory compliance, oversee contracts/leases, and serve as an additional public contact by: conducting airfield, facility and environmental inspections; monitoring airport activities to ensure compliance with Airport, State, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations; overseeing operations, emergency, and security plans; providing aviation expertise in the absence of the Airport manager; and coordinating/supporting grounds maintenance of the airport.

Please say hello to Steven when you see him.

Airside Card Access Gates

The current list of active Airside Access Cards is being audited. If you find that your access card has been mistakenly deactivated, please stop by the organization that issued you the card and notify them of your cards deactivation. Please bear with us as we work through updating the list to assure that only people with valid credentials are gaining access to the apron.

Please remember that if you have access privileges to the airside to enter and exit the gate closest to

your destination and obey the ramp speed limit which will soon be posted on each gate. At some point soon everyone with access to the airside will be provided a safety brief.

New Entrance A – Access Gate

The Access Gate at Entrance A will be activated very soon. Those with access cards that are authorized to use Gate A will be able to use their card to open the gate. There is also a callbox located at the Gate to provide access to those without access card privileges.

Winter Operations

Snow and Ice are a real possibility this winter and for the protection of the aircraft the only product to be used in melting snow and ice on the airside of the airport is **UREA. Salt is not to be used on the airside of the airport.**

The Control Tower will be open even if the runway or airport is NOTAMed closed. The tower manager will only close the tower if it is unsafe for employees to travel. Braking action reports will be issued by NOTAM as airport staff resources permit. Per FAA guidelines, only Braking Action reports of poor or nil are able to be NOTAMed, but the control tower will be provided with all the Braking Action reports including Good and Fair.

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To receive these updates on airport activities you may sign up as a Friend of McCollum at the following link: www.CobbCountyAirport.org and select Friends of McCollum email signup in the right hand menu.

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