



2010 State of the Airport Annual Report Millington Airport Authority

January 2009

Annual operations and fuel sales reports data for the year ending 2008 were compared to 2007 to determine potential trends for 2009. The data was reported to the Authority by the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and Fixed Base Operator (FBO) respectively. In terms of operations, ATCT handled 27,792 total operations in 2008, compared to 37,547 in 2007, a decrease of 26%. This breaks down to 11,092 civilian ops in 2008, compared to 12,676 in 2007, a decrease of 12.5%. Finally, there were 16,700 military operations in 2008, compared to 24,871 in 2007, a 33% decrease. In terms of fuel sales, in calendar year 2008, the FBO sold 728,320.8 gallons of fuel, compared to 784,425.5 gallons in 2007, a decrease of 7%. AvGas, primarily used by small single-engine piston driven aircraft, was 46,014.80 gallons in 2008, compared to 93,169.40 in 2007, a decrease of 50.6%. Jet A, primarily used by the military/DOD and corporate jets, was 682,306 in 2008, compared to 691,256.1 in 2007, a decrease of 1.3%. In terms of operations, these totals reflect that military/DOD operations account for most of the operations. Although military operations were down significantly (33%), jet fuel sales were only slightly down (1.3%). This suggests that military training (touch-n-go's) were down, but military/DOD transient "quick turns" that "gas-n-go" remained fairly stable. This is likely because the FBO holds a three-year DOD fuel contract for approximately 2.6 million gallons through 2011. For calendar year 2008, the FBO revenues from fuel sales were \$2,998,037.00, and paid the Airport Enterprise Fund \$36,414.00 in fuel flowage fees.

February 2009

Two capital improvement projects were in the final stages of closeout. The first was the construction of two box hangars (60ft x 80ft) for the storage of corporate or large aircraft. 90% of the hangar project was funded by a TDOT grant in the amount of \$508,845.00. The local share required to complete this project was \$42,110. After leasing, the hangar project would net the Airport Enterprise Fund approximately \$24,000.00 annually in new rent. The second project being closed out was an overlay and re-striping of taxiway "E". The cost of the taxiway project was \$1.2M with a grant from TDOT, and a local share of \$125,000. The taxiway project would enhance safety and extend the useful life of the pavement.

March 2009

The environmental cleanup from the aircraft accident last year was completed to the satisfaction of TDEC this month. On December 9, 2008, a Mitsubishi, a small twin-engine aircraft, crash-landed on the runway shortly after takeoff from the Millington Regional Jetport. Upon landing, the aircraft veered off the runway, continued through the fence, and came to rest just short of a ditch. A significant amount of jet fuel spilled into the storm drain system. The insurance

company of the aircraft owner reimbursed the Authority for all expenses associated with the accident, nearly \$90,000.00.

April 2009

The Authority took delivery of a new tractor and mower, purchased with a TDOT grant in the amount of \$80,000.00, and a local cost of \$20,000.00 to mow airport grass. Prior to the purchase, the Authority was under contract with the City of Millington to mow, at an annual cost of \$25,000.00. Savings to the Airport Enterprise Fund would be realized within the first year, and cost avoidance in future years.

May 2009

TDOT completed its annual desk monitoring review of the Millington Airport Authority's contracts to determine if costs and services were in compliance with TDOT policies. The five grant-funded projects monitored were: 1) Taxiway "E" Engineering, 2) PAPI Repair, 3) Box Hangar Construction, 4) Taxiway "E" Overlay, and 5) Maintenance reimbursements. The total amount of grant activity during this monitoring period was \$1,861,175.00. TDOT identified no findings of noncompliance during the desk review.

June 2009

The Authority Board of Commissioners considered language to amend its Bylaws, after voting in May to expand the Board from nine to eleven Commissioners. The additional Commissioners would be one each, appointed by the Tipton County Executive. The other would be appointed by the Shelby County Mayor, both in agreement with the Millington Mayor and Board of Alderman.

July 2009

The Board of Commissioners considered the Jetport's ability to accommodate the Boeing 777 if FedEx acquires this aircraft, and what, if any modifications to the airfield would be required. The Board also discussed whether the Jetport would remain a viable designated alternate for FedEx; as the Authority had recently entered into a 12th annual contract to provide certain services for FedEx. After significant discussion, along with input from FedEx and Authority engineers, it was determined that some modifications may be required in the future, but none would be pursued at this time.

August 2009

The Board of Commissioners approved an airshow for 2011, "Millington AirFest - Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation" September 17-18, 2011". This approval was key for the airshow organizers to obtain in order to make formal request for military aerial demonstration teams. The request will be for the Army Golden Knights, Navy Blue Angels, and the Air Force Thunderbirds. The key organizers were formerly associated with the Mid-South Airshow Foundation. Organizers expressed a desire to continue the tradition started in 1997, with the airshow benefiting children's charities. The last Mid South Airshow was held in 2007, and raised \$365,000.00 to support children's charities.

September 2009

The 13th Annual Special Kids & Families Plane Pull was held September 26, 2009. The event featured adult teams of 20 persons and youth teams of 10 children that pulled FedEx aircraft. Adult teams pulled a FedEx 727 jet, weighing 155,000 pounds, 12 feet. Youth teams, ages 10-17 pulled a FedEx ATR feeder aircraft weighing 32,000 pounds, 20 feet. Entry fees were \$1,200.00 and \$300.00 respectively. Prizes were awarded to the teams that pulled their aircraft the furthest

in the shortest amount of time. Proceeds benefit Special Kids & Families, which provides early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities and delays.

October 2009

A video camera surveillance system was installed at the Jetport. The system includes 13 cameras covering the terminal building, vehicles access gates, automobile parking lots and the aircraft ramp. Recorded data is stored for 30 days. The Millington Police Department has remote viewing access to the system via internet. The system was approximately \$50,000.00, with 90% funding by a security grant from TDOT.

November 2009

A vacancy was created on the Board of Commissioners, with the resignation of Mrs. Linda Carter. Mrs. Carter was one of the original Board Commissioners, with continuous service since 1997.

December 2009

A financial audit of the Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 was completed. Operating revenues were \$1,156,707.00 and expenses were \$1,076,456.00 resulting in \$80,251.00 in income before depreciation. The Airport Authority operates under an enterprise system, generating revenue from rents, charges, and fees assessed to airport tenants, users, and others operating on the airport. No material weaknesses were found by the auditor.

