Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #5.

Read about the North Runway’s upcoming closure, new wayfinding signage, terminal improvements, and more.
A Message from the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash edition No. 5. This month is an important one for us as we ramp up preparations for the complete makeover of our North Runway (10L-28R). The North Runway Rehabilitation Project began in March with preliminary taxiway work ahead of the runway’s closure on June 3. A host of work will be done to rehabilitate the runway and supporting taxiways. (See story below)

The $90 million project will provide an improved runway and taxiway system that is designed to handle the current and future aircraft demand with the latest in safety and efficiency standards. While the project is scheduled to continue through September, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) has offered the contractor incentives to finish earlier. Once completed, the North Runway is expected to provide more than 30 years of use before its next major rehabilitation.

What does this mean for FLL travelers? Depending on the time of day and weather conditions, there may be flight delays. However, BCAD is working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and our airline partners to minimize those delays without compromising safety.

Enjoy this issue and stay connected.

Mark
The Sky's the Limit

April passenger traffic and 2019 outlook

In April, FLL welcomed 3,231,115 travelers, a 4.2 percent increase from the same month in 2018. In all, the airport hosted approximately 2.47 million domestic and 763,549 international passengers. That's a 3.6 percent increase in domestic travelers and 6.4 percent boost in foreign visitors from a year ago.

From January through April, FLL’s passenger traffic rose 6 percent to 13.1 million travelers from the same four-month period in 2018.

As the summer travel season approaches, airline seat capacity is expected to begin leveling off, and passenger traffic should respond accordingly.

In June, Spirit Airlines plans to launch new nonstop flights to Charlotte, North Carolina while Air Transat is expected to begin service in December between FLL and Vancouver, Canada.
North Runway Closing June 3 for Major Rehab

The North Runway (10L-28R), the oldest of FLL’s two runways will undergo significant rehabilitation this year and is scheduled to close temporarily in early June for up to four months.

The initial taxiway construction phase of the $90 million project is currently underway. The critical rehabilitation work will include:

- Replacing the runway’s 75-foot center portion with concrete to extend its life from 15 to 30 years
- Repaving of its sides with asphalt
- Electrical, signage, and drainage system upgrades
- Taxiway upgrades will feature more modern and efficient designs
- FAA updates to runway status lights

During the runway’s closure, neighborhoods immediately east and west of the South Runway may experience increased noise. This situation, however, will return to normal conditions once the North Runway reopens.

On May 15, the Ron Gardner Aircraft Observation Area on the southwestern side of the North Runway temporarily closed to make way for construction activity associated with the project. The viewing area and runway are slated to reopen this fall.

Watch for project updates in upcoming NewsFLLash issues.
New flight makes history

Silver Airways debuted its newest aircraft on April 22 with a history-making revenue flight from FLL to Key West International Airport.

Christened “Mile Marker Zero,” the ATR-600 series plane was the first to be operated by a U.S. carrier on scheduled passenger service, said Silver, in announcing the operational milestone. It also marked the first time an independent U.S. regional airline has taken delivery of a new aircraft in several decades, Silver said.

As of April, Silver had taken delivery of three ATR-600 aircraft and plans to add up to 50 to its fleet in the coming years. These new aircraft will allow it to expand service in the Southeastern United States, the Bahamas and the Caribbean, Silver noted.

Learn more about the new ATR aircraft at SilverAirways.com.
SHAKING 'N BLAZING NEW EATERIES

Burgers, Shakes, Pizza and more

Travelers flying through FLL this fall will find a slate of new dining venues to explore including Rocco’s Tacos and Tequila Bar and Whisky River Beer & Wings in Terminal 1 (featured in April) and Shake Shack and Flash Fire Pizza in Terminal 2.

Shake Shack has become a revered hangout for its legion of fans in the U.S. and overseas since its humble start as a hot dog cart in New York in the early 2000s. Today, the modern “roadside” burger stand has more than 130 locations worldwide. The restaurant chain serves premium burgers, hot dogs, crinkle-cut fries, shakes, frozen custard and more, which it touts as “fresh, simple, high-quality food at a great value.” Global concessionaire HMSHost has partnered with Shake Shack to open and operate multiple airport locations across America including FLL’s, which is set to debut later this year.

For pizza lovers craving a slice or personal pie before they fly, South Florida-based Flash Fire Pizza whose tagline is “Farm to Fire in a Flash” is making its airport debut through a partnership with HMSHost. The pizza restaurant offers a menu of specialty pizzas and salads, sandwiches and sides and aims to provide the best quick fire pizza using the freshest ingredients and friendliest service.
Terminal 2 Modernization Update

The Terminal 2 Modernization Project at FLL includes new and redesigned dining and shopping venues as well as modern restrooms for airport travelers. The improvements, when completed by late 2021, will also include a new terminal security checkpoint, a dome-shaped roof, a central passenger holding area, more dining and retail outlets, expanded restrooms and a “Sky Club” mezzanine area. An expanded and redesigned Delta Sky Club will be built on the terminal’s new mezzanine level and is slated to open in February 2021.

As part of the terminal enhancements, FLL will build enclosed connectors between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 and Terminal 2 and Terminal 3. The new connectors will enable travelers to move between terminals without having to exit and re-enter through the security checkpoint. The new terminal connectors are all expected to be operational by March 2022.
Bright and dynamic signs on the way

More than 4,100 new and updated signs will be added across the FLL campus during this project, including in its three parking garages, internal roadway system, and terminal curbsides. Currently, the new signage is in production and installation of conduits, which started in early January is continuing throughout the garages. When completed, the new dynamic signage will provide a more comprehensive wayfinding system to better assist travelers navigating throughout the airport roadways, garages, terminals and concourses. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by early January 2020.

Watch for more details in future editions of NewsFLLash.
Autism in Flight Preps Students for Travel

On May 22, dozens of Broward County school students with autism and their parents had the opportunity to practice traveling through FLL as part of the annual Autism in Flight (AIF) program.

During the 7th annual event, the fourth and fifth-grade students and their families were checked in for a mock JetBlue Airways flight to the Caribbean. The real-life lessons learned from check-in and security screening to the gate area and boarding process will better prepare them for any future travel plans.

In all, eight local schools participated in the 2019 program with a contingent of nearly 50 students and parents.

AIF is a collaboration between BCAD, Broward County Public Schools, JetBlue, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Broward Sheriff’s Office. The event not only benefits participants but also provides valuable training for the airport, airlines, and TSA personnel.
Reggae Girlz World Cup Send-off

Dozens of well-wishers turned out on May 20 to greet the Jamaican women’s soccer team at FLL during a stopover in South Florida.

The Reggae Girlz arrived in town to participate in several send-off celebrations before departing to France to compete in the FIFA Women’s World Cup, June 7-July 7.

Local dignitaries participating in the FLL meet & greet included Broward County Vice Mayor Dale Holness, Jamaica’s Consul General in Miami Oliver Mair and Reggae Girlz Foundation Vice President Lisa Quarrie.

Quarrie’s foundation, whose mission is to inspire, educate, mobilize, and support the next generation of young female football players in Jamaica, spearheaded the local festivities.

The Reggae Girlz made history in October 2018 becoming the first Caribbean team to qualify for the FIFA Women’s World Cup. They cemented their historic qualification after placing third at the CONCACAF Women’s Championship that month.

In France, the Reggae Girlz are set to play in Group C matches against Brazil (June 9), Italy (June 14) and Australia (June 18).

Good luck and One Love!
Operation Homecoming Honors U.S. Veterans

Hundreds of South Floridians – old and young – turned out on May 4 to welcome home 74 U.S. veterans returning from an Honor Flight South Florida (HFSF) trip to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C.

Raw emotion and excitement filled the air in Terminal 4 as family members and supporters decked out in red, white and blue clothing waved American flags and greeted them with handmade “Thank you for your service” signs.

The “Operation Homecoming” event pays tribute to some of South Florida’s veterans who served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts by taking them to see the memorials honoring them and their fallen comrades.

Three more Honor Flights are scheduled to depart FLL in 2019 via Spirit Airlines on June 8, September 21 and October 19. Spirit became HFSF’s official partner airline sponsor in October 2018.

In all, approximately 340 U.S. veterans will visit the memorials honoring their service and sacrifice to their country at no charge in 2019, Spirit said.
Employee/BCAD Achievements

FAPAP 2019 attracts record attendance

Kudos to Christina Roldan, public art project manager with the Broward Cultural Division and FLL's art curator for organizing a successful 2019 Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) conference.

More than 80 art professionals from around Florida — the largest participation in FAPAP conference history — attended the May 8-10 event in Fort Lauderdale. Program activities included a tour of public art inside FLL's Terminal 1, Concourse A. Roldan, who currently serves as FAPAP president, manages FLL’s public art program. In the past 13 years, she has implemented nearly $6 million in public art at the airport, including permanent installations, and nearly 30 local artist, employee, and children art exhibitions.

FLL is now home to a vibrant and diverse collection of more than 60 pieces of public art.
BCAD wins NACo award

The National Association of Counties (NACo) on May 6 announced BCAD’s new Airport Employee Emergency Training Program had won a 2019 Achievement Award in the category of Personnel Management, Employment, and Training. BCAD launched the innovative industry-leading training program in August 2018 to better prepare airport employees to respond to emergencies such as active threats, hurricanes, and aircraft incidents. “Congratulations to everyone involved in developing this innovative program! Your hard work will yield positive results for Broward County residents,” a NACo official said.

Airport recognized as treasured business asset

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance recently named FLL as its 2019 Economic Development Partner of the Year during its Mid-Year Luncheon event on May 8 in Fort Lauderdale. The annual Alliance award honors organizations that have demonstrated a major commitment to economic development in Broward County.

For the past two years, FLL has been the fastest-growing large-hub airport in the United States, and since 2013, passenger traffic has increased by more than 12 million passengers annually. Today, 15,000+ employees work at FLL, of which more than 70 percent live in the County.
HWO Prepares for the Future

North Perry Airport (HWO), BCAD’s general aviation reliever airport hosted an Open House Workshop on May 23 to provide an update on its master planning process to residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The goal of an airport Master Plan is to provide the framework needed to guide future airport development that will cost-effectively satisfy aviation demand while considering potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts.

Last revised in 2009, HWO’s Master Plan is being updated to reflect changes in the overall aviation market and the local economy. At the Pembroke Pines workshop, representatives from BCAD and the consultant team were on hand to answer questions and receive feedback about the ongoing Master Plan Update.

As a major economic contributor in the area, HWO accounts for 1,163 direct and indirect jobs and generates total business sales of approximately $119.1 million, according to a new Florida Department of Transportation economic impact study.
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