Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #7.

Read about the North Runway’s reconstruction progress, new airport safety campaigns and employee drone training, and more.
A Message From the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash edition No. 7. This month we want to share some great success stories with you on a variety of initiatives.

Our Pedestrian Crosswalk Signalization Project is nearing completion on the arrivals level of the airport. Additionally, Phase 3 of the North Runway Rehabilitation Project is almost halfway complete and is on schedule to finish by late September. We have incentivized the contractor to finish early to get the North Runway re-opened as soon as possible. In the coming months, you will notice improved roadway signage to help motorists navigate their way through FLL as part of our “Safety First” campaign. The new wayfinding signage will first appear in our parking garages, and the next phase will address the main entrance roadway.

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On a very different note, we are launching a public awareness campaign about the illegal transportation of weapons. FLL has had the dubious distinction of making the top 10 list of U.S. airports when it comes to the number of weapons intercepted at Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security checkpoints. In 2018, the TSA discovered 96 weapons from firearms to knives at FLL. Transportation Security Officers are doing a good job intercepting weapons before take-off. Many travelers stopped with weapons appear to have innocently forgotten they were carrying them. As FLL’s CEO/Aviation Director, I felt we had to do something to remind travelers that weapons and airports are not a good mix. In the story below, you’ll see how we plan to increase public awareness and ultimately reduce the number of weapons transported through FLL.

I hope everyone’s summer is going well. Enjoy this issue and stay cool and connected.

Mark
June passenger traffic

In June, FLL welcomed 3,007,805 visitors, a slight dip from the 3,011,746 passengers that flew in and out of the airport during the same month in 2018, according to preliminary airport data.

When broken down by segments, the airport saw 2,258,269 domestic travelers last month, slightly fewer than 2,271,719 passengers in June 2018. International visitation, however, climbed 1.3 percent to 749,536 travelers, from 740,027 a year ago.

In all, FLL hosted approximately 19.2 million travelers from January through June, an increase of 4 percent from roughly 18.5 million people during the same period in 2018.
North Runway Rehab Aided by Good Weather

Phase 3 work approximately 45 percent by late July

The North Runway Rehabilitation Project is progressing on schedule with more than 200 people working around the clock to reopen the new runway by September 30. Six weeks into Phase 3 of the project, demolition work is complete, and the 75-foot wide concrete keel center section is almost finished. Additionally, more than 17,000 tons of asphalt has been installed along with 100,000 linear feet of lighting cable. According to the contractor, the work was approximately 45 percent as of late July.

The project still has more work to complete, including the installation of a new Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) at both ends of the 9,000-foot runway. EMAS is a critical safety component mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an airport with runway overrun space constraints. The $90 million budgeted project has also poured 40,000 cubic yards of concrete sourced from the temporary on-site production plant. Having the concrete mixed here reduces the amount of construction traffic on area roadways helping minimize traffic and exhaust emissions, good for the community and the environment.

Watch video of the project, including drone footage on FLL’s new YouTube channel.
Plan Your Fall or Winter Escape

It's hard to believe July is already over and in a few weeks, summer will be too. But don't worry, if you haven't had a chance to jet-away for summer fun, there's still time to plan a well-deserved fall or winter escape. The good news is we've got some new and returning destinations that could just be the ticket.

Here are a few to consider:

- **Spirit Airlines**: New daily nonstop service to Nashville, Tennessee starts October 10
- **Frontier Airlines**: Seasonal service to Cleveland, Ohio kicks off October 10
- **Southwest Airlines**: Seasonal Sunday-only service to Birmingham, Alabama begins November 3
- **Swoop**: New service to Winnipeg, Canada is scheduled to start November 16
- **JetBlue Airways**: Resuming twice-weekly seasonal service to Steamboat Springs, Colorado on December 14
- **Air Transat**: Launching service to/from Vancouver, Canada on December 20
New Hangout for Sports Fans

Sports fans delight! The first airport outpost for **Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill** is touching down in Terminal 3, Concourse F in December 2019 through a partnership with concessionaire Delaware North. The South Florida-born restaurant concept was founded in 2008 by former Miami Dolphins player and sportscaster turned restaurateur Kim Bokamper. Today, Bokamper’s has South Florida locations in Fort Lauderdale, Miramar, and Plantation. The restaurant’s mission is to be “the best game in town by providing exceptional service, great food, and an unparalleled atmosphere for friends, families and sports fans of all ages.”
Get Wired for Travel

A new Tech on the Go outlet will be landing in Terminal 1, Concourse C this fall. The specialty retail brand from Hudson Group features technology-related gadgets and accessories from leading names such as Belkin, House of Marley, Wicked, Monster, Mophie, and many others. Hudson Group describes Tech on the Go as a “visual and auditory experiential journey that will satisfy both the technophile and the tech-novice.”
Safety First Campaign Launches

Public awareness initiative runs through September

With so many airport improvements underway, we decided to share the news with you through our “FLL Safety First” campaign. Our crosswalk signalization project on the arrivals (lower) level is nearing completion and should be operational in September. The green, amber, and red lights are designed to manage the flow of vehicular traffic better while improving pedestrian safety. We have extended the sidewalk at the entryways to Terminals 2, 3, and 4 on the lower level and installed 27 safety bollards. Terminal 1 already had a wider sidewalk for guests and did not need expanding.

The Aviation Department is committed to enhancing safety as FLL continues to grow. You may have seen billboards near the airport or the vinyl wraps on our parking garage elevators and inside the terminal vestibules, or heard campaign messaging on the radio. We chose vibrant, bold colors to get your attention with eye-catching images to make the campaign memorable. Whether you work at the airport, come to pick someone up or travel through FLL, we hope you see the improvements first hand as well as the colorful messaging.
More Upgrades for Terminal 3

A variety of guest experience improvements are in the pipeline for Concourses E and F as part of an ongoing Terminal 3 modernization project that's expected to be completed by December 2021.

The enhancements will be phased in over the next few years and will include new concessions, centrally-located double-sided restrooms and new passenger seating with charging stations. Upgrades to air-conditioning systems are expected by January 2020 to increase cooling capacity and efficiency in both concourses.

In the post-security (Las Olas Corridor) walkway connecting the concourses, a new VIP Lounge is on the drawing board as well as renovations to existing food and beverage spaces. A new automated exit control system (featured in April's issue) will be installed joining similar systems now operational in Terminal 1.

In addition to Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill, other food and beverage offerings to be added by June 2021 include Bonefish Grill and a food court.

An enclosed connector walkway is expected to be operational between Terminals 3 and 2 by March 2022.
No Carry-On Gun Campaign

Think twice before traveling with a weapon

The Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) wants the traveling public to remember that weapons of any type are not permitted through TSA passenger screening checkpoints. In 2018, the TSA intercepted 96 weapons at FLL and in our view, that is 96 too many. So, the Aviation Department recently met with its federal and local law enforcement partners to address the issue.

Did you know that if caught with a weapon, even if you have a concealed weapons permit, your travel plans will be interrupted? Civil penalties for firearms range from $4,000 to $10,000 plus a criminal referral, according to the TSA.

Last year, FLL ranked 18th in passenger traffic in the U.S. but managed to make 7th on the TSA’s list of top airports where firearms were discovered at security checkpoints. In the coming weeks, you may notice signage and messaging throughout FLL reminding passengers to “Pack the fun” but “No carry-on gun.” The goal is to create public awareness about the dangers and consequences of traveling with weapons. Ninety-nine percent of travelers caught with illegal weapons at the checkpoint say they packed them by mistake or simply forgot they were in their carry-on bags. We are hoping this campaign will serve as a reminder to our patrons to leave their weapon at home.

If you do travel with a firearm, the TSA says it should be unloaded, packed in a special locked container, declared with your airline and transported as checked luggage.
Airport Signage Revamp Coming

Starting this fall, FLL will begin installing thousands of new color-coded and numbered signs in the Cypress, Hibiscus and Palm parking garages. In all, the airport will add more than 4,100 new and updated signs throughout the parking garages, internal roadway system, and terminal curbsides during this project. The new dynamic signage will provide a more comprehensive and enhanced wayfinding system to assist travelers navigating throughout FLL. The project is slated to be completed by early January 2020.
New Welcome Beacon

FLL's new welcome signage is lit! General contractor Hensel Phelps flipped the switch on the two signs on the east façade of the Cypress Garage in early July after completing the installation in June. The new signage, which illuminates at night, greets visitors with a “Welcome to FLL” message and displays the Broward County logo.
Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrades Nearly Complete

Work is nearing completion on a new million-dollar Pedestrian Crosswalk Signalization Project that will result in safety and traffic improvements for travelers using the lower-level roadway outside of Terminals 2, 3, and 4.

A terrazzo artwork installation was recently completed outside of Terminal 3 as the crosswalk upgrades enter the final stretch. Additionally, the contractor is painting new crosswalk pavement markings outside of the three terminals through early August.

The crosswalk improvements will include an audible pedestrian-activated signal system, enhanced overhead lighting, new traffic signals, new warning signs and pavement markings for drivers. ADA-accessible ramps will be available on both sides of the curb, and impact bollards installed for pedestrian safety. The project upgrades will expand curbside passenger pick-up areas.

In coming weeks, pedestrians and motorists may continue to see some overnight roadway lane closures as we complete this project. We appreciate your patience during construction as we work to make our roadways safer.
FLL to Co-Host Milestone Conference

The Florida Airports Council (FAC) 50th Anniversary Conference & Exposition is scheduled for August 4-7 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa.

As the designated hosts, FLL and its general aviation reliever facility, North Perry Airport (HWO) and the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport are excited to welcome participants to South Florida for an engaging, informative, and fun conference.

FAC is a non-profit trade organization that advocates for the development, improvement, and enhancement of airport and aviation in Florida. Additionally, it supports the education and professional development needs of its members. HWO's Airport Manager Nina MacPherson has served as chair of FAC's board of directors since October 2018.

Organizers say the 2019 conference is shaping up to be a stellar event with room allotments at the two designated hotels sold out and 750 to 800 delegates registered. Additionally, the 64-booth exhibit hall sold out in three weeks, a record for FAC. Overall, the FAC conference is expected to generate approximately $1.26 million in economic impact in Broward County.
FLL Master Plan Update Public Workshop

Dozens of Broward County residents attended the Aviation Department’s second and final Public Open House Workshop for FLL’s Master Plan Update on July 25. The airport’s Master Plan is a comprehensive study of proposed short, medium, and long-term improvements needed to meet future aviation demand and other airport needs.

During the workshop at the Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood, BCAD officials shared the preferred development plan and solicited feedback from the community, including area residents, homeowners’ associations, and other local interest groups. Representatives from the Aviation Department and the Consultant team were available to answer questions and receive comments.

On June 6, BCAD, joined by its airline partners, presented the FLL Master Plan Update’s preferred development plan to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.
Government Center Display Showcases FLL

If you plan to visit the Broward County Government Center in Fort Lauderdale this summer, check out the new fourth-floor display showcasing FLL. The exhibit offers a vibrant and colorful snapshot of the airport’s amenities, airline portfolio, powerhouse economic impact, key improvement projects, and a sampling of its public art collection. We encourage you to stop in and check it out on your next downtown Fort Lauderdale trip.
Drone Squad Takes Flight

Ten BCAD employees recently completed training on how to safely operate a drone or unmanned aerial system (UAS) within an airport environment. To date, seven employees from FLL operations, emergency management, security, and the wildlife unit have received their FAA Part 107 Certification. They are Sean Driscoll, Andre Chambers, Andrew Brown, Will Ward, Kevin Wu, Michael Gregg, and Matt Natali. The certification shows they understand federal regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones.

The Aviation Department began drone operations in late May. It currently has two DJI Phantom drones and one Mavic Air. To date, the drones have been used to capture footage of the reconstruction of the North Runway and unique aerial photography for promotional use by the airport’s Public Information Office, among other tasks.

FLL is a leader among U.S. airports now using drones as a tool to aid operations, maintenance, and security initiatives. Please note, FAA Air Traffic Control Tower permission and BCAD notification are required to fly drones within five nautical miles of the County-owned FLL and HWO airports.
Aviation Department Wins Three NACIO Awards

BCAD received recognition in July for its quality work in public information and education outreach in three categories of the 2019 National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Awards of Excellence competition.

The Aviation Department won a NACIO Excellence (writing) award for a “Ho, Ho, Ho…” holiday travel news release. It also snagged Meritorious (publications and electronic communications) honors for its Airport Employee Emergency Training (AEET) program and FLL’s official monthly newsletter, NewsFLLash.

In all, Broward County agencies won 20 NACIO Awards this year, more than any participating county in the nation.
FLL 101: Pet Relief Areas

Did you know FLL offers indoor and outdoor pet relief areas?

The airport’s four outdoor pet relief areas are located on the outside of baggage claim on the lower-level of each terminal. The pet-friendly pit stops give travelers a secured open-air space for their four-legged companions to walk or take a potty break. Doggie bags and trash receptacles are available so please remember to clean up after your pets.

Additionally, FLL has added Service Animal Relief Areas (SARAs) in three locations in Terminal 1 as part of an ongoing terminal modernization program. The indoor pet bathrooms cater to service animals as well as pets remaining in post-security areas.

The SARAs feature artificial grass, fire hydrant, drainage system for sanitation purposes, and cleaning supplies for pet owners.
FLL BY THE NUMBERS: JUNE 2019

Total traffic was 3,007,805, down 0.1% over the same time last year.

Domestic traffic: 2,258,269, down 0.6% over last year.

International traffic: 749,536, up 1.3% over last year.
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

- Southwesr: 20.5%
- Delta: 10.2%
- United: 6.1%
- American Airlines: 2.8%
- Allegiant: 2.7%
- Norwegian: 1.2%
- Silver: 1.1%
- All other airlines: 5.3%
- jetBlue: 23%
- spirit: 21.8%
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