Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #8.

Read about new airport shops, public art, roadway and runway projects nearing completion, and more.
A Message From the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash edition No. 8 and thank you for subscribing. The summer and year have been flying by, and it’s hard to believe our kids are back in school and we are now moving into fall.

Earlier this month, FLL and North Perry Airport (HWO) in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) co-hosted the Florida Airports Council (FAC) annual conference. The FAC 50th Anniversary Conference & Exposition in Fort Lauderdale attracted 800 attendees from August 4-7. The milestone gathering is estimated to have generated an economic impact of more than $1.4 million in Broward County and broke all previous FAC attendance records. It was a great event that brought together aviation professionals from as far away as California to share best practices and insights through a series of seminars and thought-provoking presentations.
On another note, our North Runway Rehabilitation Project is more than halfway complete despite recent afternoon thunderstorms. The crews are doing an incredible job coordinating all the demolition and construction activities. We remain on schedule to reopen the North Runway by September 30. So far, most of the necessary demolition of the old infrastructure is nearly complete. Read the project story below for more details.

Welcome aboard if you're new to NewsFLLash, and enjoy our updates and development news in this latest issue. If you've been with us since our launch, thank you for your continued support.

Mark
The Sky's the Limit

July passenger traffic

In July, approximately 3.13 million travelers passed through FLL, reflecting a 1.1 percent decrease in passenger volume from the same month in 2018, airport data show.

Last month, the airport welcomed 2,305,439 domestic travelers, a decline of nearly 2 percent from June 2018. However, international passenger traffic rose roughly 1.1 percent to 825,580 travelers from a year ago.

In 2019, FLL has hosted 22,370,206 travelers through July, an increase of 3.2 percent from the same seven-month period in 2018.

As the fall and year-end holiday travel seasons approach, a handful of airlines are adding new destinations or expanding existing routes from FLL in the coming months in anticipation of increased passenger demand.
Runway Construction at Full Throttle

If you drive by FLL just about any time of the day or night, you are likely to see lots of construction activity on the North Runway. Since the runway's closure in early June, the reconstruction work has been nonstop so the contractor can meet its targeted 120-day completion timeframe.

To date, workers have poured more than 50,000 square yards of concrete to replace the runway's old 9,000-foot asphalt center section. That's enough to fill 25 football fields with a six-inch thick concrete slab, and the concrete work continues.

The demolition of the safety overrun areas at both ends of the runway is complete, and their rebuilding is well underway. The asphalt demolition is 95 percent complete with more than 100,000 square yards removed and recycled for use on other areas of the airfield. A temporary on-site concrete plant is helping to reduce traffic on surrounding roadways by producing concrete adjacent to the construction site.

The Aviation Department and the contractor remain committed to completing the project on time by September 30, allowing the airport to shift much of the air traffic back to this primary runway.

Watch video of the project, including drone footage on FLL's YouTube channel.
Stay Informed, Get Linked

A NewsLink store is scheduled to join the roster of retail offerings in Terminal 1, Concourse C in October. The newsstand will offer an assortment of modern convenience and travel essentials, grab-n-go snacks and beverages, newspapers, books and magazines for travelers to stock up before or after flying.

New Duty Free Shop

International travelers now have another option for shopping for last-minute gifts before flight. A new 3Sixty Duty Free & More store opened recently in Terminal 3, Concourse F offering a range of products including perfume, confectionary, cosmetics, wine, liquor and tobacco. Top store brands include Crown Royal, Bailey's Irish Cream, Toblerone, Lacoste, and Dolce & Gabbana.
Hello Kitty

Have you spotted the big wildcat in Terminal 2? Don’t worry this furry feline won’t pounce on you. Instead, this striking image of a Florida panther serves as a captivating backdrop for the newly-unveiled art exhibit titled “Territory Takeoff.”

Designed and created by children ages 6 to 18, the colorful exhibit showcases the Florida Panthers hockey club’s logo and brand with the namesake endangered animal in its natural habitat. The wildlife-themed exhibit is on display at FLL through a collaboration between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC), the Florida Panthers, and BCAD.

Among the officials attending the exhibit’s August 19 opening were Broward County Commissioner Michael Udine, FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale, Florida Panthers COO Sean McCaffrey and BGCBC Chief Development Officer Chris Gentile.

“Territory Takeoff” will be on display for approximately six months. So next time you’re traveling through FLL or planning to drop off or pick up a loved one, stop in to check out the new panther-inspired exhibit.
Pedestrian Crosswalk Signal Testing

The traffic signal contractor recently performed an 18-hour live test of the newly-installed traffic signals as the Pedestrian Crosswalk Signalization Project nears completion. During the August 19 testing, the contractor inspected and adjusted the traffic signals’ timing sequence. Once completed, the new crosswalk signalization system will result in safety and traffic improvements for travelers using the lower-level roadway outside of Terminals 2, 3, and 4. The crosswalk improvements include an audible pedestrian-activated signal system, enhanced overhead lighting, ADA-accessible ramps on both sides of the curb and impact bollards. The new crossing system is expected to be operational by fall 2019.
New Airport Signage Arriving

More than 4,100 new and updated signs will be added across FLL's three parking garages, internal roadway system, and terminal curbsides starting this fall. The new signage is in production and installation of conduits is underway throughout the garages. When completed, the new dynamic signage will provide a more comprehensive wayfinding system to better assist travelers navigating the airport roadways, garages, and terminals. The project is anticipated to be completed by January 2020.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FAC Attendees Support Homeless Initiative

It was a fun activity for a good cause and many attendees turned out to support a community event benefitting the homeless during the FAC 50th anniversary conference and expo in Fort Lauderdale, August 4-7.

The creativity and generous spirit of FAC participants was on full display as they decorated and packed 150 personalized care boxes to support United Way of Broward County's homeless initiative. The care kits were thoughtfully adorned with colorful sparkling stars and gems, inspirational drawings and motivational words to uplift each recipient. The finished boxes were handed over to a United Way representative on August 7.

During its four-day run, the FAC gathering generated an estimated $1.4 million economic impact in Broward County. The sold-out conference, marked by record attendance and a fully-booked exhibit hall, was held at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa. The co-hosts of the signature aviation conference were FLL, HWO, and FXE airports. Nina MacPherson, HWO's airport manager, is the current chair of FAC's Board of Directors.

“This year we had a record attendance of 800 delegates,” said MacPherson. “The Golden Anniversary of FAC was nothing short of spectacular and exceeded all expectation.”
FLL Hosts San Antonio Visitors

A small delegation from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) in Texas, visited FLL on August 14 for discussions with BCAD officials about strategies for managing rapid growth and customer experience innovation. During the visit, SAT Director Russ Handy and his team toured Terminal 3 and viewed FLL’s Master Plan video showcasing the airport’s future development initiatives. Also in attendance were San Antonio Assistant City Manager Carlos Contreras, Chief Administrative Officer Mookie Patel, Air Service Analyst Nate Lavin, and Air Service Marketing Manager Robin Schmerber.
Young Aviation Enthusiasts Tour FLL

A group of 30 children from the City of Miramar’s Summer Aviation Academy hosted by Mayor Wayne Messam toured FLL on July 18 to get a glimpse of different facets of operations at an international airport.

The academy is an opportunity for local youth to get an up-close look at the aviation industry through a variety of experiences including flight activity, air traffic control simulators, and airport tours where they can engage with professionals in the field.

“The students really had a wonderful time and our tour guides were awesome,” a City of Miramar representative said.
Heathrow Airport Team Crosses the Pond

Executives from Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) visited FLL recently for a close look at the airport’s South Runway and its unique elevated design.

At 8,000-foot-long, the South Runway, which opened in September 2014, is FLL’s newest runway. It was built with an upward slope that runs over U.S. 1 and the Florida East Coast railroad tracks. An 800-foot-long tunnel allows vehicles and trains to pass underneath the runway.

HAL is planning a similar elevated runway project over an active highway at Heathrow Airport (LHR) in London, England. The airport currently has two runways that have been operating at full capacity for more than a decade. LHR, which is considered Europe’s largest airport, welcomed approximately 80 million passengers in 2018. A third runway would allow HAL to expand aircraft capacity and airline service at LHR.

The UK visitors met with top members of FLL’s Capital Development team to discuss lessons learned from the South Runway’s development, project challenges, environmental and noise impacts, procurement methods and strategies to engage with highway authorities, among other talking points. A second visit to FLL is planned for September 2019.
The Aviation Department just added six fully electric cars to our Maintenance Division's fleet of vehicles. We're one of the first Broward County agencies to order and receive the zero-emissions cars. We now have one Chevrolet Bolt and five Nissan Leafs. The employees seem to love them, and they're good for the environment too! The new fleet replaced aging vehicles while reducing maintenance costs and downtime.

The new electric vehicles take full advantage of the latest battery technology and have a high-efficiency powertrain to yield more than 150 miles of range for the Leafs and more than 200 miles of range for the Bolts, according to the County. If you see one of these eco-friendly machines cruising along Perimeter Road or on the airfield remember we are reducing our carbon footprint with every opportunity.
Aviation Safety Spotlight

FLL hosts a Monthly Aviation Safety Briefing (MASB) that focuses on providing stakeholders with important information to promote the airport’s Safety Management System (SMS) initiative. The MASB encourages the airport community to proactively manage safety using a fixed plan or system to raise awareness regarding potential concerns.

On July 9, 2019, the SMS program coordinator and MASB attendees expressed their appreciation and special thanks to Alva Ellis, Sunshine Cleaning project manager for attending 12 consecutive MASB sessions. The airport’s MASB meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in Terminal 4.

Let’s continue to make FLL a safe place for everyone. To support these efforts and to see how you can help, contact Shawn Jurgrau, sjurgrau@Broward.org. Remember, safety matters!
North Perry Airport Aces Exam

HWO, the general aviation reliever airport for FLL, recently passed its annual Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) inspection with zero discrepancies. The annual FDOT inspection is required to maintain an airport license. The evaluation process ensures that the primary surfaces and safety areas for all runways are clear of hazards and in accordance with state regulations.

“Thanks to a very dedicated team at HWO and the support of BCAD maintenance who together make us all HWO proud,” said Nina MacPherson, airport manager.

HWO has achieved 18 consecutive years of zero discrepancies for the annual FDOT airport inspection.
FLL BY THE NUMBERS (JULY 2019)

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS 3,131,019 DOWN 1.1% OVER THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR

DOMESTIC TRAFFIC 2,305,439 DOWN 1.9% OVER LAST YEAR

INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC 825,580 UP 1.1% OVER LAST YEAR
AS OF JULY 31, 2019

- jetBlue: 23.3%
- spirit: 22%
- Southwest: 20.3%
- Delta: 10.2%
- United: 6.1%
- American Airlines: 5.2%
- Allegiant: 2.8%
- Alaska/Silver: 2.6%
- 1%
- 1.1%
- All other airlines: 5.4%
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