

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #6.

Read about the North Runway's closure and rehabilitation, our new FLLibrary, new air service and expanded dining options, and more.



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A Message From the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash No. 8. If you have traveled through FLL recently, you've undoubtedly noticed our terminals, roadways, and curbsides are changing as part of a significant transformation. The multimillion-dollar changes reflect our ongoing commitment to improving the overall guest experience at FLL.

In light of all the modifications underway, we're launching a new "Safety First," campaign to inform you of the enhancements. Already some "Safety First" signage has been posted in our terminals, and we'll deploy more signs soon along the sidewalks, parking garages, and in other key locations. Beyond FLL, we'll promote "Safety First" on billboards near the airport, on the radio, social media and our website fll.net.

Our ultimate goal is to make your FLL experience the best it can be. As such, we ask for your patience and understanding as we work to complete these safety and aesthetic improvements. In June, we began extending the sidewalks at the lower-level roadway crosswalks and installed safety bollards to keep pedestrians safer as part of the Pedestrian Crosswalk Signalization Project. (See story below)

Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer.

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

May passenger traffic and 2019 outlook

Approximately 3.12 million visitors flew in and out of FLL in May, signaling a 3.7 percent increase from the same month in 2018. In all, the airport welcomed about 2.4 million domestic and 731,421 international passengers. That represents a nearly 3 percent increase in domestic travelers and 6.5 percent growth in international visitors from a year ago.

With summer now officially underway, airline seat capacity has started to level off, and passenger traffic should respond accordingly.

From January through May, FLL hosted 16.2 million travelers overall, up 4.8 percent from the same period in 2018.



North Runway Closure Project in Full Swing

Airfield undergoing reconstruction and safety upgrades

On June 3, 2019, the North Runway (10L-28R) was closed, as scheduled, to make way for a well-planned rehabilitation project. Preliminary taxiway work began in March giving construction teams three months to complete work that did not require the closure of the runway. Today work is underway with signs of significant progress. In fact, during the first week, 12 separate construction activities were underway handling everything from milling old asphalt to removing construction debris 24 hours a day with a constant procession of 30 dump trucks. The entire 75-foot wide center section of the 9,000-foot long runway was removed in six working days.

Why is there so much activity? Normally, FLL operates with two parallel runways. With the North Runway out of operation, all flight activity is taking place on the South Runway (10R-28L). Depending on the time of day and weather conditions, passengers are more likely to experience delays. Additionally, when all flight activity stops as it did during severe weather the week of June 10, it takes longer for the flow of aircraft to resume while operating with just one runway.

The North Runway project is scheduled to last through September. However, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) has included an incentive package to encourage the contractor to finish the work before the 120-day deadline. BCAD has also developed a compensation program for residents near the airport who were scheduled to have sound insulation of their homes completed before the runway closure. The Board of County Commissioners supported the initiative and tentatively approved the program in June.



More Places for a Getaway

Now that summer is officially here, jetting off on a well-deserved family vacation for some fun and quality time with the spouse and kids may well be top of mind. But just in case you're also thinking of a fall or winter getaway, here are some new flights and returning seasonal destinations from FLL to consider:

- Spirit Airlines: Daily nonstop service to Nashville, Tennessee starts October 10
- Southwest Airlines: Seasonal Sunday-only service to Birmingham, Alabama begins November 3
- JetBlue Airways: Twice-weekly seasonal service to Steamboat Springs, Colorado resumes December 14
- Air Transat: New flights to/from Vancouver, Canada launch December 20

AIRPORT OFFERINGS EXPAND



Grab a pre-flight brew

Check out the newly-opened **Red Stripe** eatery and tavern in Terminal 1, Concourse B now serving up the famed Jamaican beer and other iconic concoctions made from popular rums and liquors. Need a pre-flight caffeine fix? Then grab a cup of java next door at FLL's newest **Starbucks Coffee**. This contemporary designed coffee house offers a selection of espresso-based beverages, handcrafted teas, cold brews, and an assortment of snacks to help keep your day on track.

New sundries, gift store opens

The **TODAY** store opened in early June in Terminal 3, Concourse F to provide busy travelers with up-to-date news and information along with snacks, beverages, travel basics, newspapers, magazines and other items needed on the go. **TODAY** is brought to FLL by travel retailer Paradies Lagardere.





FLLibrary Takes Flight

Free music and movies on the fly

More than 40 guests attended the June 12 grand opening of the Broward County FLLibrary in the connector walkway (post-security) between Terminals 3 and 4.

The innovative new space where travelers can download free music and movies on the fly came to fruition through a partnership between BCAD and Broward County Library (BCL). The name "FLLibrary" is a combination of the airport's signature "FLL" call letters and the word "library."

The entertainment nook provides a comfortable space for airport passengers to rest, re-energize, and recharge their digital devices while learning about and enjoying BCL's online services. Travelers can scan a QR code in the FLLibrary or visit FLLibrary.Broward.org to learn how to access the digital content.

Speakers included Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark E. Gale and Broward County Library Director Kelvin Watson. Other attendees from the South Florida business community included Westside Gazette Publisher Bobby Henry Sr., and Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance executive Maggie Gunther, among others.

TERMINAL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS



New FLL Welcome Sign Update

General contractor Hensel Phelps will soon complete the installation of the airport's new welcome sign on the east façade of the Cypress Garage. The former signage, in place since 2006, was removed in May. One of the two new illuminated signs reads "Welcome to FLL" and the other displays the Broward County logo. Additional electrical work is required to finish the new welcome sign, which is on target for an early summer completion.



New Wayfinding Signage Afoot

Thousands of new color-coded and numbered signs will be erected across FLL's three parking garages (Cypress, Hibiscus and Palm) in the coming months as part of a major wayfinding signage enhancement project. In all, more than 4,100 new and updated signs will be added across the airport campus during this project, including along its internal roadway system and terminal curbsides. Currently, the new signage is in production and will include 41 overhead roadway sign panels in 19 locations (five digital), 590 curbside signs (40 digital) and approximately 3,550 signs across the parking garages. The wayfinding signage project is anticipated to be substantially complete by early January 2020.



Pedestrian Crosswalk Project Advances

Construction is progressing on the installation of FLL's new pedestrian crossing signal system, which is expected to more efficiently and effectively operate the lower-level crosswalks outside of Terminals 2, 3 and 4. New crosswalk pavement markings were recently painted outside of Terminal 2 as work wrapped up there. Meanwhile, crosswalk upgrades are continuing outside of Terminals 3 and 4.

When completed, 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. Additionally, ADA-accessible ramps will be installed on both sides of the curb and impact bollards for pedestrian safety. Curbside passenger waiting areas will become more spacious.

As the project advances, pedestrians and motorists may continue to see some overnight roadway lane closures and partially cordoned off terminal sidewalks. We appreciate your patience during construction as we work to make our roadways safer. The multi-phase project is slated for completion by late summer 2019.



FLL Master Plan Update

BCAD is in the final stages of FLL's Master Plan Update (MPU), which will lay the groundwork for future airport expansion and development. The comprehensive study outlines proposed short, medium, and long-term improvements needed to meet future aviation demand and other airport needs.

On June 6, BCAD presented the preferred MPU development plan to the County Commission. In upcoming months, final public workshops and Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Advisory Committee meetings will be held to provide similar updates to the respective groups and collect additional feedback on the advancing plan.

The next formal steps include submitting the Airport Layout Plan to the County Commission later in 2019 before sending it to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ROUNDUP



Special Needs Talent and Fashion Show

They worked the catwalk like professionals, strutting signature moves and striking poses as they modeled trendy clothing and handbags during the recent “Runway in the Sky” event at FLL on June 2.

Everyone had a fun time as the models – youth and adults with special needs – enthusiastically entertained airport travelers and family members cheering them on during the Sunday talent and fashion show.

The inaugural evening event, which took place in the baggage claim area of Terminal 1, also included dance, song, and dub poetry performances as well as a motivational speaker. Performers included two-time cancer survivor Terry Marshall, Spoken Word artist Lowkey, and singer/model Marsha Elle.

BCAD partnered with Southwest Airlines and the South Florida nonprofit No Limits Foundation, Inc. to host “Runway in the Sky,” to showcase some of the hidden talents of people with disabilities. The keynote speaker was Dr. Rosalind Osgood, board member, District 5 for Broward County Public Schools. Event organizer Letitia Frosland is a Southwest customer service representative.



Take Our Children to Work Day Returns

Forty children of BCAD employees had the opportunity to learn about future career options at FLL during the Take Our Children to Work Day program on June 21.

The children aged 7 to 17 years old participated in activities organized around the theme "Workforce Development for All," which gave them insights into a range of aviation-related careers and the importance of education overall. The program's goal was to provide the children with the skills and training to be positive change agents in their communities, schools, and homes.

The Take Our Children to Work Day 2019 agenda included tabletop equipment demonstrations and educational sessions at seven stations and a scavenger hunt across the airport campus. Participating FLL partners included the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Canine and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) units, Delaware North, SP Plus Corp., Spirit Airlines, and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).



Honoring a Fallen U.S. Hero

BCAD's Security Division wishes to thank everyone who supported and participated in the recent farewell honor mission for fallen U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Justin Ginnell.

Ginnell, 24, was assigned to Air Force installation Hurlburt Field, Florida, when he passed away suddenly on May 19, according to his obituary on the website of Fred Hunter's funeral home. He had most recently served at the Air Force Special Operations Command as a member of the 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron and the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard.

Delta Air Lines flew the fallen veteran to FLL on May 29 where he was given a military procession from the airport to Fred Hunter's in Hollywood. Several Patriot Guard Riders turned out in support of the honor mission to pay tribute and respect to Ginnell and his family.

"Special thanks to the TSA, ARFF and the entire BSO team for the outstanding support they provided," a BCAD Security supervisor said. "The family members were very appreciative of our airport community's efforts to pay respect and honor our fallen hero."

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES



ARFF trainer receives award

Congratulations to Sebastian Locurto, ARFF training coordinator at FLL on being named BSO's 2018 Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Employee of the Year.

Locurto has served full-time in this capacity since August 2017. In the course of his duties, he is responsible for ensuring that all personnel assigned to FLL complete and maintain comprehensive, continuous, and ongoing FAA recommended training, said Bob Palestrant, BSO district chief for the airport's ARFF division.

And that's no small feat. The FAA training includes runway and taxiway identification, familiarity with airfield lighting markings and signing systems, and identifying the components of all passenger and cargo aircraft operating at the airport, Palestrant said. Personnel must also be familiar with military aircraft hazards (ejection seats, armaments, etc.) and achieve multiple benchmarks in at least one live-fire drill conducted annually to simulate blazes that could result from an aircraft-related incident.

Also, Locurto must maintain his qualifications on four types of foam trucks assigned to FLL to recertify 18 crash truck operators annually. The special recognition was presented to Locurto in May during BSO's 2018 Annual Awards Ceremony at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center.



FLL 101: Lactation Suites

Did you know FLL is home to six “Baby Oasis” lactation suites? The custom-branded nursing suites were introduced in August 2017 to provide traveling moms with a private refuge to nurse their infants or pump milk while in a busy airport environment.

The 4-by-8-foot pod-like nursing suites feature two benches, a fold-down table, an electrical outlet, and a lockable door. The suites, manufactured by Vermont-based Mamava, can comfortably accommodate a mom, luggage or stroller, additional small children or another adult.

There are two suites in Terminals 1 and 3 and one each in Terminals 2, and 4. Based on demand, BCAD could add more lactation suites in the future.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS (MAY 2019)

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: MAY 2019

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS **3,124,128** UP **3.7%** OVER THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR



DOMESTIC
TRAFFIC
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UP **2.9%**
OVER LAST YEAR

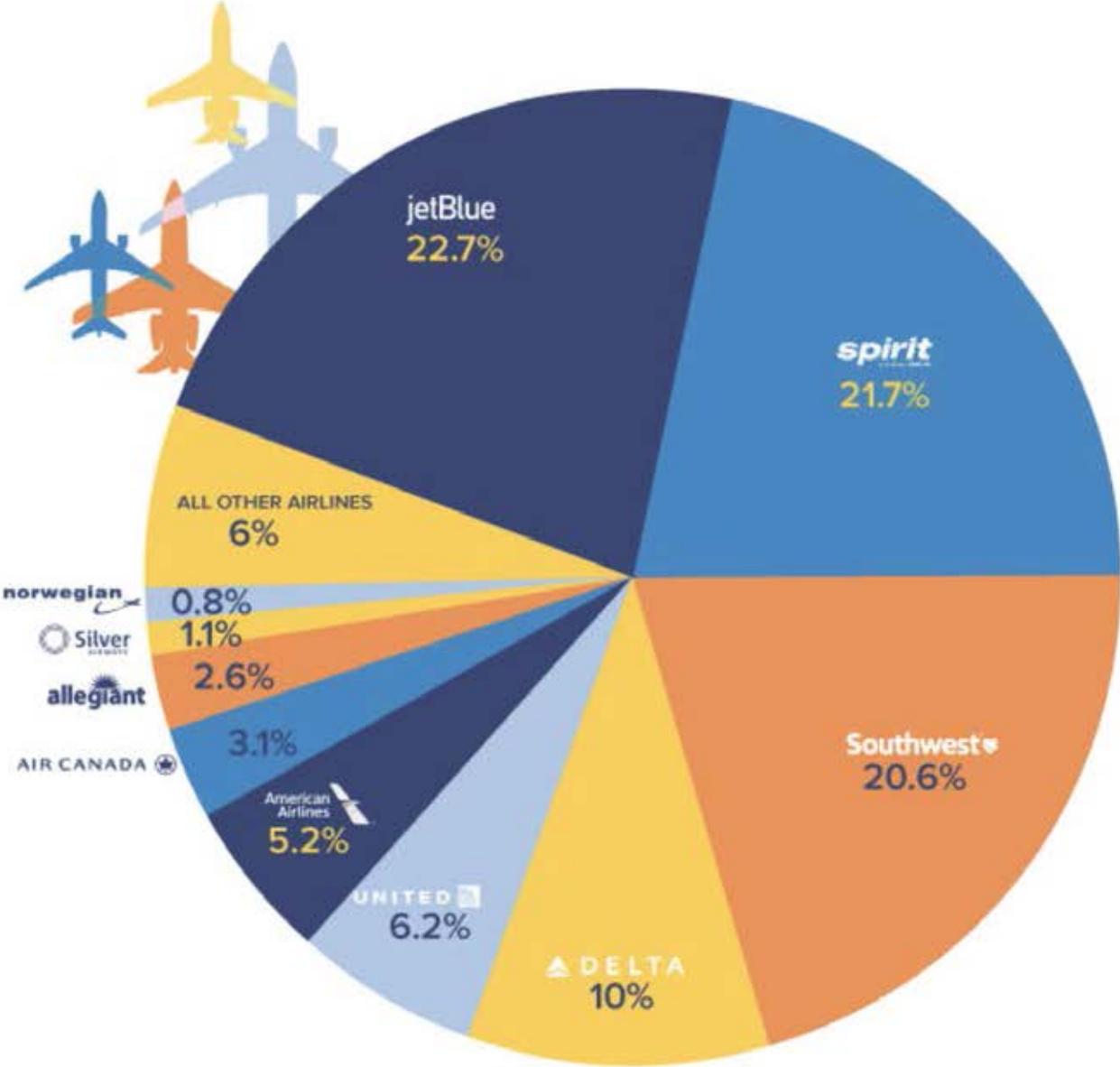
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UP
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