The North Runway (10L-28R) officially reopened on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 9:30AM after completing an intensive 120-day rehabilitation. In the week before its relaunch, multiple construction crews worked 24/7 to prepare the runway for the resumption of flights. During the opening festivities, Spirit Airlines Flight #404 to Atlanta was the first passenger aircraft to depart from the newly-reconstructed runway. As the flight taxied for departure, dozens of guests celebrating the occasion cheered and waved to the aircraft’s passengers and pilots as it readied for takeoff.

The runway’s return to service will allow the Federal Aviation Administration to more evenly disperse flight activity over the airport’s runways. Having two operational runways will reduce the potential for delays and improve efficiency for the airlines. Reduced taxiing time means less fuel burn and fewer aircraft emissions. During Phase Four of the project, the runway will close each evening from midnight until 6AM for 30-45 days to complete ancillary work. The remaining project activity, which includes rebuilding about 2,000 feet of Taxiway B, will continue through March 2020.

Here are some factoids from the runway's reconstruction:

- More than 70,000 tons of asphalt poured
- 83,000 square yards of concrete laid
- 175,000 square yards of sod placed
- 150,000 linear feet of electrical cable installed
- 100,000+ square yards of old asphalt demolished
- 2 new EMAS* beds installed to enhance runway safety

REMAINING SCHEDULE

- Runway closed overnight for ancillary work: October-November
- Taxiway B Activity (Phase 4): Now until March 2020
- Overall Project Completion: March 2020

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PREPARATIONS FOR REOPENING

RUNWAY WORK

OPENING DAY

Check out drone footage of the project on YouTube.

*The Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) beds, mandated by the FAA, are critical safety components with runway overrun space constraints.

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