



NORTH PERRY AIRPORT TOWNHALL

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Wednesday, August 27, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

South Regional Library
7300 Pines Blvd Building 81,
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024



HOSTED BY:
Alexandra P. Davis
Broward County Commissioner
District 7

Executive Summary:

The North Perry Airport Townhall, hosted by Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis on August 27, 2025, at the South Regional/Broward College Library in Pembroke Pines, brought together residents, aviation stakeholders, and local leaders for an evening of dialogue and information-sharing. The purpose of the meeting was to acknowledge community concerns, share information about airport operations, and gather feedback to guide future actions.

Key Issues Discussed

The evening began with informational displays and subject-matter experts available to answer questions, followed by a formal presentation from the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD). Discussion centered on:

- **Airport Role:** North Perry's designation as a general aviation reliever and regional airport, supporting over 300,000 annual operations and numerous aviation businesses and flight schools.
- **Safety:** Ongoing initiatives such as daily inspections and maintenance, flight training and safety culture, as well as proposed measures including new safety emissions studies, extended control tower hours, and runway safety programs.
- **Environment:** Updates on the transition to unleaded fuel under Florida Aviation Administration's (FAA) EAGLE initiative and plans for additional environmental (lead emission) studies.
- **Oversight and Responsibilities:** Clarification of the distinct but complementary roles of the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD), the FAA, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), pilots, and aircraft owners in ensuring compliance and accountability.

Feedback Summary

The event drew more than 200 attendees, reflecting strong community interest. Input was collected through digital surveys, comment cards, and live polling, resulting in 89 (50 digital, 39 written) questions and comments from the community. Those that participated in the digital survey were also invited to provide input on new opportunities for the airport, ideas for improved communication with the community, and topics they felt may not have been addressed during the meeting. Themes included:

- Pushing for more local accountability in safety oversight
- Interest in environmental testing and transparency
- Assess and address airport capacity
- Recognition of the airport's economic and educational contributions
- A desire for tangible actions and follow-up to include federal responsibility

Next Steps

BCAD committed to publishing a public report within 30 days, consolidating feedback from the Townhall. Additional actions under consideration include reinstating a Community Advisory Committee, commissioning new safety and lead emission studies, and expanding outreach efforts to ensure ongoing resident engagement/involvement.

Attendance Summary

ATTENDEES:

~200

COMMENTS:

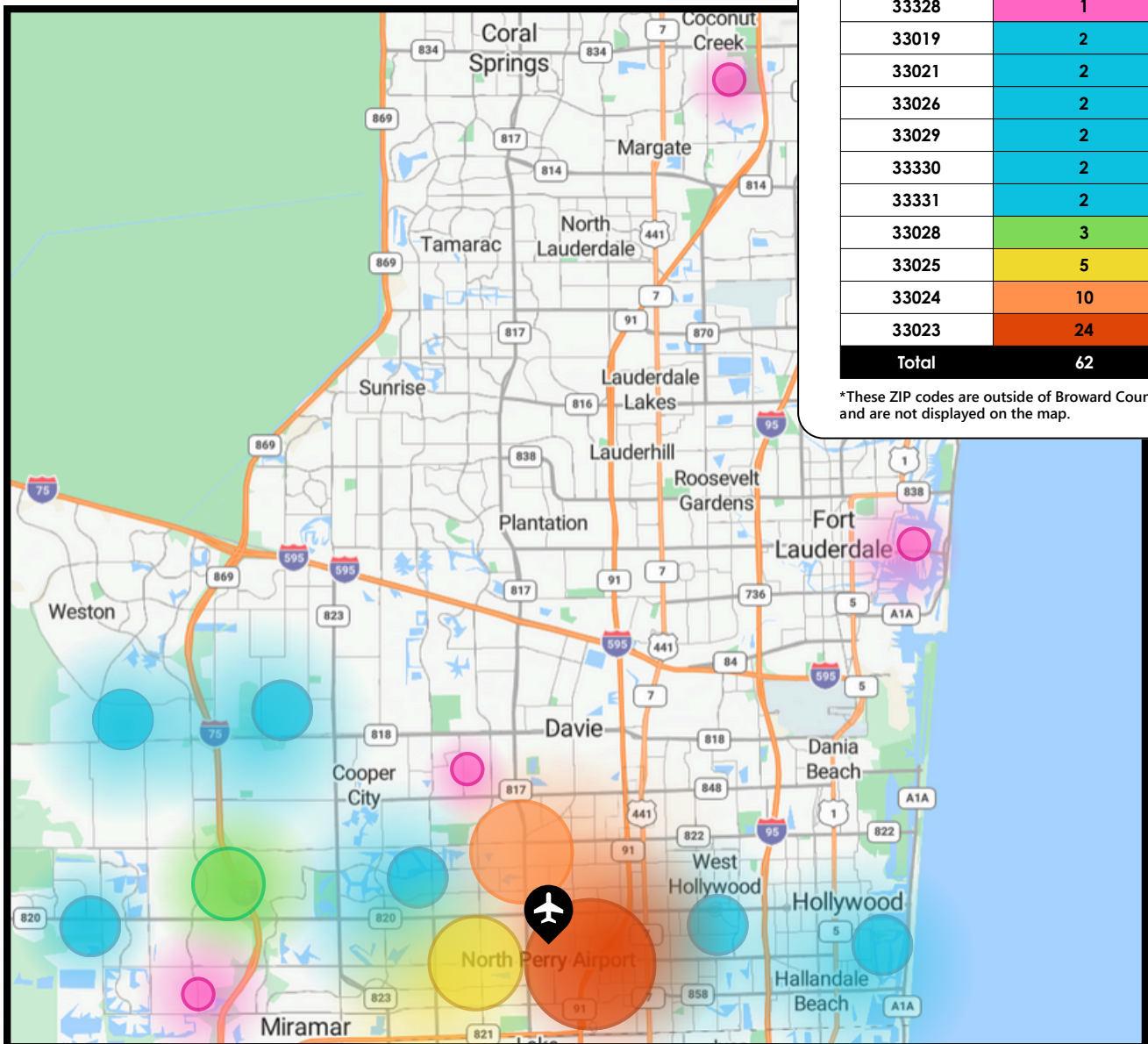
89

Attendance approximation accounts for those who opted-out of sign in. **170 attendees signed in.**

Of the **89** comments, **50** were from the digital survey, and **39** were from townhall comment cards.

Commenter Heat Map:

The heat map below illustrates the geographic distribution of online survey participants based on the zip codes they provided. This visualization highlights areas of higher response concentration across Broward County, offering insight into community engagement with the North Perry Airport Townhall.



Word Cloud Survey Snapshots:



A live audience tool where participants submit words to a prompt. The most common words appear larger, creating a quick visual snapshot of group sentiment and key themes.

In one word, what comes to mind when you think of North Perry Airport?

- Asset
- Busy
- Constant
- Concerning
- Dangerous
- Flying
- Helps
- Moving
- Necessary
- Necessity
- Needed
- Negligence
- Noise
- Noisy
- Nuisance
- Opportunity
- Pattern
- Pilots
- Planes
- Regulations
- Resource
- Rundown
- Safer
- Safety
- Scary
- Slow
- Traffic
- Training
- Unrelenting
- Unsafe
- Waste
- Worry

Word Cloud Survey Snapshots:

In one word, what's the most important issue to you when it comes to airport operations?

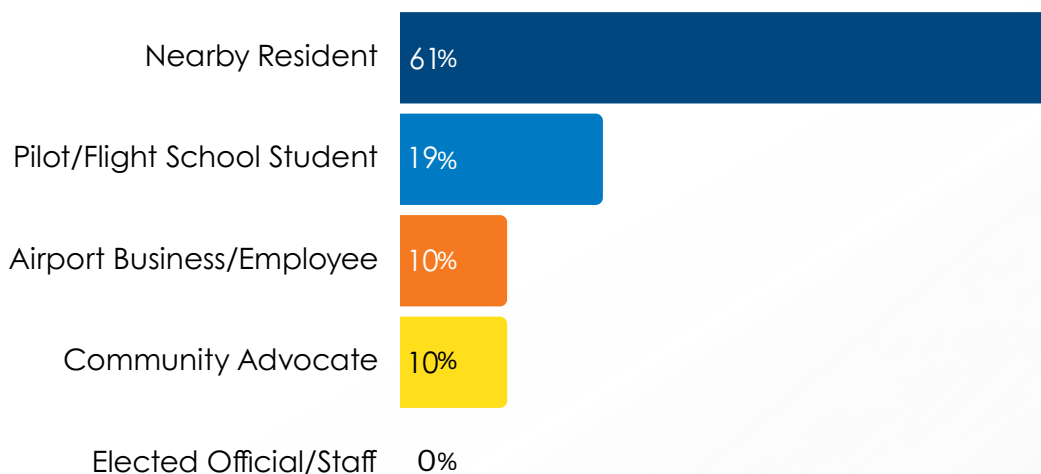
- Accidents
- Air quality
- Busy
- Community
- Demolish
- Encroaching
- Experience
- Government
- Irresponsibility
- Maintenance Training
- Noise
- Nothing
- Overpopulated
- Populated
- Relocate
- Risk
- Safety
- Schools
- Security
- Subpar
- Touch & goes
- Traffic

What should be prioritized in future planning for the airport?

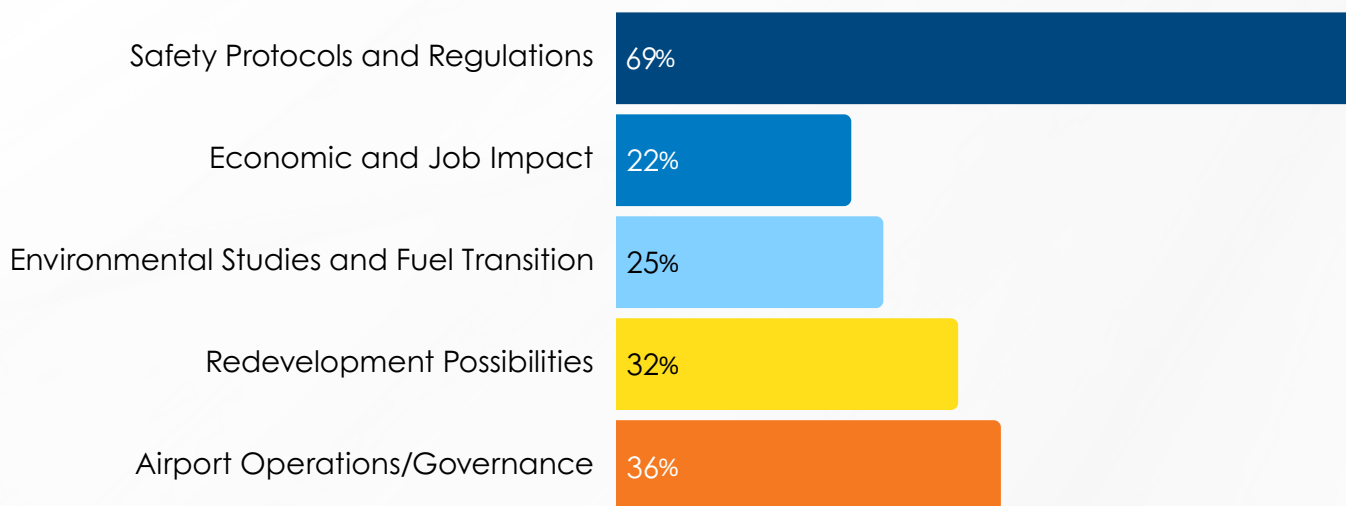
- Accountability
- Community
- FAA
- Handling Oversight
- Hours
- Houses
- Inspections
- Late Reservations
- Maintain Logs
- Maintenance
- Maneuver Safely
- Maneuvers Inspected
- Noise
- Owners
- Operations
- People
- Populated
- Residential Safety
- Safety
- Schools
- Size
- Traffic
- Volume

Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Public Questions

What best describes your relationship to the airport?

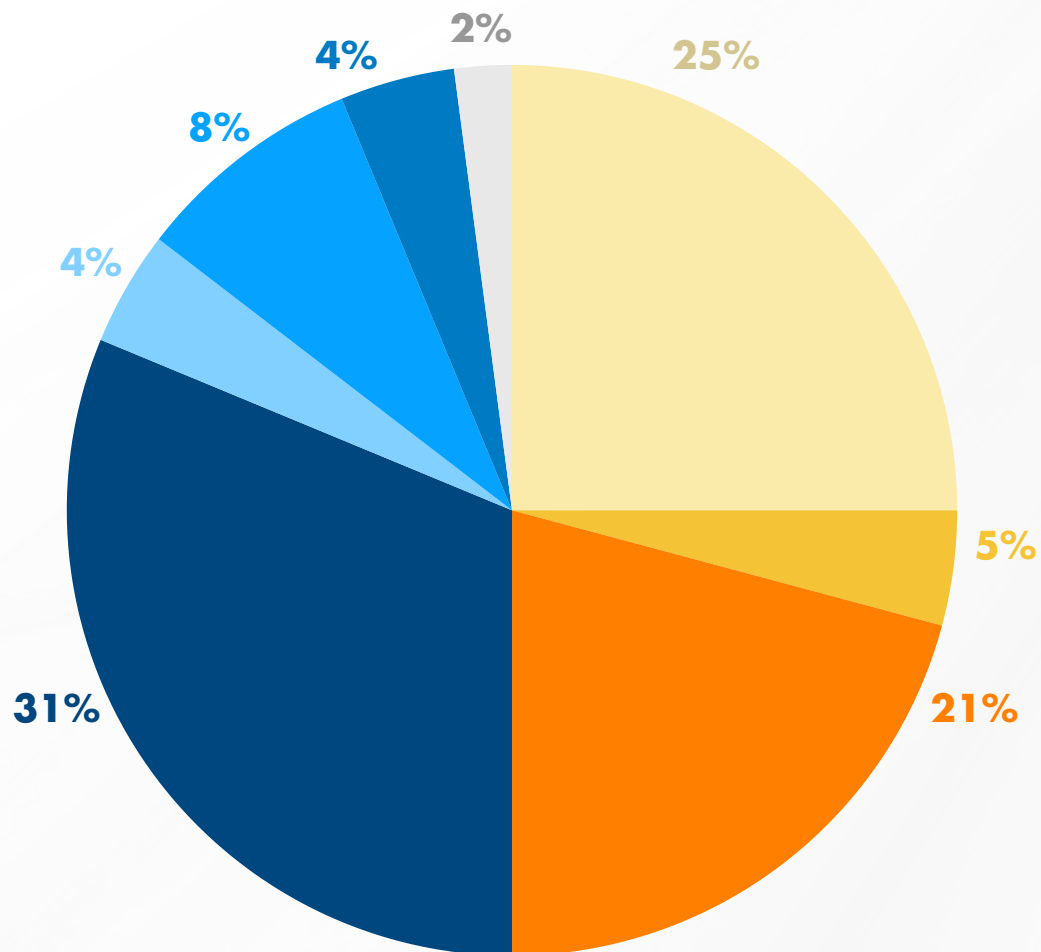


What topics are you most interested in learning more about tonight?



Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Public Questions

- Safety & Accident Concerns **(25%)**
- Noise & Environmental Impacts **(5%)**
- Airport Operations & Capacity **(21%)**
- Growth, Development & Land Use **(31%)**
- Flight Schools, Training & Aircraft Maintenance **(4%)**
- Economic Impact & Community Value **(8%)**
- The Airport Was Here First **(4%)**
- Miscellaneous **(2%)**



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the future plans for North Perry Airport?

North Perry Airport is a federally designated general aviation reliever and regional airport that supports training, small aircraft operations, and regional economic activity. The current plan is to maintain safe operations while investing in improvements such as runway safety projects, lead emissions and safety studies. As a regional airport as defined in the National Plan of Integrated Airports System, closure or redevelopment of the airport is not in consideration at this time.

2. Is the airport compatible with the surrounding residential community today?

The airport was established long before much of the surrounding development, but Broward County recognizes the importance of balancing airport operations with neighborhood quality of life. Compatibility studies, environmental reviews, and noise monitoring are part of ongoing efforts to ensure that operations are managed responsibly. Zoning for development in the immediate vicinity of North Perry Airport is controlled through the City of Pembroke Pines and Broward County's Land Use Plan. A planned safety study will take into consideration a capacity review aimed at examining compatibility within the local communities.

3. Why are there so many accidents, and how safe is the airport compared to others?

While any accident is concerning, North Perry's rate is consistent with other comparable training airports across the country according to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). The airport has a strong safety record, including 25 consecutive years of zero discrepancies found in their Florida Department of Transportation annual inspection. All accidents are investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), with findings made available to the public.

4. What is being done to ensure the continued safety and competency of pilots, aircraft, and flight schools?

Flight schools, pilots, and mechanics are licensed and regulated by the FAA, which establishes training and competency standards. The FAA also oversees aircraft maintenance requirements. Locally, Broward County Aviation Department staff monitor airport conditions daily and coordinate with the FAA to ensure safe operations. Broward County is also working with members of Congress to advocate for stronger collaboration with the FAA on safety reports related to pilots and aircraft maintenance issues.

5. Why is aircraft traffic so frequent, and what can be done to reduce noise and flight volume?

North Perry is one of the busiest training airports in the country, with high demand due to a nationwide pilot shortage. The County cannot legally limit the number of flights without authorization from the FAA. We continue to explore options such as adjusting air traffic control tower hours, working with flight schools on voluntary use restrictions and operating procedures, and educating pilots on best practices to reduce community impact.

6. Why is training activity at North Perry Airport (such as touch-and-goes) so intense, and are flight schools being properly regulated?

Touch-and-go training is a standard FAA-approved practice used across the country to build pilot skill and experience. The FAA regulates all flight schools and verifies compliance with training and maintenance standards. Broward County coordinates closely with the FAA to ensure schools operating at North Perry meet all requirements. BCAD asks that touch and go activity be limited to 4 per student per lesson.

Frequently Asked Questions

7. What is being done to address noise and environmental concerns, including aircraft engine sound and the transition to unleaded fuel?

Noise remains a top concern, and BCAD is working with flight schools and pilots to encourage quieter flight operations whenever possible. On environmental matters, BCAD is closely monitoring the FAA's Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative and other industry efforts supporting the national transition from leaded aviation fuel to unleaded alternatives. Lead emissions studies are also being planned to better understand current environmental conditions. However, under Grant Assurance #40, the County is not permitted to prohibit or restrict the sale or use of 100LL fuel unless and until an FAA-approved unleaded alternative is available.

8. What role does the airport play in the local economy and community?

North Perry supports more than 1,300 local jobs and contributes over \$285 million annually to Broward County's economy as determined by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Economic Impact Study. It provides flight training opportunities for future pilots, supports aviation businesses, and serves as a base for emergency response operations. The airport also plays an educational role through partnerships with schools and youth programs such as Civil Air Patrol.

9. How is North Perry Airport being modernized to meet community and industry needs?

North Perry Airport serves a different role than commercial airports, focusing on general aviation, flight training, and business aircraft. The County Code of Ordinances states that aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight at HWO are limited to planes weighing 12,500 pounds or less. Broward County continues to invest in runway and taxiway upgrades, electrical system improvements, and new safety initiatives as part of a broader plan to modernize the airport and ensure it continues to safely and effectively serve both the aviation community and nearby neighborhoods.

10. What is being done to improve communication and transparency with residents?

The Townhall is part of a renewed effort to strengthen community communication. Next steps include publishing updates on the website to improve communication, creating a dedicated feedback portal, reinstating a Community Advisory Committee, and hosting ongoing public forums. Transparency is a top priority moving forward.

11. Why is North Perry experiencing so much traffic pressure compared to other airports?

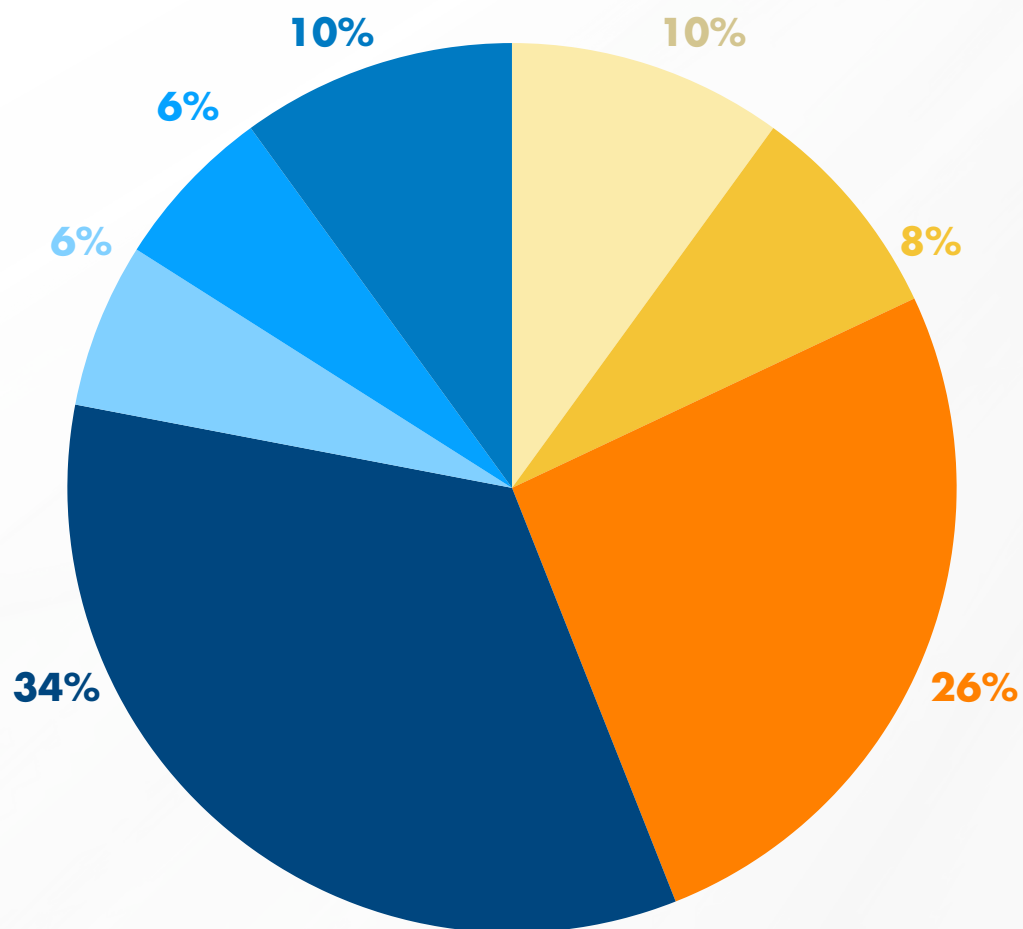
Economic drivers have shifted traffic to North Perry. As a designated reliever airport, it helps ease congestion at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International and Miami International. Broward County intends to include a capacity review in its forthcoming safety study to include a determination of what constitutes saturation of the airfield and airspace around North Perry while BCAD continues to coordinate with regional airports and the FAA to balance traffic across facilities.

12. Wasn't the airport here before the neighborhoods?

Yes, North Perry has been in operation since the 1940s. It was deeded to Broward County in 1957. However, the County acknowledges that the community has grown significantly around it. Both realities are important: the airport's historic role and the concerns of today's residents. Our goal is to manage the airport responsibly and to maintain our long-standing partnership with the community. To do so, we must keep an open dialogue and avenues for our neighbors and neighborhoods to provide feedback.

Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Opportunities & Improvements

- Safety & Accident Concerns **(10%)**
- Noise & Environmental Impacts **(8%)**
- Airport Operations & Capacity **(26%)**
- Growth, Development & Land Use **(34%)**
- Flight Schools, Training & Aircraft Maintenance **(6%)**
- Economic Impact & Community Value **(6%)**
- Miscellaneous **(10%)**



Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Opportunities & Improvements

Growth, Redevelopment & Land Use (34%)

- Calls to close or relocate the airport.
- Suggestions to redevelop the land into parks, mixed-use, housing, schools, or commercial spaces.
- Interest in beautification, modernization, and more hangars.
- Requests to keep high-rise development away from the airport's footprint.

Airport Operations & Capacity (26%)

- Calls to limit or reduce flight activity, especially touch-and-goes and late-night operations.
- Suggestions for operational oversight and stricter management of flight activity.
- Infrastructure improvements requested: new tower, modernized technology, runway lighting, taxiways, PAPI indicators, and a new FBO facility.

Noise & Environmental Impacts (8%)

- Ongoing concern about noise pollution, especially at night.
- Calls for noise abatement measures and restrictions on loud single-engine aircraft.
- Requests for air quality monitoring and mitigation.
- Support for clean energy solutions: solar power, electric aircraft, alternative fuels.

Safety & Accident Concerns (10%)

- Requests for stronger safety regulations and enforcement.
- Conducting accident trend studies and crash analyses.
- Better preparation for weather events (securing aircraft during storms).
- Calls for safer landing surfaces and updated safety protocols.

Economic Impact & Community Value (6%)

- Ideas to create community-facing amenities such as restaurants, public events, and activities at the airport.
- Recognition that engagement and accountability are needed to ensure the airport benefits both aviation and the local community.

Flight Schools, Training & Maintenance (6%)

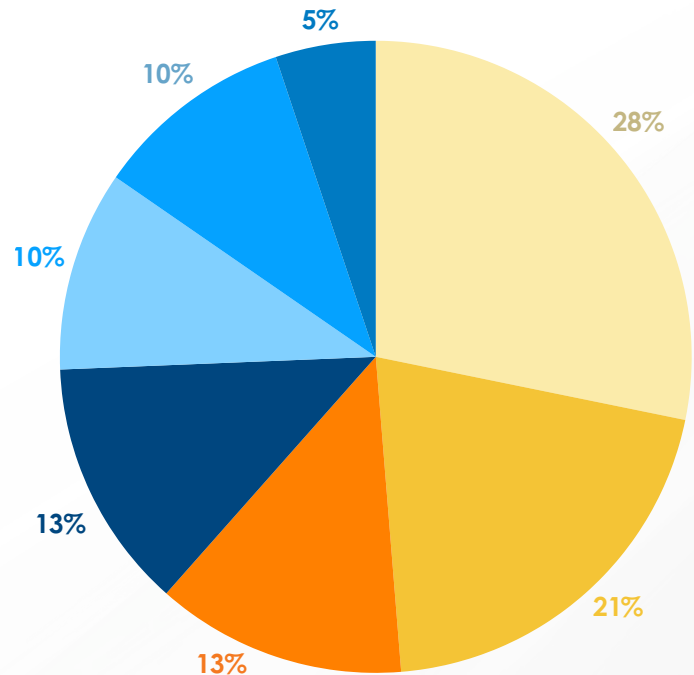
- Calls to reduce the number of flight schools.
- Stronger oversight of training standards and aircraft maintenance.
- Requests to ensure flight schools remain active but accountable.

Miscellaneous (10%)

- Frustration with lack of follow-through from past meetings.
- A few residents minimized concerns, noting other community risks (like traffic accidents) as greater nuisances.

Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Improving Communication

What ideas do you have for improving communication between the airport and the community?



Summary:

No Additional Needs (13%)

Some felt communication is already sufficient or noted the Townhall was a good start.

Public Perception & Trust (13%)

Address mistrust; avoid "propaganda"; ensure balanced coverage.

Transparency & Safety Communication (10%)

Share safety practices, provide updates after incidents, and create a safety task force.

Formal Dialogue Structures (10%)

Advisory committees with neighborhood representation, monthly/bi-monthly meetings with residents.

Community Engagement & Events (21%)

More Townhalls, open houses, tours, youth/educational programs, and community events.

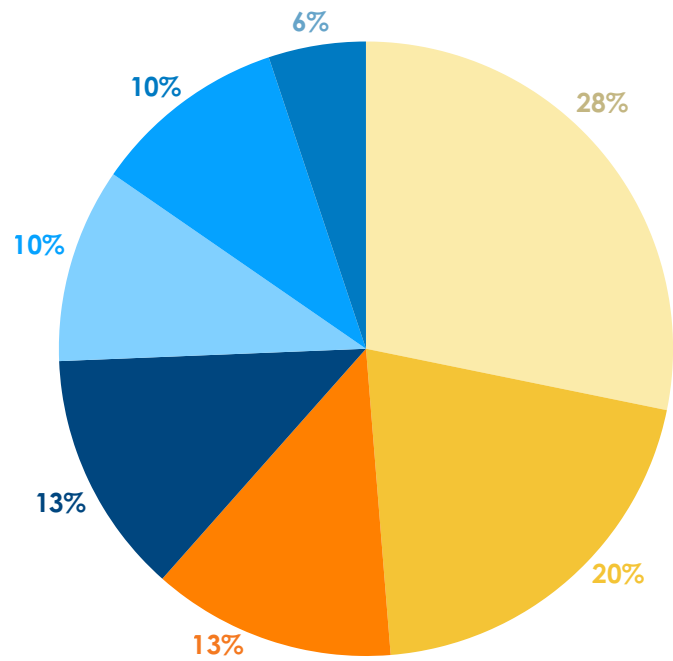
Communication Channels & Accessibility (28%)

Newsletters, direct mail, social media, YouTube, websites, complaint portals, and phone hotlines.

The Airport Was Here First (5%)

Public Feedback & Q&A Summary: Topics Not Addressed

Is there anything you feel hasn't been addressed in the discussion so far?



Summary:

No Additional Concerns (13%)

Many said 'No' or that they were pleased with the discussion so far.

FAA Oversight & Operations (13%)

FAA standards, pilot training demand, need for active airport management, regulating the number of flight schools.

Safety & Accidents (10%)

Ongoing worry about crashes, noise, deaths, and whether unairworthy planes are present.

Airport's Role & Value (10%)

Importance to pilot training, economic contributions, Civil Air Patrol/education pathways, airport history before neighborhoods.

Communication & Engagement (20%)

Calls for clearer plans on how the community will be kept informed going forward.

Environment & Noise (6%)

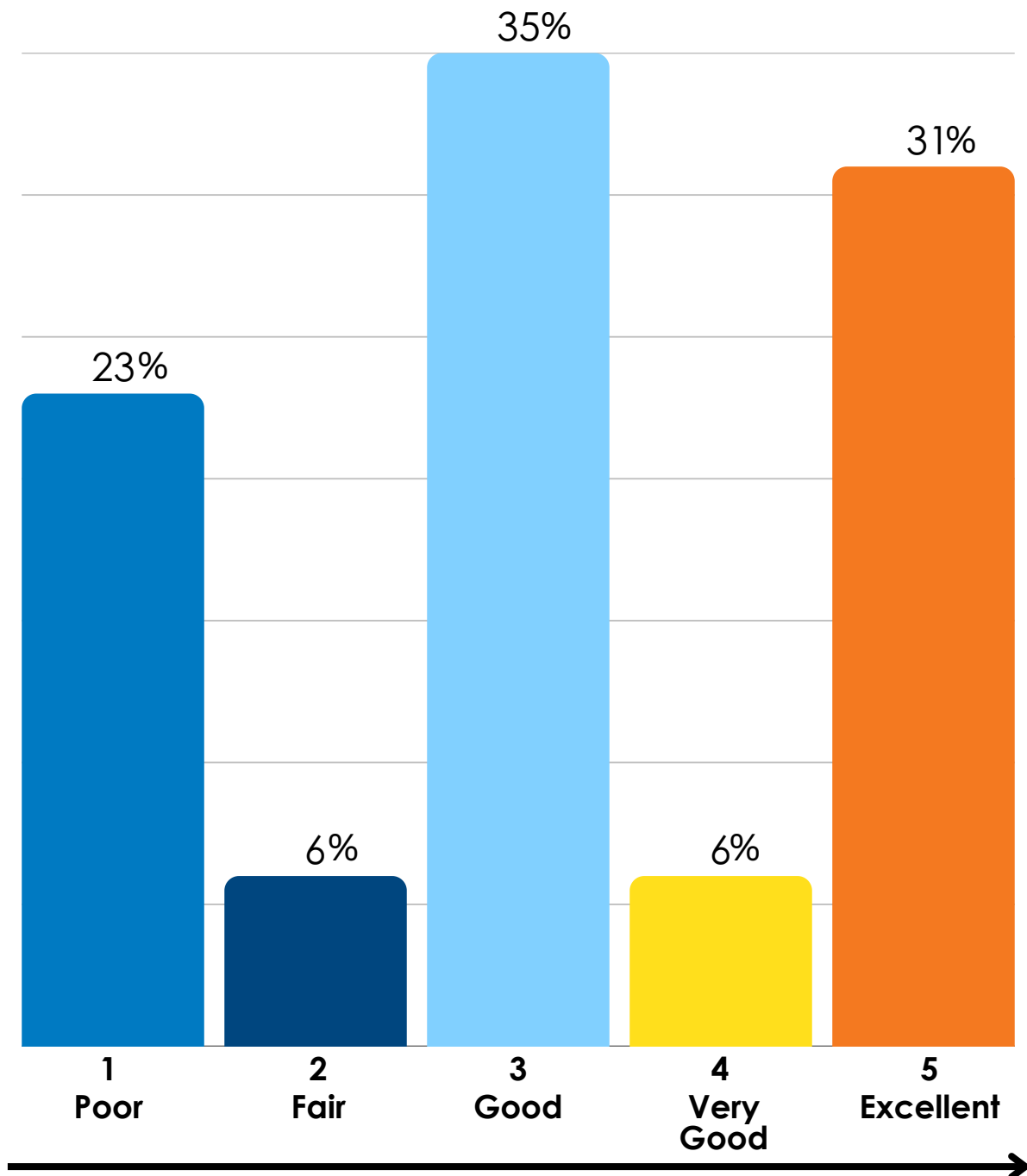
Concerns about aircraft noise, transition to unleaded fuel, and health impacts.

Differing Perspectives on Relocation (28%)

Some urged relocation or closure; others argued residents knew the risks moving near an airport.

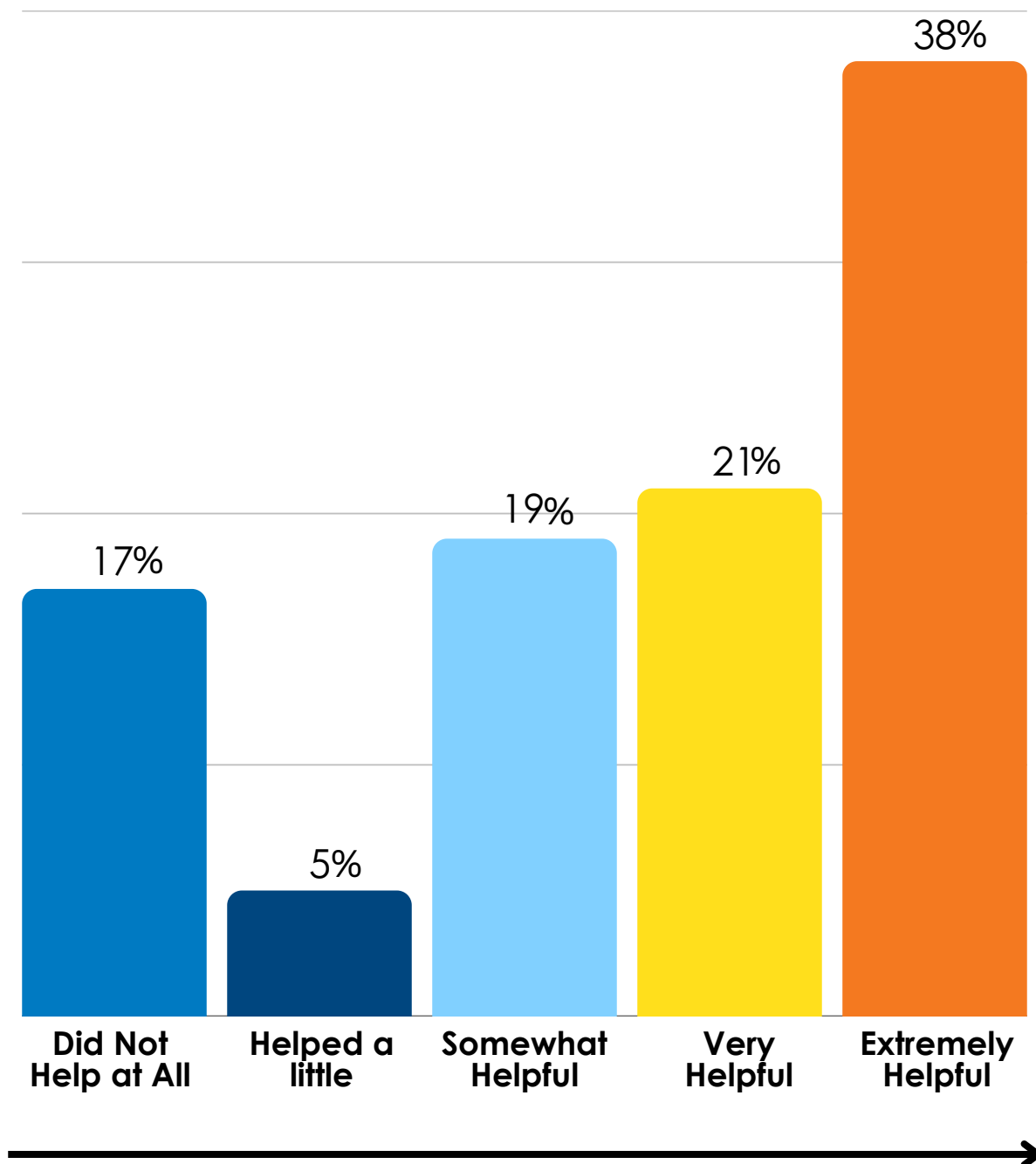
Public Feedback & Q&A Summary:

How would you rate the job North Perry Airport is doing?



Public Feedback & Q&A Summary:

Has the Townhall helped you better understand the role of North Perry Airport in the surrounding community?



Next Steps & Follow-Up Actions

Initiatives	Status
 Consideration for a new/updated safety assessment and evaluation of airport capacity.	The County is in the process of drafting the scope and anticipates advertising for proposals in the next 30 days. The study will go through Broward County's procurement process.
 Request regular FAA airworthiness reports.	A formal letter was sent to the FAA Flight Standards District Office requesting inspection and certification history of aircraft based at North Perry Airport.
 Continue community outreach.	A memo was issued to tenants and flight schools reminding them to respect the voluntary 10 PM - 7 AM curfew. Similar restrictions at other Florida General Aviation airports were reviewed. The North Perry Airport will also host a Media Day in October 2025 to highlight updates and community engagement.
 Reinstate the Community Advisory Committee and create a platform for community feedback.	Once the Board of County Commissioners approves the resolution, the North Perry Airport Community Advisory Committee will be reinstated.
 Lobby Federal Aviation Administration to extend Air Traffic Control Tower hours.	A request was submitted to RVA (an FAA contractor) to extend Air Traffic Control Tower Hours from 9 PM to 11 PM. The approval process follows FAA Order JO 7232.5G and the airport is awaiting a timeline from RVA.
 Conduct a lead emissions analysis.	The County is in the process of drafting the scope and anticipates advertising for proposals in the next 30 days. The study will go through Broward County's procurement process.

**New information
will be updated:**



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