

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #21

In this edition: BCAD to open new Credentialing Center in Terminal 1, new County Commissioner visits airport EOC, FLL showcases Irish dance on St. Patrick's Day, automated people mover update, and more.



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A Message From the CEO

In March, travel activity was in high gear at FLL as spring breakers, springtime vacationers, and corporate road warriors navigated the airport's terminals to and from various U.S. and overseas destinations.

FLL airlines had about 15 percent more scheduled daily departures during the month than March 2021, with many flights operating near or at total capacity. Given these trends and the robust security checkpoint activity, the airport could potentially host about 2.9 million passengers in March, a 25 percent uptick from a year ago, when final numbers are tallied. Comparatively, that is only 21 percent fewer travelers than in March 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic.

During March, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) reflected on the contributions of the airport's female workforce, saluting them on International Women's Day (3/8) and in recognition of Women's History Month.

If the penchant for travel holds steady, April should be equally busy at FLL, as consumers continue to plan leisure and business trips or annual Easter holidays to visit family and friends across miles.

Last month, U.S. federal authorities extended the [face mask mandate](#) for transportation hubs through April 18, so BCAD is reminding travelers and visitors to wear one when inside the airport's terminals, Rental Car Center, and onboard aircraft until further notice.

A future Automated People Mover (APM) project earmarked for FLL as part of ongoing Master Plan Updates made the news recently after Broward County Commissioners approved initial Florida Department of Transportation funding to help move the initiative through its advance planning stage. Learn more about the APM project below.

As the blooms of spring revive and reinvigorate, take a moment, and enjoy nature's new beginnings while catching up on the latest airport news.

Happy spring and have a safe and healthy Easter holiday season.

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

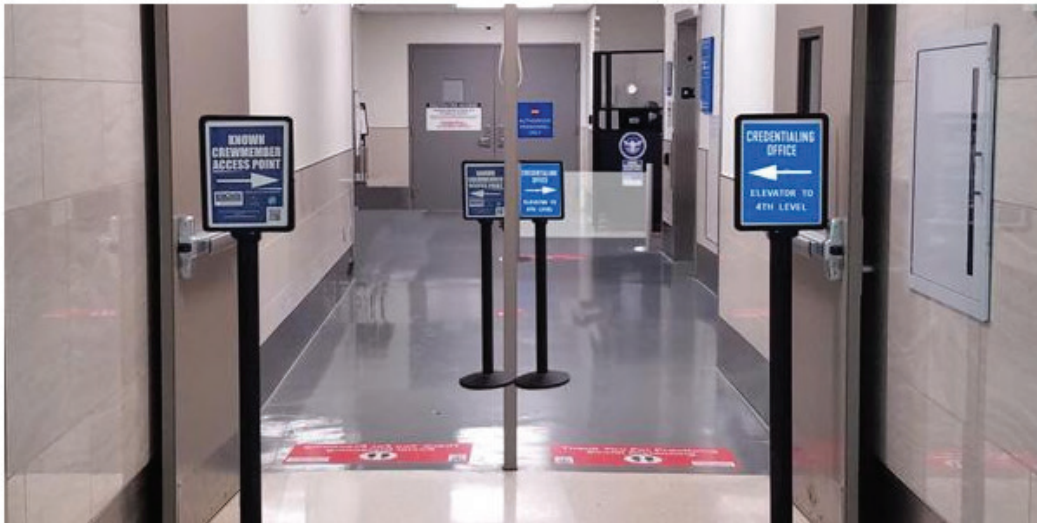
February passenger traffic recap

In February, the airport welcomed about 2.38 million passengers, a 53 percent increase from the same month in 2021.

Domestic passenger traffic rose nearly 44% to 1.98 million travelers from February 2021, and international visitation climbed a whopping 124% to 394,737.

February's passenger activity was only 20% less when compared to pre-pandemic volumes in February 2019.

[View FLL Statistics](#)



New Credentialing Center

Entrance between T1 checkpoint and Southwest check-in

BCAD's credentialing (aka badging) operations will be moving to a new centralized home on the fourth floor of Terminal 1 (T1) effective April 15.

Relocating FLL's security badging operations from the trailers on the south side of the Hibiscus Garage into T1 will improve the overall efficiency of credentialing services and enhance the user experience.

The new Credentialing Center will serve more than 14,000 credentialed airport employees and stakeholders, primarily handling the approving, vetting, and adjudicating of FLL-issued identification media applications. Additional responsibilities include conducting security and airport employee emergency response trainings, and issuance of other airport-related identification. The centralized facility will also house the Auditing and Adjudication section and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Seals office.

Features of the new Credentialing Center will include large waiting and intake/reception areas, a 30-seat testing room with proctor station, conference room, restrooms, and staff break room with kitchenette.

BCAD looks forward to serving our airport stakeholders in this new location.

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Future People Mover

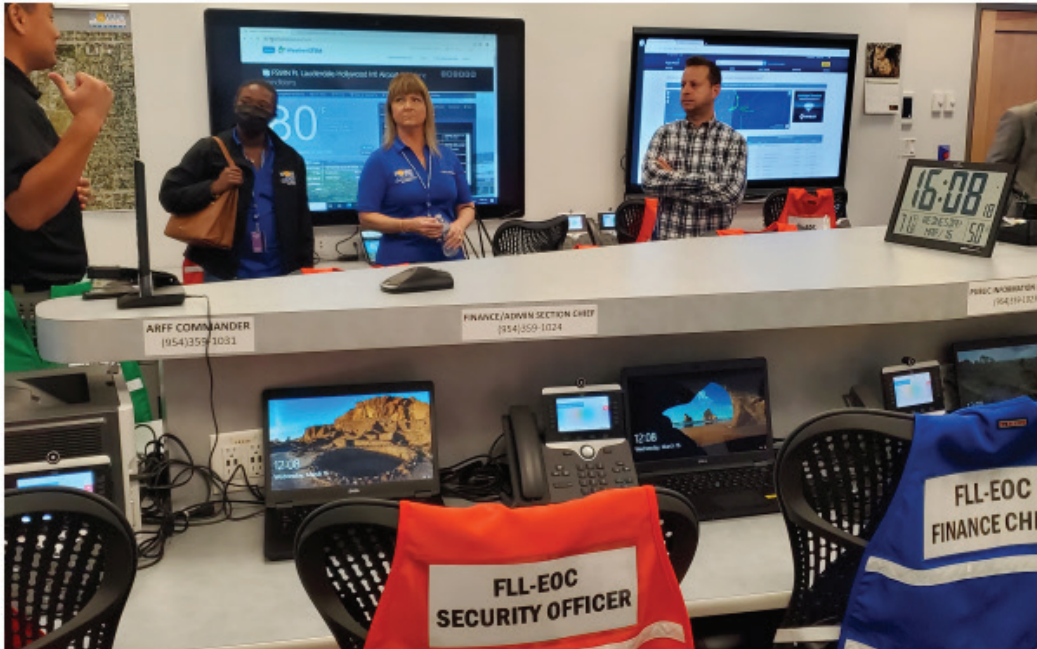
Airport circulator planned

An Automated People Mover (APM) could become a reality at FLL over the next decade as part of the Aviation Department's Master Plan Update and future vision for the airport. While currently in the advance-planning phase, BCAD is estimating the initial phase of the APM construction could begin within three to five years with full project completion (pending regulatory and funding approvals) by the 2028-30 timeframe.

As currently proposed, the APM circulator at FLL would consist of an elevated (60-65 feet above ground level) guideway and train system connecting the airport's terminals, existing parking garages, Rental Car Center, and the future Intermodal Center (IMC) in a closed loop with up to seven stations. The first phase of the APM would be built between the terminals and parking garages in a u-shaped loop. Meanwhile, the second construction phase would create a sixth station immediately east of Terminal 3 to complete the bi-directional loop system. The current estimated project cost is about \$600 million.

BCAD anticipates the funding for the airport's APM and IMC will come from a combination of federal and state grants, possible local funding sources, and bonds supported by airport revenues, including passenger facility charges and airline fees. [More...](#)

Future Developments



Commissioner Moskowitz Visits

Tours of BCAD offices and EOC

Broward County [Commissioner Jared Moskowitz](#) (right) visited FLL on March 16 to meet with BCAD officials and tour the airport's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

In January, Moskowitz was sworn in as a new member of the Broward County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) after Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed him to the position in November.

He replaced the County's former District 8 Commissioner, Dr. Barbara Sharief, who resigned to run for the U.S. Congressional District Seat 20, previously held by the late Congressman Alcee Hastings. Before this, Moskowitz served as the director of Florida Division of Emergency Management and held other roles such as former state representative and a former Parkland city commissioner.

The BOCC's District 8 comprises the Broward Municipal Service District (Central County , turnpike), and sections of the following cities: Coconut Creek, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Margate, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Tamarac, and Wilton Manors.

New County Commissioners



A scene from the "Operation Home Front" Active Threat Response Drill, December 2019

"Operation Nightingale" Volunteers

More than 500 participating first responders and volunteers

On June 23, in partnership with several hundred airport stakeholders, volunteers, and first responders, the Aviation Department will be conducting the "Operation Nightingale" training exercise to test the airport's response to an active assailant threat.

The FEMA compliant mass-casualty exercise is part of our ongoing training for airport employees to test/evaluate FLL's communications channels, law enforcement response, and agency coordination. The overnight drill will take place from 11PM through 4AM on June 24, across multiple airport locations, including, Terminals 1 and 4, the Rental Car Center, and FLL's EOC.

To help accomplish this training, BCAD is seeking volunteers from the surrounding community to act in roles such as airport employees, passengers, and family members. Participants must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested in volunteering, please [register](#) no later than May 23.



Source: Spirit Airlines

Spirit's FAA Maintenance Award

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently honored Spirit Airlines—the busiest carrier at FLL—with its "Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Diamond Award of Excellence" for the fourth consecutive year.

The award is the highest distinction given by the agency for aviation companies that ensure 100 percent of their maintenance technicians complete additional FAA-developed safety training courses during the year, according to a [Spirit news release](#).

"Spirit's No. 1 value is safety, and our technicians continuously exceed the standard when it comes to the technical knowledge and training required to ensure a safe working environment and operation," said John Bendoraitis, Spirit's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

The FAA first created [the awards program](#) in 1991 as an incentive to encourage AMTs and employers to participate in recurrent maintenance training and courses, Spirit said.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

To mark St. Patrick's Day 2022, members of the Drake School of Irish Dance entertained FLL guests in Terminals 1 and 4 on March 17 with a variety of traditional Irish folk dance performances.



Photo credit: Andre Chambers/BCAD

Lauderdale Air Show Nears

A U.S. Air Force Thunderbird F-16 Fighting Falcon jet visited FLL in mid-February as part of advance preparations for the elite air demonstration squadron's participation in the 2022 Fort Lauderdale Air Show, scheduled for April 30- May 1. For show details, visit <https://fortlauderdaleairshow.com/>.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: FEBRUARY 2022

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS
2,377,098

UP 53%
FROM FEBRUARY 2021

DOMESTIC
TRAFFIC
1,982,361

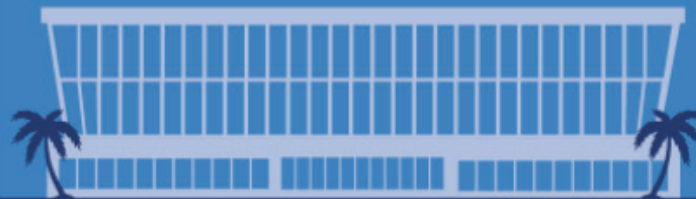


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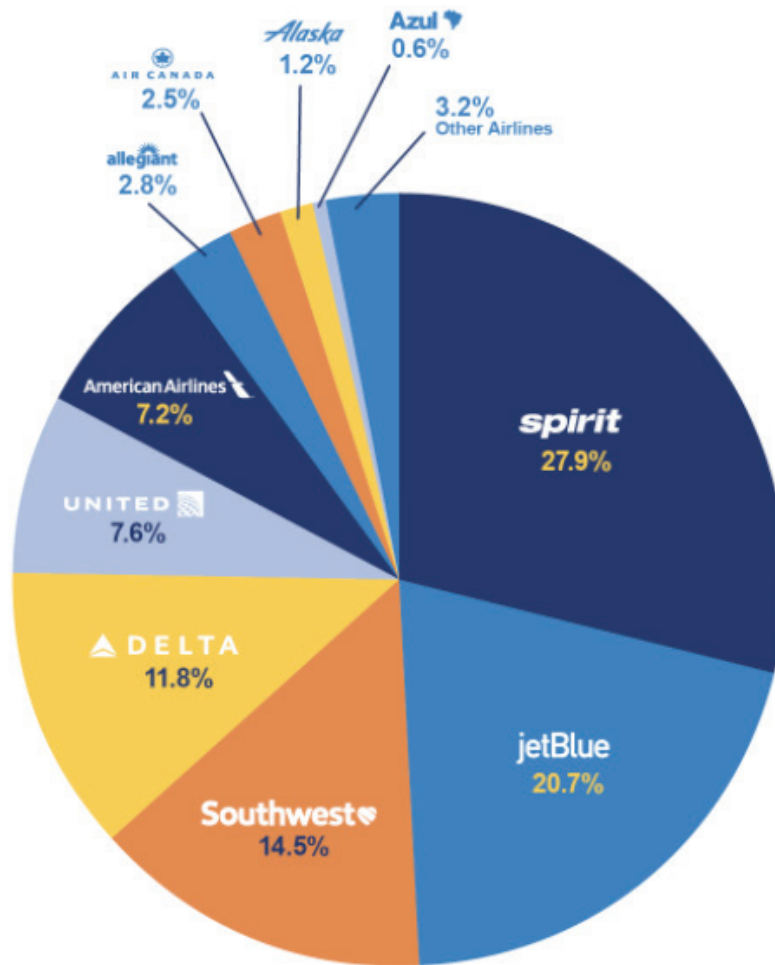


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Top 10 Airline Market Share

Year-to-date: February 2022



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