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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – After more than a decade of planning and construction, Runway 5L-23R is now open for air traffic, making McGhee Tyson Airport a two-runway airport once again.

“The opening of this new runway is a significant accomplishment for our airport system and allows us to build upon our \$2.1 billion economic impact to the community as well,” said Patrick Wilson, A.A.E., President of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority. “The length of the new runway allows aircraft the opportunity to carry more fuel and passengers for longer distances, which is critical for future development. Our airline and airport partners have continued to invest in our region by offering new flights and services, so we are honored to provide them with this new infrastructure, which will support their future missions and capabilities from McGhee Tyson Airport.”

The scope of this runway reconstruction project is unlike any other that has been performed at McGhee Tyson Airport, making it the largest construction project in the airport’s 84-year history. The project involved relocating a city roadway; moving more than 1 million cubic yards of earth; completely replacing the storm drain system; relocating a gas main; installing new, LED lighting circuits for more than 5,000 airfield lights; lengthening the new runway to 10,000ft; and installing an ILS system on the outboard runway. All of that was successfully completed while also being able to recycle 100% of the concrete in the previous runway to use as filler in the new runway, which helped to reduce the project’s environmental output.

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After sudden departure,
**Wilmington airport names
new director**
Wilmington Star-News
Jeffrey Bourk was chosen
to serve as the next
director of Wilmington
International Airport.
Wilmington's airport has
named a new **director**...

**Norfolk Airport Authority's
Executive Director Robert
S. Bowen, A.A.E.
Announces His ...**
Norfolk International Airport
Bowen, the Norfolk **Airport**
Authority's Executive
Director for the last five
years, will be retiring from
his position effective March
1, 2022. The ...

**The City of Charlotte
Appoints Amber Leathers,
A.A.E., as **Airport** Planning
Director - ADK ...**
ADK Executive Search
Leathers will be
responsible for the
management of airport
design work at Charlotte
Douglas International
Airport (CLT). She began
her new position on ...

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This multi-phased runway reconstruction project totaled approximately \$134 million and was funded by multiple partners, including the Federal Aviation Administration, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Air National Guard Bureau, and the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority.

"This runway reconstruction is the largest of several projects included in the Airfield Modernization Plan, which is aimed at improving the capabilities and convenience of McGhee Tyson Airport for decades to come," said Brian Simmons, Chairman of the MKAA Board of Commissioners. "Each project plays a significant role in our ability to remain competitive for air service, bring new jobs to our region through tenant recruitment, and provide passengers with a quality experience when flying into and out of the airport."

The MKAA would like to thank CHA Consulting; Michael Baker International; Cannon & Cannon, Inc.; S&ME; Holt Consulting; McGuiness Unlimited; Eutaw Construction Company; and The Harper Company; plus several experienced subcontractor, all who have been instrumental in the success of this project.

New rideshare strategy coming to Hartsfield-Jackson International **Airport** in Atlanta - CBS 46

CBS 46

... the upper levels," Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International **Airport** Assistant General **Manager** for Planning and Development Tom Nissalke said.

SITA and Envision Digital partner on sustainable **airport** solutions

Airport Technology

Envision Digital Global executive **director** Michael Ding said: "**Airports** have been progressive in their

Memphis International **Airport** opens onsite medical clinic for COVID-19 testing, health services

MSN

Memphis International **Airport** is now offering fliers the chance to get tested for COVID-19 inside the airport.

Power outage snarls operations at Raleigh-Durham International **Airport** - NBC News

NBC News

Louisiana's DOTD Announces Inaugural Aviation Award Winners

State Aviation Journal

The awards were presented on October 26, at the 2021 Louisiana **Airport Managers** and Associates ...

Monroe Regional **Airport** loses United Airlines | Local/State Headlines | hannapub.com

hannapub.com

MLU **Airport Director**, Charles Butcher, said United Airlines' decision to halt services at MLU was not reflective of poor performance.

Allegiant Begins New Nonstop Service From Melbourne Orlando International **Airport** to Pittsburgh

Space Coast Daily

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Allegiant to its new coastal gateway to Central Florida," said Greg Donovan, A.A.E., executive **director** at ...

New era in aviation begins in Gulf Shores | WKRG

WKRG

... is now the Gulf Shores International **Airport** at Jack Edwards Field. ... at the **airport**, according to **Airport**

[More shops and restaurants open as flights return at New Orleans Airport | Sponsored: Louis ...](#)

NOLA.com

Throughout the pandemic, **airport** concessionaires have remained ... **Director** of Aviation at Louis ...

[Baton Rouge airport collaborates with local art gallery - Beaumont Enterprise](#)

Beaumont Enterprise

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The **airport** in Louisiana's capital city is getting an art...

[Charlotte Douglas Int'l Rises to the Challenge of Managing Peer-to-Peer Car Rentals ...](#)

Airport Improvement Magazine

When air travel hit the skids in 2020, rental car companies struggled right alongside airlines and **airports**.

With business slowing to a trickle, ...

[Pensacola Airport officials eyeing expansion to keep up with demand](#)

Pensacola News Journal

Pensacola International **Airport Director** Matt Coughlin on Monday said in peak season — between Memorial Day and Labor Day — this year, ...

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Spirit set to begin MHT flights to Tampa, Fort Myers - Concord Monitor

Concord Monitor

And Tampa International Airport (TPA) on Nov. ... Spirit expanding to two more Florida destinations from MHT," said **Airport Director** Ted Kitchens, ...

Why is the Myrtle Beach SC airport so busy & crowded lately? | The State

The State

Myrtle Beach South Carolina's airport saw record breaking numbers of ... County **director of airports** Scott Van Moppes said in a news release.

HNTB hires aviation program management expert David Harris

HNTB

Harris' 30-year career includes projects for the military, federal government and major U.S. **airports**. NEW YORK (Nov. 15, 2021) – HNTB Corporation ...

Louisiana airports to receive \$35.6M in federal funding - KLFY

KLFY

TSA at Louis Armstrong New Orleans **International Airport** Is Ready for Escalating Passenger Volumes Remember These Travel Tips as You Prepare to ...

Take a trip inside Memphis International Airport's revamped Concourse B - localmemphis.com

localmemphis.com

We got a closer look Wednesday at some long-awaited changes and renovations in Concourse B at **Memphis International Airport**.

Spirit Airlines to begin service in Memphis in 2022 | localmemphis.com

localmemphis.com

Memphis International Airport Officials and the airline announced daily flights to Las Vegas, Orlando, and Los Angeles beginning next year.

Palm Beach International Aiport to recieve \$9 million a year for next 5 years - WPBF

WPBF

In addition, leaders with the **airport** say aging infrastructure will be ... said Laura Beebe, **director** of PBIA & **airport** development **director**.

Park 'N Fly in Nashville closing its doors immediately | News | wsmv.com

WSMV

An off-**airport** parking facility in Nashville is closing its doors. ... Digital Content **Manager**. Author email. Follow Joe Wenzel ...

Breeze Airways adds 2 more services from Charleston airport

Charleston Business Journal

Breeze Airways adds 2 more services from Charleston airport ... Charleston and Chair of the **Charleston County Aviation Authority** Helen Hill said ...

Yeager Airport launches program to help people with hidden disabilities - WDTV

WDTV

Yeager **Airport** announced on Thursday a partnership with the Hidden ... to have a quality travel experience," said **Airport Director** Nick Keller.

Louisville airport announces it finally has a direct flight to this major East Coast city - Courier-Journal

Courier-Journal

Antony Gilmer, the **director** of marketing and air service development for the Louisville Regional **Airport** ...

Reagan National Airport celebrates opening of new TSA checkpoints - The Washington Post

The Washington Post

New security checkpoints at Reagan National **Airports** are opening just weeks ... the TSA's deputy ...

FAA to distribute \$40 million to Kentucky **airports** over next five years - ABC 36 News

WTVQ

"We appreciate the support of Senator McConnell for the Louisville Muhammad Ali International **Airport**," said Dan Mann, Executive **Director** of the ...

Montgomery Regional **Airport** Names New Executive **Director** - Alabama News Network

Alabama News Network

Davis served for nearly two years as the **director of airports** for the Shreveport Regional Airport and the Shreveport Downtown Airport.

Why did Greenville-Spartanburg International **Airport** end valet parking

Greenville Online

Because of the coronavirus, passenger traffic at GSP was significantly reduced, said Michelle Fleming, GSP communications **manager**.

Columbus - Lowndes **Airport** in-line for Federal money - Home - WCBI TV | Your News Leader

WCBI

COLUMBUS, Miss. (WCBI) – Area leaders are hoping that improvements to the **Columbus-Lowndes County Airport** will lead to a take-off in air traffic.

Kentucky **airports** to get federal funding for projects | Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Ledger-Enquirer

The Federal Aviation Administration will award more than \$40 million this year from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 51 commercial and regional ...

Coastal Carolina **Regional Airport** celebrating the completion of New Fire & Rescue Facility ...

WNCT

NEW BERN, N.C. (WNCT) – Coastal Carolina **Regional Airport** (EWN) is proud to announce the completion of its new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting ...

Virginia University Takes Over FBO at Danville **Airport** - Aviation International News

Aviation International News

According to general **manager** John Earl, the 2,000-sq-ft terminal received a facelift over the past several months. It includes passenger and pilot ...

Airports and airlines call for halt to unnecessary and ineffective travel restrictions ...

TravelDailyNews International

Olivier Jankovec, **Director** General of ACI EUROPE and Thomas Reynaert, Managing **Director** of Airlines for Europe (A4E) jointly commented: "The ECDC ...

Airport's new concourse has 'wow' factor, modern amenities - Daily Memphian

Daily Memphian

Memphis International Airport is nearing completion of its remodel of Terminal B, which will house all airline activity, retail shops and ...

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[MWAA creates diversity, inclusion, social impact VP post - Virginia Business](#)

[Virginia Business](#)

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which oversees the ... Lewis most recently worked as the **manager** of human capital management ...

[Aviation boot camp puts 8th graders in the cockpit at Roanoke-Blacksburg Airport - WFXR](#)

[WFXR](#)

Virginia Tech **Director** of Athletics Whit Babcock indicated on Tuesday, Nov. 16 that a national search is underway to fill Fuente's position, ...

[Valdosta Regional Airport planning major expansion | WFVL](#)

[WFVL](#)

James Galloway, Valdosta-Lowndes County **Airport Authority Manager** says they have already began some work using the funds.

[Sarasota Bradenton International Airport Renews Airport Health Accreditation](#)

[Sarasota Magazine](#)

Sarasota Bradenton International **Airport** (SRQ) recently received a renewal ... the **Director General of Airports** Council International World (ACI).

[Yeager Airport is ready to protect you with new shooter detection system | WOWK 13 News](#)

[WOWK](#)

It's the sort of mayhem that officials at Yeager **Airport** are trying to ... much safer," said Russel Kennedy, Operations **Manager** at Yeager **Airport**.

[Fayetteville Airport USO Reopens in Time for the Holidays | Aviation Pros](#)

[Aviation Pros](#)

The USO located at Fayetteville Regional **Airport** is now open to service ... to serve our military travelers," **Airport Director** Toney Coleman said.



Memphis Business Journal names MSCAA's Forrest Artz as 2021 Nonprofit CFO of the Year Honoree

Forrest Artz, Vice President of Finance and Administration/ CFO for Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA), was recently honored by the Memphis Business Journal as a finalist for its 2021 Nonprofit CFO of the year. Artz joined MSCAA in 2008 and he has 23 years of experience in the aviation industry. His leadership responsibilities include managing MSCAA's strategic business, preparing and monitoring the airport's budget, managing airline use and lease agreements, negotiating rates and charges to ensure a strong financial airport position, treasury oversight, revenue bond debt issuance, risk management, and federal and state grant oversight. Artz oversees the Airport's Procurement, Properties, Human Resources, Finance and IT departments.

Before joining MSCAA, he served as the Deputy Comptroller for the City of Chicago's Aviation Department overseeing O'Hare International and Midway Airports' financial activities for more than 10 years. Artz also previously served as an Audit Manager with Deloitte & Touche and as the Finance Manager for the City of Tucson.

He received a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Arizona and is a licensed CPA. Artz is a graduate of Cochise College with a focus on the professional pilot's program, holds a commercial pilot's license and is a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). enjoys giving back to his community in addition to serving on numerous boards and committees. If weather permits, he also enjoys a round of golf or two. He has announced his retirement for October 29, 2022.

Do you need financial assistance with your airport's Internship Program?

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[Augusta Regional Airport making travel efficient, safer in time for the holidays - WRDW](#)

WRDW

... family that they haven't seen in almost two years at this point," said Lauren Smith, Augusta Regional **Airport PR & Customer Service Manager**.

[Virginia airports to receive \\$400M in funding from infrastructure bill - WSLS 10](#)

WSLS 10

Airports in Virginia will receive nearly \$400 million over the next five ... family," said Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional **Airport Marketing Director**, ...

[Elite Airways to resume service at Vero Beach Regional Airport in March 2022 - WPTV](#)

WPTV

The airline shifted their service to Melbourne earlier this year due to a capital improvement project at Vero Beach **Regional Airport** that includes ...

[Boutique Air no longer welcome at McKellar-Sipes Airport - Yahoo News](#)

Yahoo News

said Jackson-Madison County **Airport Authority Executive Director** Steve Smith in a statement. "It was the perfect storm.

[Lynchburg airport seeks more flights, new northern route | Local Business News | newsadvance.com](#)

News and Advance

The Lynchburg Regional Airport is seeing a successful recovery this year from ... and airlines right now," **Airport Director** Andrew LaGala said.

[Ben Siegel Elected to Airports Council International-North America U.S. Policy Council | Aviation Pros](#)

Aviation Pros

Ben Siegel, CPA, C.M., executive **director** of the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA), was recently elected by **Airports Council International-North ...**

[Passenger zip-tied, arrested after assaulting flight attendants at Nashville airport | WREG.com](#)

WREG.com

Passenger zip-tied, arrested after assaulting flight attendants at Nashville **airport** ... News Channel 3 - **Memphis, TN** News, Sports and Weather ...

[Community and climate activists unite to pressure local governments on airports, plastic ...](#)

The Seattle Times

When Seattle's first commercial **airport** opened in 1928, Georgetown had been a ... the whole game," says Matt Krogh, a campaign **director** for Stand.

RIC is getting \$35 million infrastructure deal dollars. Here's how they plan to spend it. - WTVR.com

WTVR.com

Richmond International Airport (RIC) is getting \$35 million, over the next five years, as part of the federal government's recently passed \$1.2 ...

Lynchburg Regional Airport to add more daily flights to schedule | WSET

WSET

Lynchburg Regional Airport Director Andrew LaGala says the airline industry bounced back from the COVID-19 pandemic, and he expects it to last.

Smith Reynolds Airport gets \$23 million for improvements from new state budget

| Local ...

Winston-Salem Journal

Mark Davidson, director of Smith Reynolds Airport, said the \$23 million appropriated by lawmakers will do a lot to further projects that include ...

Golden Triangle Regional Airport celebrates 50 years - The Dispatch

The Dispatch

Local, state and federal elected officials, along with members of the GTRA Board of Directors, the Mississippi Airports Association and other ...

As Naples Airport hits Top 10 busiest, \$8 million project nears completion

Naples Daily News

Naples Airport Authority Executive Director Chris Rozansky has his oven mitts on, waiting for that kitchen timer to ding.

Southwest Florida International Airport's new tower to usher in new future - The News-Press

The News-Press

David Woods, program manager for Pond's aviation facilities division, said the new RSW tower is unusual in that the airport is paying for it with ...

Yeager Airport officials eyeing new terminal with infrastructure money - WCHS Network

WCHS Network

Yeager Airport Director Nick Keller told MetroNews the facility will receive \$10 million over a five-year period from the Infrastructure ...

'Thunderbird' company may not need all 1,000 acres at Piedmont Triad International Airport ...

WGHP FOX8

GREENSBORO, N.C. (WGHP) – Piedmont Triad International Airport Executive Director Kevin Baker is very clear when asked: "I don't know anything ...

After 2 years, this airline is restarting nonstop Myrtle Beach flights. Here's when - The State

The State

"The Myrtle Beach International Airport team is excited to welcome back our Canadian visitors," Horry County Director of Airports Scott Van Moppes .

Aerial intelligence company invests \$14.7M in Johns Island facility - Charleston Business Journal

Charleston Business Journal

... choosing the Lowcountry of Charleston," Executive Director and CEO Elliott Summey said in a statement.

2021 Airport Business Top 40 Under 40 | Aviation Pros

Aviation Pros

Anthony W. Barnes, Chief Operating Officer, Airport Minority Advisory Council. Zachary Bass, C.M., Airport Director, Redmond **Municipal Airport**.

In case you missed it: Mexican charter flights have been flying into Hickory airport. Here's ...

Hickory Daily Record

Hickory Assistant City **Manager** Rodney Miller and Hickory Police Chief Thurman Whisnant also have said that there is no truth to the claims of ...



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Forever Trees Create Realistic and Sustainable Florida Experience in Orlando International ...

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Orlando International **Airport** is often the first and the last thing ... from around the world," said HNTB Senior Program **Director** Bill Brooks.

In Coastal Alabama, Kerfuffle Surfaces Over Naming of Airport | Aviation Pros

Aviation Pros

Scott Fuller, the **airport's manager**, said he was unaware of Kennon's comments and Orange Beach's position, but admitted there had been some ...

Flight attendants blame airport drinking for stoking mask anger - TheDay.com

TheDay.com

U.S. flight attendants are calling on **airports** to limit passengers' access ... said Tim Coleman, IATA's assistant **director** for external affairs.

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[Hartsfield-Jackson airport announces new airline partnership - 11Alive.com](#)

11Alive.com

"We are pleased to welcome Copa Airlines to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**," **Airport General Manager** Balram "B" Bheodar said.

[\\$23 million project at Huntsville Int'l Airport complete! - WAFF](#)

WAFF

In some seasons is what we have to have to land those big aircraft," said PR **manager** Mary Swanstrom. A 2.5 mile long stretch of cement might not seem ...

[FedEx Express Completes Major Expansion at Miami International Airport - The Joplin Globe](#)

The Joplin Globe

... to our partners at FedEx Express on the completion of their new Miami hub," said Ralph Cutié, Miami International **Airport Director** and CEO.

[LR airport hits deal for its 1st hotel - The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#)

The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Bill and Hillary Clinton National **Airport**/Adams Field has reached a tentative deal with a Conway hospitality development, **management** and ...

[Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame Spotlight: Robert J. Dunahoe, Jr.](#)

Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society

In 1937, he became the first manager of Roanoke Municipal Airport. ... He was named **airport management consultant** in the Airports Division of the ...

[Myrtle Beach International Airport continues to break records after strong summer](#)

The Post and Courier

Myrtle Beach International Airport continues to break records this fall as ... recorded in November," said Scott Van Moppes, **Director of Airports**.

[Four Mississippi airports receive total \\$108K in grants - WJTV](#)

WJTV

City of Grenada/Grenada **Municipal Airport** – \$32,000. The grants can be used as economic relief funds for costs related to operations, personnel, ...

[Yeager Airport needs a new mascot | WOWK 13 News](#)

WOWK

CHARLESTON, WV (WOWK) – Yeager **Airport** in Charleston is located on top of a mountain, posing as a unique challenge. The runway often sees wildlife ...



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