



GEU Partners News

First, I'd like to wish you a safe and successful New Year and I am hopeful that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season!

This message is an informational newsletter that we plan to send out three or four times per year to increase communication and information availability to all airport partners.

- Joe Husband

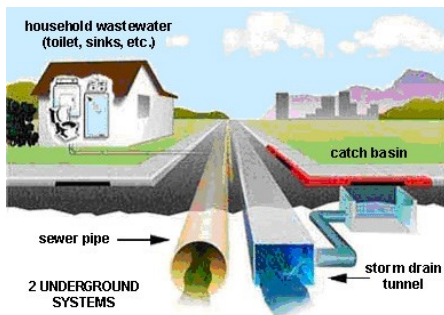
Airport Operations Are Up

GEU finished the calendar years with 91,305 take offs and landings. That was compared to 78,824 in the 2017 calendar year, a 16% increase.

Only Rain in the Drain

The Glendale Environmental Division reminds all residents and airport users to protect the storm drain system. It is important that nothing enters the storm drains except RAIN. We have two wash bays located at the base of the control tower for washing aircraft. All storm drains lead to the rivers and we must always endeavor to avoid contamination. We want to thank all GEU partners for protecting our storm drain systems and rivers.

<https://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/stormwater.cfm>



Airport Administrator



I have been your Airport Administrator since 26 December 2017. I initially started in a temporary capacity to cover the airport after Kenn Potts retired and to assist the City of Glendale in hiring a permanent Administrator for GEU. Following a nationwide selection process, an excellent candidate was selected from another state, but unfortunately had to withdraw from the hiring process. Two subsequent candidates were evaluated but did not seem

to be a good fit for this airport and the City asked if I would consider competing for the position as a Non-temporary replacement. As of that time, I had had the privilege of learning first-hand what a great airport GEU is and how much I had enjoyed working here with the airport staff, airport partners, and the City of Glendale. I accepted the offer to compete for the position and was selected as the Airport Administrator with a start date of 15 September 2018. I must say that I am most happy to be here and look forward to our continued collaboration into the future!

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Airport Access Gates

As many have seen, we have been experimenting with some side access restrictions at Gate 2 to restrict the ability of a “tailgating” automobile from “slipping” into the area between a vehicle waiting for the gate to close and the gate at the fence line. This “bypass” condition was brought to our attention by one of the Aviation Advisory Commissioners (AAC) at a monthly meeting. We have been adjusting the gate open dwell time and evaluating the sensor loop locations. The orange cones and barriers at the sides of the gate entry area are an effort to reduce the vehicle bypass issue stated above. We are also considering the modification of the sensor loops in the pavement and installing a detection beam at the gate opening to ensure the safety of vehicles using the gate. This would allow the gate to close without the vehicle having to pull so far forward or if another vehicle is at the gate entrance. We will be presenting this modification to the AAC members at the next meeting on 16 January 2019 and if approved, completing the change within the next six-to-eight weeks.

As a general reminder, prevent tailgating entries at the gates and Please wait for the gate to close behind when entering and exiting the airside areas of the airport!

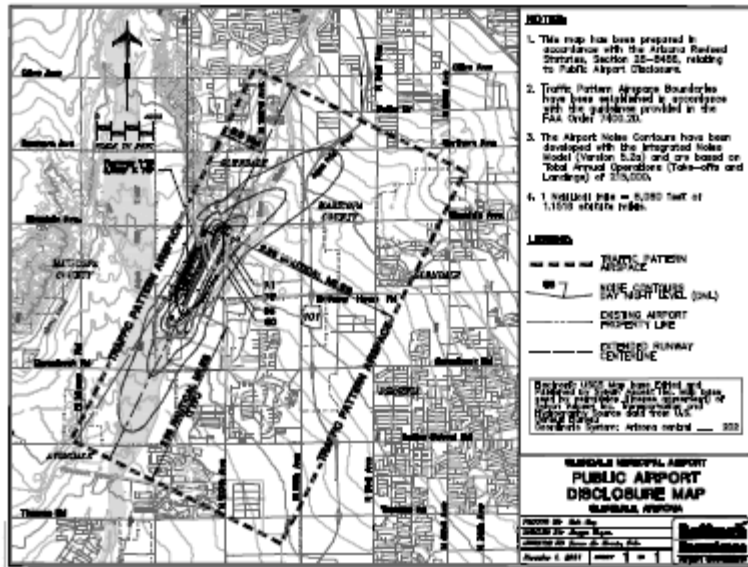




Airport Criminal Damage

As many of you are no doubt aware, the airport terminal was vandalized on 04 and 06 January 2019. The subject has been arrested and is being held at this time. Last Thursday night at approximately 0130(L), the terminal was broken into by breaking the glass in the main entry doors then proceeded to break other glass and flood the north terminal areas with a water hose brought in through the north door. We were able to get video images of the crime-in-progress for use by the Glendale Police Department in their investigation. A second incident occurred two nights later with two additional windows broken, but we think we may have interrupted the crime-in-progress during a patrol of the building as we had staff on site overnight as a precaution. The very next day on Sunday afternoon, an airport staff member sighted the subject on the north side of the terminal attempting to inflict more damage and confronted him. The subject fled in his vehicle but we were able to get the license plate of the vehicle which led to an arrest the same day. There were two other incidents of vandalism at the FBO in November and December and because of the physical evidence that has been obtained the Police believe that the same individual executed all the crimes associated with all the recent incidents. The suspect involved has no connection to the Airport or any of our businesses and these crimes appear to be random in nature with no motive associated with the Airport.

<http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/man-accused-of-flooding-glendale-airport-and-causing-over-70-000-in-damages>



Community Issues, Outreach, and Coordination

The Glendale Municipal Airport is committed to community enhancement and protection of the airport. Airport staff regularly reviews zoning applications and development proposals to ensure the proposed land uses are compatible with the airport and its long-term viability. Concerning a recently approved residential development across the river to the east of the airport in Phoenix, we were successful in including a strong aviation easement to protect the airspace and airport operating rights as well as CC&R rules that prohibit airport noise and overflight complaints by residents. A similar residential development is being proposed to the south of the airport north of Camelback and west of the Ballpark. Airport staff and the Aviation Advisory Commission are evaluating this proposed development to ensure that the airport is not adversely affected. We will remain vigilant to monitor development and encourage proper and compatible land use in the vicinity of GEU!

Noise and overflight concerns from the surrounding community are generally quite low. In 2016 there were 123 separate contacts by 12 individuals. In 2017 there were 59 contacts from 16 individuals. In 2018 there were 59 contacts from 24 individuals. It is also interesting to note that over the three-year period a total of 241 contacts were made to the airport and 189 of the contacts came from three individuals, with one of those individuals accounting for 106 contacts in 2016 alone. So, as you can see by the data, we have a relatively low instance of complaints for the airport.

We have recently been contacted by the City of Peoria City Council Office and asked to participate in a community meeting with a neighborhood community north of the airport. Of the total concern contacts received in the past three years, 94 contacts have come from 8 individuals in this community area. Airport staff will attend the meeting with representatives for the FAA and other industry representatives to answer questions and provide any requested information. A date has not been set yet, but I will let you know how the meeting turns out.

Airport Project Updates

As all are aware, the North Apron reconstruction project was successfully completed last spring. Also completed last year was a cracksealing and restriping maintenance project in the South Hangar Areas. This Spring we are planning to complete the crackseal and apply a surface treatment to the South Hangar Areas. We are in the planning and costing phase of this project and hope to start the work in March. Also completed last year were surface treatments of the north and south hangar parking areas, the FBO parking area and some interior terminal improvements.

We have applied for FAA and ADOT grants for several upcoming projects at the airport; In 2019 we are hopeful to be awarded an AIP Supplemental grant for

the mill and overlay of Taxiway Alpha. This grant is not certain as a competitive process is underway. If we do not receive the supplemental grant, the Taxiway Alpha project is programmed in the 2020 Grant Program Year. Next in the grant program is a phased rehabilitation of the South Apron beginning near the tower and continuing all the way to the South Box Hangars, this should start in 2020 or 2021 depending on the supplemental results. The runway is programmed for a mill and overlay in 2023 but could move forward depending on pavement condition and other prioritizations.

Cleared for the Transition

In closing, I also would like to apologize for the rather lengthy communication, but I thought it necessary to keep everyone informed. I would like to thank you for your continued support of our wonderful airport and I would also like to thank everyone for the support and assistance you have provided to me during my transition period at GEU. I am happy to be here, and I am appreciative of the new friends I have made at the airport.

I am hopeful that, working together, we can continue to make

GEU EVEN BETTER!!

