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Projects on Final Approach

Several key projects will be completed and the planning and design of other critical initiatives will begin in 2006.

Louisville International Airport

Chautauqua Airline's \$8.5 million aircraft-maintenance hangar is scheduled for completion in February. The 60,250-square-foot, six-bay aircraft maintenance complex and crew base is located on the west side of Louisville International's airfield—allowing Chautauqua direct access to the west runway. The new facility will triple the number of planes the airline can service overnight and bring 300 jobs to Louisville.

The final phase of the \$20 million West Runway Extension project—the 1,040-foot extension of the south end of the runway—will be constructed from February through November. When complete, the 12,000-foot runway will permit airlines to fly nonstop with larger loads to destinations as far as the Pacific Rim and Europe, conserving time and fuel.

The in-line baggage screening buildings, which will allow the large scanning equipment in front of the ticket counters to be relocated to buildings behind the terminal, are slated for operation by the end of 2006. Travelers will then be able to check their bags curbside—or at the



A jet lands at Louisville International Airport.

counter—as they did prior to 9/11.

Finally, preparations begin to determine the airfield modifications necessary to accommodate the arrival of the A380 in 2009. UPS has announced plans to buy up to 20 (10 are ordered, with an option for 10 more) of the jets to expand the capacity of its air network.

Bowman Field

The \$1.8 million project to reconstruct runway 14/32 is scheduled to start in March and be complete in August. The scope includes pulverizing of the existing pavement, which will result in a fully rehabilitated runway.

In addition, the Authority is working with the FAA on new instrument approaches to improve Bowman's all-weather capability.

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The Airports' Snow Teams



A snow blower is ready for winter.

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Airport personnel practice months in advance to ensure that all goes smoothly during the winter season as they clear snow and ice from runways and taxiways for safe and on-time aircraft operations.

Louisville International

The airport is responsible for maintaining runways, taxiways, and aircraft ramps— as well as roadways, sidewalks, and some parking areas. The 15 miles of taxiways/runways and the 10 miles of airfield roadway are cleaned using power equipment. One mile of sidewalk is manually cleaned.

The Authority recently acquired a new snow broom and snow plow for the fleet of 11, as clearing the airfield is the priority. Other equipment is used to keep roadways, parking lots, walkways and other areas clear of snow and ice.

In addition to snow- and ice-removal equipment, 23 four-wheel drive vehicles are available to ensure that key personnel can reach the airfield in emergency weather conditions.

Bowman Field

Clearing the runways is the priority for Bowman Field, too. After the airfield is cleared, crews focus on the ramps and then clear the walkways and parking lots. Bowman's crews use a 22-foot snowplow, a snow blower and three pickup trucks with snow blades. A 1,000-gallon "pull behind" de-icer tanker is used, also.

Sprucing Up For Spring

In January, the two tunnels linking the terminal and the parking garage will be renovated. The walls will be repainted and new carpeting installed.

Our news and gift (Paradies), and food and beverage (HMS Host) concessionaires will make some changes and improvements to their stores in the coming months. Woodford Reserve will be renovated. Specific plans for other stores past the security checkpoint are being finalized, so watch for a bright, fresh look this spring.

Winners Again

Louisville International Airport received a first place award for the most innovative concession—Altitude: A Traveler's Club—in the Airports Council International's 2005 Excellence in Airport Concessions contest. The award honors airports "providing superior concessions to meet the needs of the traveling public."

Recently, the International Academy of Communications Arts and Sciences awarded our fiscal year 2004 annual report, *Finishing Touches*, its Galaxy silver award for design (in the commemorative book category). In addition, the report garnered several other awards. It received a Landmarks of Excellence award from the Kentucky chapters of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

The fiscal year 2005 annual report will be distributed in January.



Altitude: A Traveler's Club offers daily, monthly and yearly memberships.

Checkpoint Changes

Recent changes in Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations mean that airline travelers will see more random screenings and fewer prohibited items.

Passengers will once again be able to carry small tools and scissors on-board the aircraft, which currently make up about one-fourth of the millions of prohibited items confiscated from carry-on bags each year. These changes will allow TSA to focus on better screening for explosives and other threats to the aviation system.

Passengers will still walk through a metal detector and have their carry-on and checked baggage screened. However, security measures may now include additional searches. Examples of these screenings include screening shoes for explosives and hand-wanding passengers. In addition, screeners will conduct more random patdown searches and additional inspections of carry-on bags.

For detailed information, visit www.TSA.gov.

Take The Time

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PASSENGERS
(ARRIVING & DEPARTING)
NOVEMBER 308,459
CY-T-D 3,449,228

TOTAL CARGO (LBS)
NOVEMBER 360,440,834
CY-T-D 3,614,305,322

OPERATIONS
(TAKE OFFS & LANDINGS)
NOVEMBER 15,103
CY-T-D 163,982

BOWMAN FIELD STATISTICS

OPERATIONS
(TAKE OFFS & LANDINGS)
NOVEMBER 7,777
CY-T-D 99,012



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