



2012 ANNUAL REPORT





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Greetings,

The Board of Commissioners and staff of the City of Naples Airport Authority proudly present this report to highlight the activities and accomplishments of the 2012 fiscal year. This was one of the most active periods in the airport's seven-decade history, and I am proud of the dedication and vision of our board, the Noise Compatibility Committee and staff.

Three milestones may have long-term benefits that we may fully appreciate only years from now. The paving of the main runway's displaced thresholds improved safety for pilots at Naples Municipal Airport, reduced sound for the airport's neighbors and improved the airport's chances for resuming scheduled air service. This project may have been the most significant step available to us for additional sound attenuation. We continue to look for other ways to lessen sound, and further reductions will be smaller but cumulative.

The second milestone was the Noise Compatibility Committee's "Please Fly Safe Fly Quiet" initiative, designed to promote the airport's noise abatement measures. This campaign's launch gave us the opportunity to connect more strongly with general aviation pilots and airport tenants with the goal of a quieter airport.

The opening of the Museum of Military Memorabilia in the commercial service terminal, another milestone, allows us to help honor the veterans who have and are protecting the cause of freedom, preserve artifacts associated with military history and create a greater understanding of military conflicts among present and future generations.

It was very exciting to have JetBlue express interest in serving Naples. Although the airline has shelved its plans, knowing Naples Municipal Airport is on the radar of one of the nation's top airlines was gratifying. Also gratifying were several awards and recognitions bestowed on the airport in the past year.

The Authority has worked to step up its communications and public outreach efforts. An electronic newsletter program was launched in late August 2011. Eleven e-newsletters were sent during the fiscal year to announce new developments, provide information about projects, publicize meetings and events, and offer other news of interest. Airport staff regularly attends city and county presidents' council meetings to foster an open exchange of accurate information and ideas, and we are adding more and more information to our website.

We welcome your interest and input, and encourage you to attend our board meetings or watch them on the Internet at www.naplesgov.com. I also invite you to register to receive the Authority's electronic newsletters by visiting www.FlyNaples.com. My fellow commissioners and I will continue to represent the interests of all our constituents in overseeing the operation of "The Best Little Airport in the Country."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cormac Giblin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cormac Giblin, Chairman

Ernest Linneman, Vice Chairman, and Liaison to the Noise Compatibility Committee
John Allen • Linda Flewelling • Robert Sullivan

Distinctions

- ➔ The Florida Department of Transportation named Naples Municipal Airport the state's general aviation airport of the year for 2012. Aaron N. Smith, state aviation director for FDOT, said, "This airport continues the tradition of providing the local community and state with an airport that is economically self-sufficient while remaining focused on improving safety and security with an emphasis on maintaining the aesthetics and acoustics that are important to local residents." Smith also cited the rehabilitation of the main runway in 2011 and most taxiways during the last four years; exceptional service to airport users; use of the airport as a venue for community events; and the customs facility that opened in 2010.
- ➔ The Government Finance Officers Association recognized the Authority and Director of Finance Sheila Etelamaki with a seventh consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- ➔ Readers of Professional Pilot magazine named Naples Municipal Airport the 27th best fixed-base operator and the 15th best independent fixed base operator in the nation. In addition, pilots participating in an Aviation International News FBO survey ranked the airport as the fourth most improved FBO from 2010 to 2011.

Other accomplishments

- ➔ The Museum of Military Memorabilia at Naples Municipal Airport celebrated its grand opening on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. The Authority unanimously voted in July to provide 900 square feet of space in the commercial terminal where the museum displays some of its 10,000 military artifacts. During its first year at the airport, more than 10,000 people visited the museum.
- ➔ The Authority reopened Runway 5/23 before the Thanksgiving 2011 weekend after paving the safety areas at both ends of the primary runway. The project was completed under budget in less than four months. The runway's declared takeoff distance was extended from 5,000 to 5,800 feet with the landing distance remaining at 5,000 feet. Extra takeoff length lets aircraft achieve higher altitudes before leaving the airport, reducing sound under the flight path. The longer takeoff distance improves the airport's chances of resuming commercial air service with regional jets, which can require more runway length. The project also made more room available for aborted takeoffs and other emergencies.
- ➔ In March 2012, the airport hosted Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology's inaugural Fly-in/Cruise-in. Thousands enjoyed a pancake breakfast and admired the hundreds of aircraft and vehicles displayed on the tarmac.
- ➔ The Noise Compatibility Committee's "Please Fly Safe, Fly Quiet" campaign to encourage compliance with airport noise abatement measures emphasizes the recommended 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. aircraft curfew, preferred flight corridors, "keep-it-high" landing procedures and quieter departure techniques.
- ➔ In June, the Federal Aviation Administration completed its annual review and gave Naples Municipal Airport its 17th consecutive perfect score in complying with all required standards.
- ➔ In June, JetBlue expressed interest in serving Naples with nonstop, low-fare service from several New York airports. Four months later, the airline indefinitely suspended its research into possible service to Naples.
- ➔ The Authority hosted more than 600 aviation professionals in Naples in July for the 43rd annual conference of the Florida Airports Council. Airport professionals, sponsors, exhibitors and their families complimented the community, venue and conference program.
- ➔ In September, Twin Air Calypso Limited Inc., operating as Naples Connection, announced plans to begin scheduled air service between Naples Municipal Airport and four Florida cities.
- ➔ The Authority secured initial grants totaling almost \$1.2 million from the Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation for water-management system improvements and the Taxiway A extension project at Naples Municipal Airport. Additional grants are expected to fund 95 percent of the \$8 million-plus project, scheduled to launch in spring 2013, as well as two years of monitoring the results of the water-management system improvements. The project could serve as a national model.

Statistics

- ➔ Total aircraft operations in 2012: 87,078, an increase of 3% compared to the previous year
- ➔ Total number of aircraft clearings through U.S. Customs: 508, with 492 staying in Naples

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Noise Compatibility Committee members:
 Chair Scottie Yeager • Vice Chair William Cox
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