



City of Naples Airport Authority 2015 Annual Report



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I am happy to present this summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the City of Naples Airport Authority during the 2014-15 fiscal year. Last year, I expected 2015 to bring milestones and surprises. The year did not disappoint.

It is difficult to summarize all that has been accomplished during the past 12 months. Airport activity is increasing but is still 40% below 2005 levels. We have added staff and trained hard, remaining ever conscious of safety issues. Leasing airport property has been successful, virtually erasing our inventory of developable sites. We maintained our strong financial position and improved customer service, as reflected in national polls of pilots. We earned our 10th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and enjoyed a clean financial audit with no management comments.

The Noise Compatibility Committee has made substantial progress, and we have made significant advancements in our communication plans and community outreach efforts. Our team members have been very active in the community individually, and we have hosted many community functions at the airport. As one of the gateways to the City of Naples, we are a very attractive community asset, and it is clear that we have a great team, with each member contributing to our operational and business success.

As the Authority Boards have wrestled with the wording of mission and vision statements over the last two decades, two factors have always been stressed: maintaining our sense of community and providing the very best customer service. We are continually recognized locally and nationally for the high quality of our service. Our commercial air service study, launched to determine community interest in commercial airline service at Naples Municipal Airport, showed that 75% of those polled feel the airport has been a good neighbor, respectful and responsive to those who live nearby.

This is my last annual report letter. I have announced my plans to retire in April and relocate near my sons and grandchildren. Although it is tough to leave, I'm proud of what we've accomplished since I joined the Airport Authority in 1994. Our staff is among the best in the nation, our facilities are top-notch, and we have earned a national reputation for innovative and effective noise-control techniques. I look forward to watching what happens next at "The Best Little Airport in the Country."

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore D. Soliday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Theodore D. Soliday, CM, Executive Director

Airport Authority Board of Commissioners

James Rideoutte, Chairman → John Nocera, Vice Chairman → Dick Evans → Donna Messer → Raymond Stricklen

Distinctions

The Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives honored Theodore D. Soliday, below with Representative Curt Clawson, as 2015 Aviation Professional of the Year. The chapter includes 12 states plus the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. Soliday was named Florida Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation in 2014 and 2002 and has earned several other recognitions during his career.



The Florida Airports Council recognized the Naples Municipal Airport Water Management System Improvements and Taxiway A Extension project with the 2015 J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award, General Aviation Airport. Airport ponds were reconfigured to improve pollutant filtering (see photo above right) and discourage wildlife, which pose a threat to aircraft. Taxiway A was extended to encourage aircraft to use the full length of the runway, so that aircraft are flying higher when they leave airport property, lessening noise on the ground.

Of Note

Several projects were completed on schedule and on budget, including the rehabilitation of Runway 14/32 and the ramp. With the completion of this project, all runways, taxiways and ramps on the airport have been resurfaced within the last seven years.

The Numbers

→ The Florida Department of Transportation values the airport's economic impact to the community at \$283.5 million annually.

→ Total aircraft operations in 2015: 99,569, nearly 4.7% more than the previous year. Operations during the 10 p.m.-7 a.m. voluntary curfew decreased by 2.7%.

→ Total number of aircraft clearings through U.S. Customs: 906, a more than 15% increase over the previous year. Naples was the destination for nearly 97% of those aircraft.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to the following who, along with many others, contributed to the Authority's accomplishments:

Noise Compatibility Committee Members

Chair M. Richard Mellon • Vice Chair Ernest Linneman • Bruce Bickelmann • Bruce Byerly
Doug Finlay • William Goddard • Justin Lobb • Robert Metzler • Gary Revall



Naples Airport Authority staff, including

Theodore D. Soliday, Executive Director • Sheila A. Dugan, Deputy Executive Director
Kerry Keith, Senior Director of Airport Development and Facilities
Sheila Etelamaki, Senior Director of Finance and Administration • Ryan Frost, Director of Airport Operations
Diane Terrill, Director of Communications
Ron Jefferson, Assistant Director of Airport Development and Facilities • and others

City of Naples Airport Authority Chairs

1969-70	Potter Smith	1998	Ronald M. Pennington
1970-71	Robert L. Hill, Jr.	1999	Leonard H. Thornton
1971-72	William H. Creason	2000	Ronald M. Pennington
1972-74	Byron E. Harding	2001	Eric West
1974-78	John M. Miller	2002	Peter L. Manion
1979	Robert E. Lee Hall	2003	Peter G. Eschauzier
1979	John M. Miller	2004	Alice J. Carlson
1980-82	Edwin J. Putzell, Jr.	2005	Peter L. Manion
1983-84	Robert N. Tiffany	2006-07	Ernest W. Linneman
1985-86	Edward J. Kant	2008-09	John N. Allen
1987-88	William R. Blaikie	2010	Robert J. Sullivan II
1988-90	Toivo Tammerk	2011-12	Cormac J. Giblin
1991-92	Raymond E. Carroll	2013	Ernest W. Linneman
1992-94	Eugene J. Schmidt	2014	John N. Allen
1994-97	Edwin J. Putzell, Jr.	2015	James Rideoutte
1997-98	Joseph A. Bawduniak		



State Representative Curt Clawson visited Naples Municipal Airport to meet with Airport Authority representatives and several airport-based public services. Joining the discussion were (left to right) Kerry Keith, Ted Soliday, Clawson, Steve Adams of Collier County MedFlight, Robert McDonald of the Museum of Military Memorabilia, Tom Wilmot of Collier County Mosquito Control District, Mark Cherney of Collier County Sheriff's Office, Aviation Division and Diane Terrill.



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