



GMIA Airfield Update Newsletter Winter 2013

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of the General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Airfield Update. With the onset of Winter, airport construction is mostly complete and any maintenance work done on runways or taxiways will be on an as needed basis. There is currently no work planned with a definite schedule associated with it.

The bridge construction affecting our main east/west runway (Rwy 7R/25L) is almost finished for the Winter as well. Five daily closures of the runway remain for December between 8:00am and 3:00pm. This is due to the crane making finishing touches on the bridge deck penetrating protected airspace that surrounds the runway. Because of the weather conditions at this time of year, the work will be sporadic and unpredictable. When completed in 2014, the bridge will be part of a new airport perimeter road that will increase safety by allowing airport vehicles to traverse the airport without having to cross an active runway.

The majority of runway closures over the next three to four months will likely be for snow removal. During freezing precipitation events, a single runway is designated to be kept open based on expected winds. A concentrated effort is then maintained to keep that runway and associated taxiways open. This is done through use of plows, sand, and runway deicers. They are utilized, as appropriate, in twenty minute sessions covering the entire specified area. Once the freezing precipitation ends, other runways and taxiways are reopened as clean-up efforts are accomplished. This, in effect, is the same as daily closures for maintenance or construction, though even less predictable.

Thank you again for staying up to date on the activities of GMIA. Unless warranted, the next Airfield Update Newsletter will be distributed in March, with a goal of keeping you informed of the latest events influencing aircraft operations.

Runway 7R/25L

Intermittent daily closures
through December.

Runway 1L/19R

Open

Runway 1R/19L

Open

Runway 13/31

Open

Runway 7L/25R

Open

