



GMIA Airfield Update Newsletter

July 2013

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of the General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Airfield Update. Now that summer is well underway, we have made significant progress on the construction projects that have been planned for this year. The work on the tunnel that passes beneath our main north-south runway (1L/19R) that necessitated its closure for much of the month of May is complete. Additionally, as of June 28th, the refurbishment of our main east-west runway (7R-25L) is finished as well.

Even with this reopening, please be aware that Rwy 7R/25L will still be subject to daily closures from around 8:00am through around 5:00pm during the week, and possibly Saturdays. This is due to cranes in close proximity to the runway that will be installing pilings for a new bridge over Howell Ave. 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. In our previous update, published a couple of weeks ago, we anticipated this work being accomplished in the first half of July. In actuality, it has not begun yet due to work on the infrastructure underneath Howell Ave. The pilings and associated cranes are now expected to require daily closures of Rwy 7R/25L in the month of August, though actual dates and timeframe are still uncertain.

Finally, there will be a two day closure of Rwy 1L/19R again in August for some navigational equipment maintenance that will need to be coordinated with the above construction. Once the dates are known, they will be passed along. Future Airfield Update Newsletters will have this and other airfield operational information as it becomes available.

Runway 7R/25L

Daily closures in August

Runway 1L/19R

Open, except for a two day closure planned for August

Runway 1R/19L

Open

Runway 13/31

Open

Runway 7L/25R

Open

