



# **GMIA Airfield Update Newsletter**

## **July 2014**

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of the General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Airfield Update. As summer progresses, even with the rain, projects that affect airport operations are moving along. There are several that are well underway, and others that are about to start.

Runway 1L/19R (main north/south runway) will remain closed for another couple of weeks. The shoulder work and concrete panel replacement on taxiways parallel to the runway are anticipated to be completed on August 4th. Later in August there will be daily closures associated with replacement of runway guard lights that warn taxiing pilots that they are about to cross a runway.

Runway 7R/25L (main east/west runway) will also experience daily closures with the resumption of bridge work over Howell Ave. that was begun last year. Construction is slated to begin shortly after the August 4th opening of Rwy 1L/19R, leading to a total of about two months of daily runway closures. Work will be coordinated with Rwy 1L/19R, as both will not be closed simultaneously during the overlap in projects. When completed, 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 planned closure of the Ground Run-up Enclosure (GRE) will begin on Monday, July 21st, with reopening slated for the week of August 4th. This represents the first significant maintenance on the facility since opening in 2002. Concrete panels that have deteriorated will be replaced along with general maintenance and upkeep items that are in need of attention. Since the GRE will be unusable, it should be anticipated that there may be increased noise from aircraft conducting engine maintenance test runs.

One of the smaller general aviation runways continues to be closed. Runway

7L/25R is unavailable in coordination with other projects and is also having its asphalt surface replaced. The asphalt project has received initial grant funding, with more anticipated shortly. Based on funding, the runway resurfacing will likely be completed at the beginning of September. Because of the smaller aircraft that use this runway, the impact to the surrounding communities should be minimal.

Lastly, while normally outside the scope of this newsletter, there is the baggage claim project and its effect on vehicle traffic at the airport. All vehicles, except shuttles, buses, and oversize vehicles, are being directed to the normal ticketing/check-in drive. Baggage claim is to the left as you enter and passenger drop-offs are to the right. Please be advised that the ticketing/check-in drive is height limited. Vehicle heights above 11'10" will not clear the overhead walkway structures. Heed any warnings that are activated if your vehicle is too high.

Thank you for your interest in the activities of GMIA. Any modifications to the above projects will be passed on through this newsletter, so please continue to monitor it over the coming months.

### Runway 7R/25L

Coordinated daily closures beginning August 5th for approx. two months

### Runway 1L/19R

Full closure June 23rd through August 4th, then coordinated daily for the remainder of the month

### Runway 1R/19L

Open

### Runway 13/31

Open, unless affected by intersecting runway work

### Runway 7L/25R

Closed until first part of September

