

# GMIA Airfield Update Newsletter August 2014

#### Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of the General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Airfield Update. With summer winding down, major projects have either been partially or fully completed. Other smaller ones are still anticipated but will not have a dramatic effect on flight operations.

Runway 1L/19R (main north/south runway) was gradually reopened a couple of weeks ago as associated work was completed. Later this Fall there will be daily closures associated with replacement of runway guard lights that warn taxiing pilots that they are about to cross a runway. The actual dates will depend on when parts that have been on order arrive.

Intermittent daily closures of Rwy 7R/25L (main east/west runway) continue as a result of bridge work over Howell Ave. that was begun last year. Construction can be anticipated through late Fall. Work will be coordinated with the Rwy 1L/19R guard light replacement project, as both runways will not be closed simultaneously. 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) has been extended until approximately September 5th. This represents the first significant maintenance on the facility since opening in 2002. Concrete panels that have deteriorated are being replaced, along with general maintenance and upkeep items that are in need of attention. Unfortunately, problems with the econoncrete and underlying base were discovered after removal of the concrete panels. This led to additional repairs and installation of a drainage system. Since the GRE continues to be unusable, it should be anticipated that there may be increased noise from aircraft conducting engine maintenance test runs through the beginning of September.

Construction on one of the smaller general aviation runways (Rwy 7L/25R) is about to begin again. With receipt of final funding necessary to complete the project, the remaining runway resurfacing will be done from August 22nd through about September 26th. 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 through Fall

# Runway 1L/19R

Coordinated daily closures this Fall

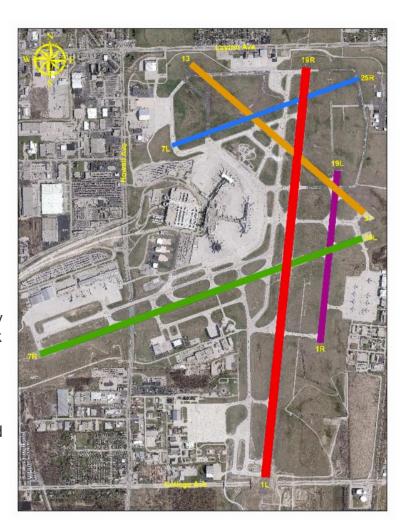
### Runway 1R/19L Open

# **Runway 13/31**

Open, unless affected by intersecting runway work

# Runway 7L/25R

Closed Aug. 26th until approximately Sep. 22nd



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