



GMIA Airfield Update Newsletter

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Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of the General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Airfield Update. With warmer weather upon us, there are a couple of construction projects that will be affecting airport operations.

The main north-south runway (1L/19R) was closed for maintenance on a utility/drainage tunnel that is located under the runway on May 13th. The tunnel is also close to runway 13/31, so work will necessitate daily closures of this runway as well. Consequently, commercial traffic will be exclusively using the east-west runway (7R-25L). As can sometimes happen with construction, completion of the project and the reopening of runway 1L/19R has been pushed back to May 28th.

Once the tunnel refurbishment is complete, work will shift to runway 7R/25L, thus requiring its closure and the use of runway 1L/19R by most aircraft. With the slight delay described above, the anticipated start date is June 3rd, with concrete panel replacement and shoulder repair being the focus of the work. Also, cranes will be in place adjacent to the runway putting in 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 actually cross a runway. While the use of cranes on the bridge construction is designed to run concurrently with the other work on 7R/25L, it is possible daily closures of the runway will occur after the completion of actual runway work, which is scheduled for completion approximately July 3rd.

Finally, there will be an additional two day closure of Rwy 1L/19R again in August for some navigational equipment maintenance. 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

Closed June 3rd - about July 3rd, with possible daily closures thereafter

Runway 1L/19R

Closed May 13th - 28th, with two additional days expected in August

Runway 1R/19L

Open

Runway 13/31

Daily closures May 13th - 28th

Runway 7L/25R

Open

