



AIRPORT BUZZ

Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville California - October 2023



Status of NE Taxilane Grant Projects

DESIGN:

Great news! The Airport just received word we've been awarded a matching grant from Caltrans in the amount of \$15,142. This is in addition to the FAA Grant of \$221,493 for the design work on the NE Taxilane Reconstruction Project. You may have noticed the surveyor on site last week surveying the Taxilane area, which is the start of work on the new design.

RECONSTRUCTION:

A pre-application has been submitted to the FAA, requesting \$3.04 million grant to fund the Reconstruction portion of the Taxilane. Due to the high cost of construction, this project was split into two phases per FAA direction, one phase covering the "rib" portion of the Taxilane on the north side and the other on the south. Currently the project for the north side is funded at \$1.9 million. We are working with the FAA local office to get the additional funding, as well as exploring strategies of how to move forward if no additional funding becomes available.



Special Airport Advisory Committee Meeting- December 6th

A Special Nut Tree Advisory Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM in the Airport Conference Room. This meeting is in addition to our regularly scheduled quarterly advisory committee meeting. The topic of discussion will be the upcoming hangar inspections. The Fire Marshal will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding fire safety and requirements. Please join us if interested.

Kick off Meeting for the Airport Layout Plan

Mead & Hunt is conducting a kickoff meeting on November 28 with Airport staff and our FBOs to begin the on-site gathering of information in preparation to updating the Airport Layout Plan. This is expected to be an 8-month process.

Status of Electrical Assessment Study grant project



Mead & Hunt, the consulting firm heading up the project, will be at the Airport along with Royal Electric to assess the lighting on the runway. The assessment team will need some temporary runway closures on Monday, Nov 13th and Tuesday the 14th. Airport staff is working with them to minimize interruption of aircraft operations. Once the schedule is determined, airport staff will issue a NOTAM and send an email to update tenants.

This assessment is the first step in multi-year FAA grant funding and will allow us to move forward in scoping, design, and construction of improvements to critical lighting systems at our airport – including runway, taxiways, navaid, and rotating beacon. We appreciate your patience as work is done to complete this stage of the project.

Office Closures

Please note that on Friday, November 10th the Administration Office, and all County offices, will be closed for Veterans Day. Staff would like to thank all Veterans based at the Airport for their service and all that they have done to serve our Country.



The Administration Office will also be closed on November 23rd and 24th to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Elevator Upgrade Update

The upgrade work to the elevator in the Administration Building is almost complete. The project is ahead of schedule and is expected to be done by November 1st. Signs will remain in the Administration Building, however, until the State completes their inspection and certifies the elevator compliant with State requirements.

Safety/Courtesy Message of the Month – Parking your car without Blocking others

The Airport has received several complaints recently of cars parked in locations that make navigating into and out of a hangar difficult for other tenants, as well as vehicles parked in fire lanes. Please make sure that you (or guests you invite onto the airfield), park in accordance with the Nut Tree Airport’s Rules and Regulations, approved by the Board of Supervisors, and that you are being a good neighbor to your fellow tenants and not blocking or limiting their access to the airfield or their hangar.

Here’s an excerpt from Chapter 2.4-28 of the Solano County Code for all airports in the County, regarding parking of Motor Vehicles:

“All persons using the airport shall operate automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, or tugs in accordance with the following rules:

- A. Vehicles shall be parked within the parking areas approved by the Airport Manager only.
- B. No common carrier vehicle or vehicle for hire shall load or unload passengers or stand at the airport in any place other than in the area designated by the Airport Manager.
- C. Vehicles shall not be operated beyond roads and parking area limits or on the ramps or aprons except by persons assigned to duty there or authorized by the Airport Manager.
- D. No person shall operate any vehicle in any of the landing or taxiway areas, unless authorized to do so by the Airport Manager and then only in the manner pre-scribed.
- E. Vehicle speed shall be limited to fifteen (15) miles per hour within the airport parking areas.
- F. The Airport Manager shall have authority to move vehicles parked in improper locations, and the owners of such vehicles shall be responsible for payment of any towing charges necessitated thereby.”

If you are interested in a refresh of the rules and regulations on the airfield, you can find this information at <https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/SolanoCounty/#!/SolanoCounty0204.html>.

AOPA Security Training being Offered

If anyone is interested in receiving AOPA - TSA Security Training for General Aviation airports, Sue Clark (one of our tie-down tenants) will be offering the course in the Airport Conference Room The training is required for flight instructors but is helpful security information for anyone that frequents an airport. Please contact Sue at apuppypilot@gmail.com or text her at 925-997-4778 for more information on what the course consists of and when the course will be offered.

Museum Event



The Rowland Freedom Center will be having a 12 Planes of Christmas event on Sunday, December 17th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. They are looking for aircraft (military, warbirds, trainers or other historic planes) to display outside the museum for the event. If interested please contact Shaina at 707-449-3402 or s.whaley@rowlandfreedomcenter.org

New Pilots’ Lounge Chairs

If you have been in the Pilots’ Lounge lately you may have noticed the addition of 4 new reclining chairs. The chairs were donated by 2 visiting pilots - Rick Cavendar and Albert Seber. The chairs can fully recline and will make long layovers much more comfortable for pilots. We are very grateful for their generous donation.

This recurring publication is for the benefit of our Nut Tree Airport tenants and stakeholders. If you have matters relevant to our Airport Community, and would like it included, please contact Molly Chatwin at the Office.