



Welcome to On The Horizon, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport's newsletter. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on airport activities, get to know our tenants better, and tell you more about airport operations. We appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding stories, updates, or questions we can answer for you. Feel free to reach out...David (david@flyoth.com)

Passenger Air Travel Steadily Increasing

Air travel has fluctuated greatly over the past couple of years. The pandemic and consumer fears have caused issues for many sectors of life, especially aviation. However, over the past few months, air travel has picked up significantly at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. This increase in air travel appears to be for both business and pleasure purposes.

There are different metrics used to examine how full flights are with ticketed passengers. One of the simplest methods is to look at an air route's load factor. Load factor is usually given in percentage form and measures how much of the airline's carrying capacity has been utilized on a given route. Another way to think of it is that it shows how many of the available seats are being occupied by passengers.

For May, SFO flights are about an 80% load factor and DEN flights are about 63%.

For June, SFO flights are about a 76% load factor and DEN flights are about 75%.

The high load factors show people are traveling to and from Coos County on a consistent basis. This not only benefits the airport but the surrounding communities as well. It is clear that tourism is returning to Coos County! Tickets can be purchased on [United.com](https://www.united.com).



Ramp Expansion Progress Report

Over the past few editions of this newsletter, there has been information on the ramp expansion project at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. Older buildings that have outlived their useful life were removed to allow for more ramp space, the Beta eVTOL charging station, and other additions that will benefit the airport and surrounding community. We are excited to announce that this past July, the last two buildings have been successfully removed.



A

lot of time and planning went into making sure the demolition was done in both a timely and safe manner.



The next couple of phases include adding a larger perimeter fence line, moving various power

poles and utilities, and laying down fresh pavement. The entire project is projected to be completed by the end of 2022.

Various grants are being used to help fund this expansion. Over the coming years, aviation related buildings and structures will



make good use of this area. Possible structures include hangars, office spaces, a cargo hub, and a maintenance shop. The additional land will allow the airport to not only accommodate the community with updated and safe structures, but bring some modern and exciting technology to Coos County. More information will be provided as the project progresses.

New TSA Baggage Screening Equipment Installed



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Southwest Oregon Regional Airport have worked together in order to have a more efficient and advanced checked bag screener installed



at the airport. The new machine is called a CT-80. Up to this point, all checked bags needed to be individually inspected by hand. More TSA agents and time is required during that process. Now, that is no longer the case. Only bags that alarm through this advanced screener will need

to be searched. Additionally, since many arriving travelers visit Bandon Dunes Golf Course, larger, oversized bags are constantly processed through TSA. Golf bags are a very time-consuming piece of luggage in order to

properly screen for safety and security. With this new equipment installed, more bags are able to be screened in a shorter period of time. This not only increases overall efficiency but will allow other TSA agents to perform additional safety duties during this time. The goal is to make the entire screening process at the airport quicker and more efficient.



As a friendly reminder, SkyWest recommends all travelers to arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes before scheduled departure, especially if bags are to be checked. There are strict checked bag “cut-off” times that the airline must adhere to in order to maintain the flight schedule and allow time for proper security screening.

Crack Sealing Completed on Airfield

Late last year, the airport began a pavement crack sealing project around the airfield. However, due to the high water table, it was postponed until last month and was successfully completed. Normal wear and tear, weather, and vehicle/aircraft traffic put a lot of stressors on the taxiways and runways. These cracks that form sometimes allow vegetation to





grow, which can cause more damage over time. Equipment was used that grinded out all excess dirt and vegetation within the cracks. Then a special sealant was used to fill in any of those areas. By addressing this issue early on, the airfield pavement will maintain its structural integrity for many years to come.

Job Posting at the Airport: Office Manager



The Coos County Airport District (CCAD) is seeking qualified candidates for an Office Manager position. The CCAD is looking for an individual with demonstrated experience in performing duties associated with administrative functions, implementation of grants and other financial operations, lease management, and human resources. The CCAD is willing to train candidates if they possess some of the skills required and are motivated to learn.

Depending on experience and qualifications, hiring range is \$50,000 – \$60,000 (negotiable).

There is a generous work/life balance, granting 12 paid holidays a year, a competitive benefits package, annual Cost of Living Adjustments, and performance-based pay increases.

Interested candidates should send resumes to:

Coos County Airport District

1100 Airport Lane

North Bend, OR 97459

or Email: info@flyoth.com . Questions 541-756-8531.

Position will remain open until filled. The full Job description is available on our website: <https://cooscountyairportdistrict.com/administration/>





Did you know JFK visited OTH in the late 1950s? Interested to see how the airfield looked 80 years ago? Be sure to stop by the terminal and check out the new cabinet display showing various historical pictures of Southwest Oregon Regional Airport!

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