

COOS COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT

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DENVER ARRIVING MAY 22ND



Booking commercial air service to and from Denver is now available at [united.com](https://www.united.com). Denver service is offered Wednesdays and Sundays through October 23, 2024. United Express operated by Skywest also offers daily flights to San Francisco. The number of passengers filling available seats (enplanements) on United's flight to and from the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport continued at a record pace. In April, passengers filled 74% of available seats. There was no change to numbers over April in 2023, however it helps keep the numbers on a better than anticipated trajectory.

The airport experienced record-setting numbers of passenger traffic over numbers achieved in the prior years. The continued increase is good news for the south coast and the airport, especially as the district continues to seek a northbound route for commuters. In April, the CCAD Board of Commissioners, approved an expanded contract with the aviation consulting firm Volaire. There are also plans for airport officials to attend a conference this year to meet with multiple carriers in person to discuss Portland service from OTH.



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COUNTDOWN ON TO REAL ID

After being postponed, the Department of Homeland Security through the Transportation Security Administration says REAL ID compliance will be effective May 7, 2025. On that date, travelers 18 years and older must have a state-issued REAL ID compliant ID or License. To learn more, visit the TSA or Oregon DMV websites.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD C130 VISIT



Some of the best things happen when you least expect it. Recently, the airport was visited by the Air National Guard crew from Reno, Nevada. The C130 received fuel and the crew enjoyed lunch before moving on to their next destination. One crew member was excited to be here as he had never seen the ocean. Meanwhile, the apron near Coos Aviation has been regularly filled with aircraft. In early May, Bandon Dunes Resort celebrated 25 years. The expanded apron has seen a lot of private and corporate aircraft traffic during that time. Since it was completed, it has been a beneficial addition to General Aviation Services. To see some of the other visits, check out and like or Facebook or Instagram pages.

USCG AIR STATION OPEN HOUSE

Other activities that have taken place around the airport include the US Coast Guard's 50th anniversary open house. The young and young-at-heart were able to get inside Helicopters and Motor Lifeboats. Here, they stepped inside ARFF 1 for a photo. Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting trucks are very different than structural trucks. This has a 700 HP engine and carries 1500 gallons of water along with 500 pounds of dry chemical and 250 gallons of foam. It allows the airport to serve aircraft with 30 or more passenger seats. It is also critical to maintain certification.



CCAD PROPERTY TREE ASSESSMENT



The airport is in the process of securing an arborist to conduct a review of the trees on the property that will then be developed into a management plan. Recently, maintenance staff removed some trees that had fallen near the bluff. If you see a tree that poses a concern or has fallen, contact the airport office at (541) 756-8531 or email info@flyoth.com.

WWII APRON RECONSTRUCTION PLANNED



The Coos County Airport District Board is moving forward with plans to reconstruct the 80-year-old apron at the airport. It provides for aircraft parking and fueling. It is also used by REACH Air Medical and to access the ARFF Fire Station, airport main commercial hangar, and the new expanded apron. The 300,000 square foot apron has been showing signs of its age and a failure could jeopardize airport operations. Airport administration had secured \$2M in federal funds to begin repairing a section of the concrete, however the FAA has now reduced that amount. The preliminary design is nearing completion and Adurra Group was hired to prepare and review the Request for Quotes (RFQ). A prebid conference was held earlier this month. To replace the entire apron at this time, it is estimated it would cost \$23M.

AIRPORT STAFF UPDATES



Travis Mickelson has joined the Coos County Airport District as an ARFF Firefighter and Operations Specialist. He comes to us from the maintenance department after returning to the Bay Area from Portland where he worked in high tech manufacturing. Travis graduated from North Bend High School and is an avid supporter of his daughter, Jordyn, who is a middle school track athlete running the 400 sprint and

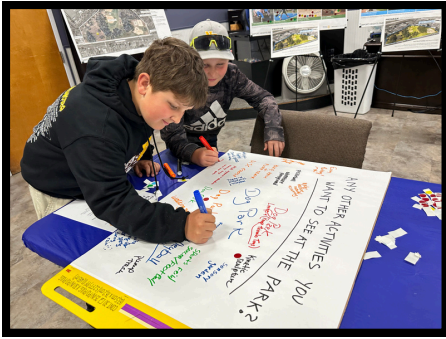
other running events. He is very proud that she now holds school records. Travis recently completed his Fire, Emergency Medical Response and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus training. He says the best part about working for the airport is the people he meets and the incredible views.

STATE POLICE TRAIN FOR PURSUITS

Oregon State Police recently conducted training on a closed ramp at the airport. It is one of the ways the airport provides service to our community. Trainers call the partnership an invaluable service. The training took place over several days and was used to build skills in stopping vehicles and detaining suspects. Trainers say the controlled environment aspect is important. Around 400 troopers statewide received the training.



PARK REVITALIZATION OPEN HOUSE



The Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club hosted the first of three public meetings with the consultant that was been hired to prepare a blueprint master plan for the 13-acre Airport Heights Park. The public had an opportunity to write down what they'd like to see in the park, talk with the consultants, and record their memories of time spent at the park.

CCAD has a memorandum of understanding with the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club to revitalize Airport Heights Park.

The district has installed some playground equipment. That, along with baseball season and better weather, has allowed more people to use the park. The meeting was a great way to ensure the project is on course and to see the interest from stakeholders and neighbors.



SCOTCH BROOM REMOVAL

You don't have to travel far along the dune that is within the Airport District boundary to find old and new growth Scotch and French Broom. CCAD partnered with the Coos Watershed Association to host a Weed Wrangle to remove the invasive bush as part of activities during Earth Week in April. The result was about 2000 plants being pulled. Since then, the CCAD Board of Commissioners has directed staff to develop a longterm plan

for eradication. That plan could encompass and effort throughout the district's boundary, especially along the bluff above the airfield.



Upcoming Events

- May 23, 7:30 am, CCAD Board Meeting
- June 11, 12:00 pm, Park Steering Committee,
- June 27, 7:30 am, CCAD Board Meeting

Meetings held in the board room located inside the airport terminal (3rd floor) at 1100 Airport Lane,

BAGGAGE BELTS REPLACED



The airport recently completed repairs to the baggage belts that serve commercial passengers arriving and departing the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. The work was part of scheduled maintenance and updates in the budget. Belt units on the protruding portions of the baggage system were replaced. The investment was \$130,000 to ensure the equipment is operational year-round. To expand the lifespan of the entire system, airport officials plan to have more enclosures built around the units before winter sets in later this year.



The belt system is important. It moves baggage and other checked cargo from the lower floor of the terminal up a floor to the baggage claim area.



The TSA has scheduled a hiring event at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport in North Bend as they look for Transportation Security Officers. The event will be held June 7, 2024 from 7:30 am to 11:00 am. To schedule an appointment or for Information on preparing for the event visit the TSA website www.jobs.tsa.gov.

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