



COOS CO. AIRPORT DISTRICT ✈️ SOUTHWEST OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT

On The Horizon Newsletter

Passenger Numbers Reach New Heights



For the second year in a row, passenger enplanements at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport have reached a new record. The number of passengers boarding or disembarking commercial flights climbed to more than 39 thousand, the highest recorded number in over a decade. That's an increase of 16.5% over 2022.

Higher than average load factors through the peak season helped. Over the summer, load factors hovered between 75 to 87 percent of available seats filled for both Denver and San Francisco routes. Travelers also had more comfortable amenities aboard the Embraer 175 aircraft that features a larger cargo space, first class seating and window and aisle seating.

United Express is operated by Skywest. It serves the South Coast with flights to San Francisco year-round and Denver seasonally (June - September). Additionally, the airport district is continuing efforts to attract northbound commercial air service and look for other opportunities for expanded service to other locations. To book flights visit united.com

Operations Adds Team Member

Sam Eley has joined the Coos County Airport District. He and his family reside in Coos County. After five years with the Coos County Sheriff's Office, he is excited to work in Airport Operations as a specialist. He brings with him airport operations experience while deployed to Afghanistan and Africa with the Army. Sam says he's looking forward to upcoming Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training and working on additional certifications. He is also excited about serving the public at our airport, a vital link for transportation on the south coast and Oregon.

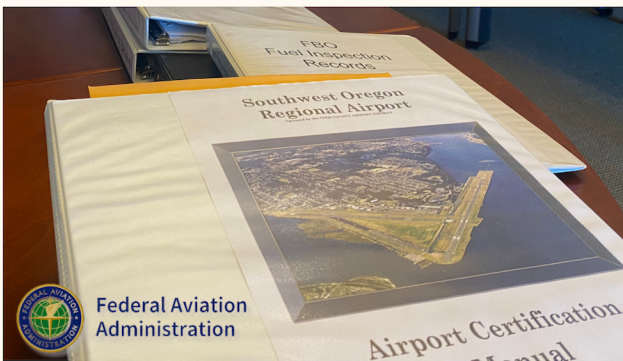




Board Amends Public Contract Policy

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROMPTS POLICY REVIEW AND CHANGES

A water leak in the vestibule at the terminal entrance was discovered after employees in lower levels of the terminal reported water seeping into their work areas following heavy rains. A leak was identified, and the repair (seal) was made for around \$250 dollars. Not knowing the fix would be so small, staff reviewed the Contract Policy for emergency repairs, and learned previous policy didn't allow for procurement of contractors in an emergency without the board holding a special meeting. Following a review of both the CCAD policy and state's procurement rules, changes were recommended to allow for contractual business on a limited basis when a quick and timely response is necessary. Commissioners approved the resolution last month. The policy will still require board review of the need, conditions, and outcomes to ensure transparency between the district and the public. The updated policy will help in future emergencies since most have been for sewer issues. CCAD owns and maintains several buildings and properties within its boundary.



Airport Re-Certified

PART 139 RECERTIFICATION ISSUED

In November the FAA inspected safety and maintenance records as part of the FAA Part 139 Certification of the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport. FAA inspectors also reviewed runway lighting and conducted aircraft fire drills. Certification is required so the airport can be served by scheduled and unscheduled aircraft with 30 or more seats.



Easy Flight Scheduling

AIRLINE BOOKING KIOSK AT OTH

Passengers who want to book air travel online but would prefer to book at the airport can now do so inside the airport terminal. Uniguest is a free, secure service that allows travelers to book United or any other Commercial Airlines. A credit card is still required for the purchase of airline tickets. Boarding passes can be printed at the kiosk.

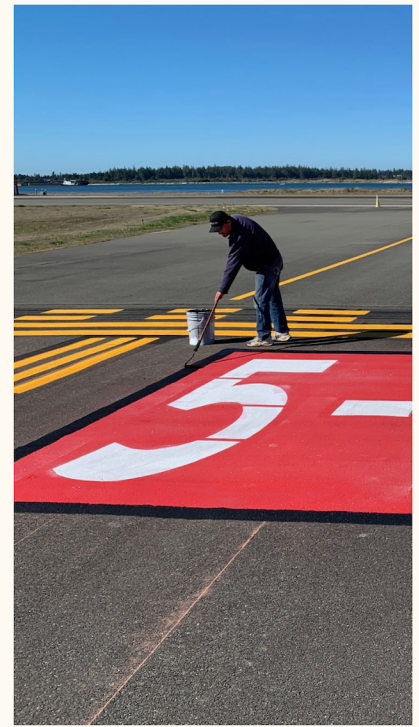
New Paint Increases Safety

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE SAVES DISTRICT MONEY BY PAINTING RUNWAYS/TAXIWAYS

You might have noticed the navigational lines and markings on the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport's Runways, Taxiways, Ramps and Approaches are all looking a little brighter these days. Maintenance crews worked for several weeks to repaint these critical markings and did so at a significant savings to the Coos County Airport District.

Every other year, markings on runways and taxiways, thresholds, touch down zones, and instrument landing areas are painted. That includes any other pavement navigational markings such as runway numbers, ILS required markings, and takeoff and distance markings. This year, 450 gallons of paint and 6000 pounds of glass (reflective) beads were used. Each Runway (5-23 and 13-31) and their corresponding taxiway are 150 feet wide and around a mile in length. There are also several approaches, safety areas, and landing zones.

In addition, maintenance crews also paint curbs, disabled parking spaces, and no parking spaces on property outside of the airfield within the district boundary. By bringing the work in-house, the district saves money. Prior to 2011 the district could pay anywhere from \$40-to-\$70 thousand for just one of two runways. This year, paint was just under \$20 thousand dollars. By doing the work in-house, there are also fewer flight disruptions and it's easier to plan around inclement weather.



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Hood Honored by US Coast Guard



BOB HOOD RECOGNIZED FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO USCG

Operations Manager and ARFF Fire Chief, Bob Hood, has been presented a **Public Service Commendation** for "24 faithful years" of working with the US Coast Guard. USCG Thirteenth District Commander, Rear Admiral Charles E. Fosse recognized Bob's selfless dedication and unparalleled commitment saying, "Over 615 crews are better trained, practiced, and proficient for any call they might receive. Mr. Hood's actions are most heartily commended by the United States Coast Guard and are in keeping with the highest traditions of public service."



Rear Admiral Fosse also recognized Bob's service that included:

- 500 flight hours in all models of the H-65 Helicopter, 738 hoists, 11 Search and Rescue cases.
- Provided vital feedback and guidance on tactics, techniques, and procedures used for all aviation assets through the Coast Guard Aviation.
- Several hundred hot refueling operations supporting 250 SAR cases, resulting in 50 lives saved.
- 15 joint mishap drills, mass casualty exercises, tsunami table talks, and operation drills in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

Through the airport Bob also supported external load training for aircrews, provided constant oversight and airport facility maintenance, and additional opportunities for USCG training. USCG Station North Bend Commanding Officer Capt. Breanna Knutson, CMC Nicole Steele, and CXO Maegan Schwartz also presented the Airbus Aeria Virtutis Award. The award recognizes aerial heroism and exceptional skill while conducting a lifesaving mission in an Airbus Helicopter.

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