



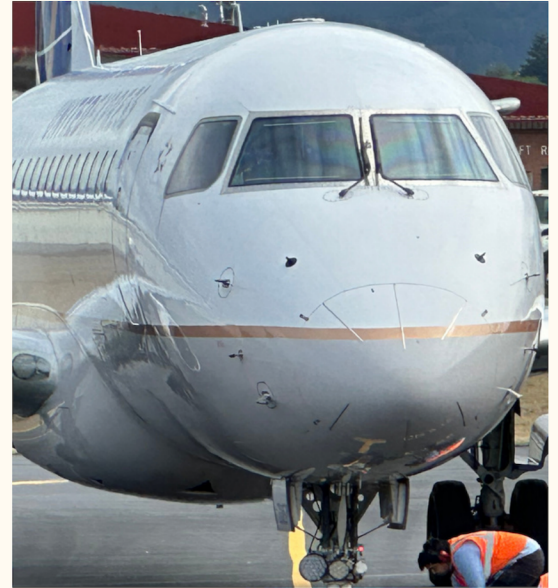
COOS CO. AIRPORT DISTRICT ✈️ SOUTHWEST OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT

On The Horizon Newsletter

SFO Construction Could Delay Local Flights

If you've traveled Southwest Oregon Regional Airport (OTH) to or from the San Francisco Airport (SFO) lately, you may have experienced delays. In December, SFO officials announced a taxiway improvement project that would make aircraft exits to runways easier and safer. However, the closure of a runway and taxiways serving it means passengers could see delays of up to 60 minutes.

SkyWest's General Manager of Airport Operations in North Bend, Angie Shaubach, says delays could create connection issues in San Francisco. She adds, relying solely on digital notifications could cause a rush to have to reach our airport to board the plane or passengers could miss the window altogether. To avoid missing your flight, Shaubach advises passengers to stick to the practice of arriving at least 90 minutes before your flight's original departure schedule even if you have to wait. Here are some tips for more stress-free travel:



- Be ready to check your luggage at least 45 minutes before the plane's departure.
- Give yourself plenty of time to make a connecting flight at the San Francisco Airport. That might mean scheduling an hour and a half between connections once you arrive at San Francisco.
- Be even more vigilant about arriving early especially when there are more passengers traveling.

San Francisco Airport Public Information Officer, Doug Yakel says the project is on schedule, but delays could last up until July 1, 2024

Daily Flights to SFO Resume March 31st



If you are planning to travel and those plans include flying, the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport is pleased to announce that daily service to and from San Francisco (SFO) will resume March 31, 2024. Currently, flights are running on the winter schedule four days a week.

The daily flights will offer schedules every day to SFO. Booking is available online. You can reach United Express at www.united.com directly or use the airport's page www.flyoth.com. There, you will also find transportation options, parking information, Coos County Airport District Information, and General Aviation information.

Employee Spotlight: Brandon Nelson



Maintenance workers at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport perform a variety of important services. While you may not see staff working, there are plenty of things happening to keep them busy. Brandon Nelson came to work in the maintenance department at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport almost two years ago after working in maritime fabrication where he learned a strong work ethic. He grew up on the south coast graduating from Marshfield High School and says the opportunity to build a

career is what brought him to the airport. He believes it is the place he will retire from some day. Part of that reason is Brandon enjoys just about every aspect of his job which includes maintenance on leased buildings like the DHS Multi-Service building to landscape maintenance around the terminal and runways. One thing that surprised him, was the number of passengers that come through the airport on an annual basis and how important the airport is for south coast citizens. That motivates him to get his job done in the best possible way every day.

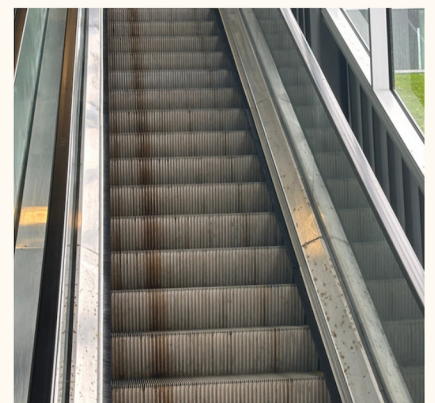
Escalator Design Work to Begin

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MOVES PASSENGERS FROM RAMP TO TERMINAL



The Coos County Airport District is the only place in the County that can boast it has not just one, but four escalators on the property. But they do come with a price tag to ensure they remain in working order. Each year, regular maintenance is done so they remain operational. But, two in the terminal's outdoor escalator enclosure, they are showing their age and wear from operating exposed to the Oregon coast elements. One is out of service from rust and corrosion and will cost an estimated \$34,000 to repair. To Replace one

escalator could run \$500,000. In February, Airport Commissioners approved just under \$12,000 to hire HGE Architects to initiate a design phase to resolve some of the issues with the outdoor escalator enclosure. When the structure was built in 2008, as a measure to cut costs, the 2100 square foot area was built without doors. This has left six openings that expose the area and escalators to moisture. It also causes corrosion in the two escalators that carry passengers to and from the lower terminal to the ramp. The work approved will design for enclosing and insulating the area. Construction set for next year.



Improving Customers Experience at OTH



The terminal has been getting a facelift that includes painting, carpeting and upgrades to other amenities. Maintenance crews worked evenings and on non-flight days to replace nearly 17,000 square feet of carpet. Old carpet and glue were removed, and the concrete floors were prepped for the new, blue carpet tiles. The carpet was ordered from local flooring company, Modern Floors, for \$39,000. Staff time and glue was not included in that cost.

Crews found the work challenging at times dealing with the walls of the terminal that followed the unique shape of the building. Work is expected to be completed by the end of March, well in advance of daily flights service to San Francisco. It is the first time the carpet has completely changed since the building was constructed in 2009. In addition, crews have painted the entire terminal. New bottle filling water fountains have been installed in both passenger areas of the terminal.



Critical Training by ARFF Personnel Complete

ELY EARNS VALEDICTORIAN WITH PERFECT SCORE ON FINAL EXAM



Part of maintaining the airport's Part 139 Certification is regular training of our Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting personnel. Each year, all ARFF staff go through training at a certified airport fire training center. ARFF Fire Chief Bob Hood, Fire Fighter Mark Lane, and newest recruit Sam Ely are the most recent to receive the latest training from Dallas Fort Worth Airport Fire Training Center. In a class of 23, Sam was

one of four awarded Valedictorian for receiving 100% on the final exam. The test was closed book and ranged from questions about mechanical aspects, fire apparatus knowledge, operating procedures, and airport movement procedures. In preparation for the regional basic training, SORA ARFF personnel trained with firefighter in Ely to make sure he was up to speed with knowledge and skills before heading to DFW FTRC.



Ely says, "Even though it is a basic course, fighting fires in and around aircraft is very technical and requires a wide knowledge base of many different things." To ensure all personnel are prepared, Chief Hood maintains regular training at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport saying it is a skill that one hopes you never have to use but you train for just in case. The annual airport certification requires an FAA review of those and other training and maintenance records. All ARFF personnel go to annual refresher course training each year. Other structural fire jurisdictions also work with ARFF staff to make sure their fire personnel have the skills should those be needed in their areas.

District Breaks Ground on Playground

INSTALLATION OF SWING SET AND CLIMBING STRUCTURE COMPLETE



Winter weather hasn't kept the Airport Heights Park project from moving forward. Last year, the park was returned to the Coos County Airport District and a Memorandum of Understanding for a park rehabilitation was signed with the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club. Rotary and volunteers cleaned up and painted equipment in the park, some of which had been there for several decades. On February 8th, the district and Rotary broke ground to kick off a multi-year revitalization project. The groundbreaking included CCAD Board Members, Rotary Board and Club Members, the Park Steering Committee, and workers from Knife River. Two play structures the district purchased have been installed

since the ground breaking. Rotary has hired Portland-based Ground Workshop to develop a master plan for the entire 13-acre park. Over the next several months, Ground Workshop is tasked with developing full park designs based on input from the CCAD-established Park Steering Committee, park and community stakeholders, and local citizens. For more information, visit www.coosbaynorthbendrotary.org.



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Important Meeting Dates

MARCH PUBLIC NOTICES

Park Steering Committee - March 14th, Noon, Conference Room

CCAD Board Meeting - March 28th, 7:30am, Conference Room

For more information, contact the airport at 541-756-8531

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