

ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

2024



MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

The Boca Raton Airport Authority operates a first-class public use general aviation facility dedicated to embracing our core values; promoting safety, efficiency, and environmental excellence; and advancing aeronautical and economic benefits to our business and community stakeholders.

VISION STATEMENT

To deliver excellence in all we do.

VISION

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

COLLABORATION

EXCELLENCE

LEADERSHIP

PLAN

for financial resiliency in a dynamic and uncertain future environment.

DEVELOP

land use policies that enhance the value of the Airport to business and community stakeholders.

PROMOTE

the Airport's value to the community and contributions to the regional economy.

SHAPE

the organizational structure to continue responding to a dynamic operating environment and deliver excellence in all we do.

PRESERVE

and improve infrastructure assets and the operational integrity of the Airport.

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Bob Tucker

Robert Tucker
Boca Raton Airport Authority Chair

The Boca Raton Airport's 75th year has been a landmark for our community. As we reflect on 2024, we're proud of the Airport's continued growth and positive impact on our region.

This milestone year saw us strengthen our ties with the community through various events and initiatives. Our anniversary celebration brought together stakeholders from across the region, showcasing the Airport's integral role in Boca Raton's development. The publication of our commemorative coffee table book further highlighted our rich history and future vision.

We're committed to building on our legacy of excellence and making Boca Raton Airport a vital economic and cultural asset for our community.



Clara Bennett

Clara Bennett
Executive Director

I am proud to present the Boca Raton Airport's inaugural annual report, showcasing our 2024 achievements. This year, we made significant progress in enhancing infrastructure, advancing safety systems, and fostering community partnerships.

Thank you to our Airport Authority Board, tenants, employees, and partners for making these successes possible. As we look ahead, I'm excited about the Airport's bright future as a hub for excellence, innovation, and collaboration.

On a personal note, 2024 marks my 10th year as Executive Director of the Boca Raton Airport Authority. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team, and I take great pride in all we've accomplished for the Airport and our community.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Boca Raton Airport Authority Board had an exemplary 2024. From regular tenant meetings to collaborations with non-profit, educational, and civic institutions, the Airport Authority has been proactive in nurturing relationships that support a collective local vision.

The Boca Raton Airport is independently owned and operated by the Boca Raton Airport Authority. The seven-member Board consists of five members appointed by the Boca Raton City Council and two members appointed by the Palm Beach County Commission. Each member serves a term of two years.

THE BOCA RATON AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS



Randy Nobles Mitchell Fogel Gene Folden Cheryl Budd Melvin Pollack James R. Nau Robert Tucker
Vice-Chair Secretary/Treasurer Chair

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATIONS



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners proclamation
by Commissioner Marci Woodward and Commissioner Maria Sachs



City of Boca Raton
proclamation by Mayor Scott Singer

LEGISLATIVE COLLABORATION



Visit from the Florida Department of Commerce Secretary J. Alex Kelly and President and CEO of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County Kelly Smallridge



Legislative Update by Florida Senator Lori Berman and Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Boca Raton Airport Authority maintains comprehensive oversight of Airport operations through systematic monitoring, proactive initiatives, and strategic improvements to enhance efficiency, safety, and service quality.

6,276 FT
RUNWAY LENGTH

2
FIXED-BASE OPERATORS

76
HANGARS

300
BASED AIRCRAFT

214
ACRES OF LAND



FUEL DISTRIBUTION

Fuel delivery data across the Airport indicates steady activity levels, with Jet A fuel deliveries **-1%** and Avgas deliveries **-4%** compared to the previous year.



JET A FUEL

8,011,798
GALLONS

TOTAL FUEL:
8,146,866 GALLONS

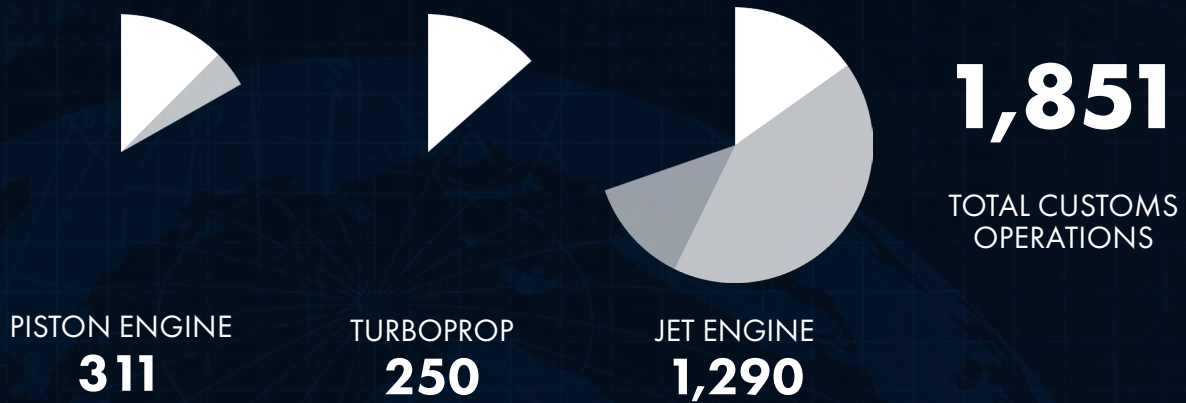
-1% CHANGE VS 2023

AVGAS

135,068
GALLONS



U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION FACILITY



	2023	2024
PASSENGERS	9,297	7,593
COUNTRIES	43	44
VESSELS	15	10

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility continues to strengthen South Florida's international connectivity. In 2024, the facility welcomed **1,851** flights and **7,593** passengers from **45** countries, with the **Bahamas** and **Canada** as the primary corridors, contributing **1,006** and **293** arrivals, respectively.



TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

FLIGHTS

1,006	Bahamas
293	Canada
66	Turks & Caicos
52	Mexico
48	Costa Rica
48	St. Maarten
35	Dominican Republic
28	Cayman Islands
23	Anguilla

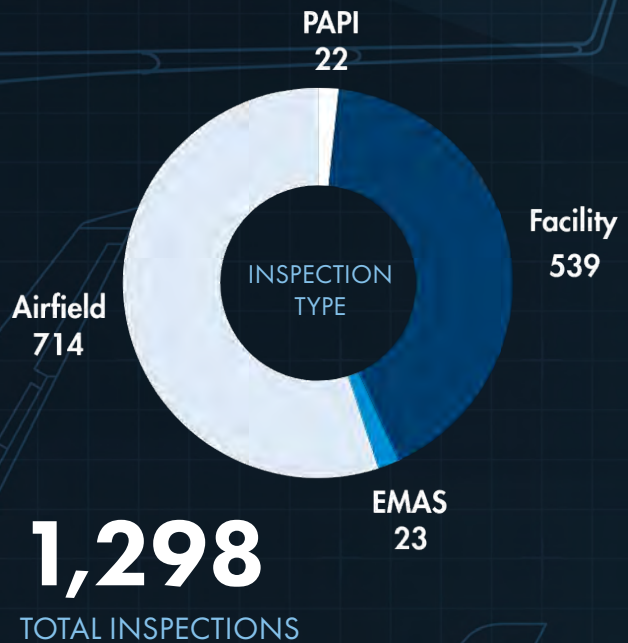
SAFETY PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

ADVANCED SMS SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

Boca Raton Airport (BCT) utilizes Simplify i3 software, a robust and innovative software that is customized for aviation safety data management and reporting. This system allows the Airport to:

- Track airfield and facility inspections
- Manage work orders for Airport maintenance and repairs
- Track wildlife mitigation efforts and strikes
- Perform safety risk assessments
- Generate detailed metrics and visualizations, including heat maps and incident type maps

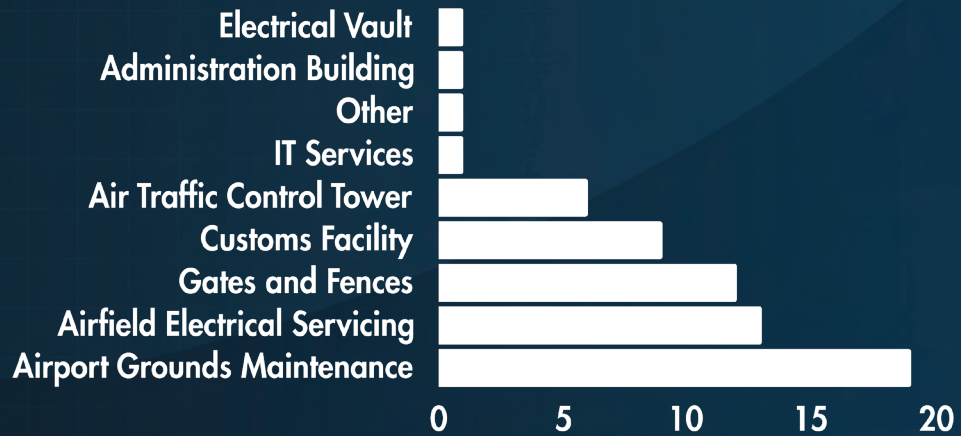
BCT's Safety Management Systems (SMS) map, created using this software, won the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Geospatial Map Contest at the AAAE Operations and Technology Symposium in 2023.



DATA-DRIVEN IMPROVEMENT

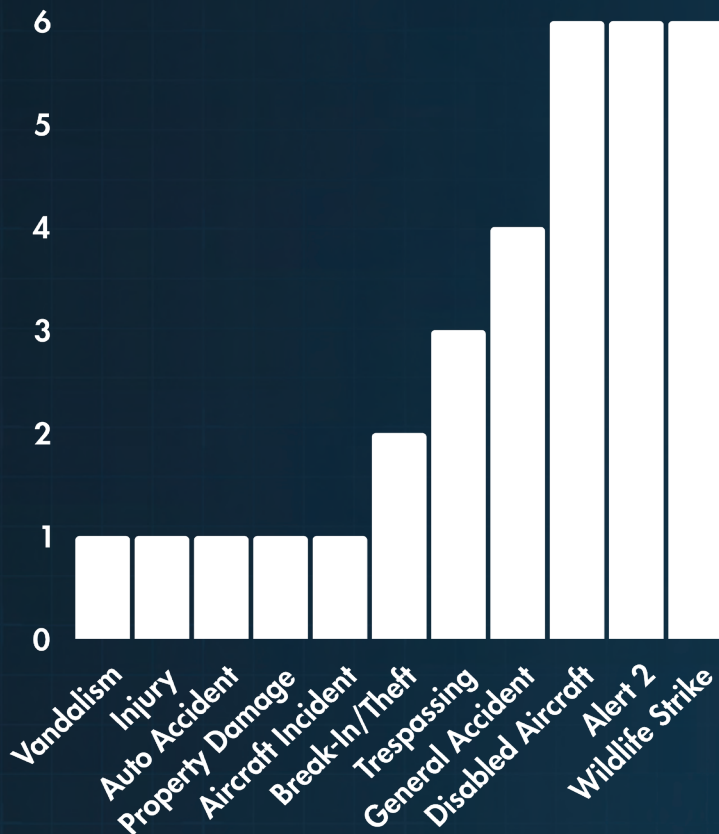
- Quarterly presentation of detailed safety metrics to the Boca Raton Airport Authority Board
- Use of advanced data visualization tools to identify trends and areas for improvement
- Regular updates to BCT's SMS Manual and procedures based on data analysis and feedback

WORK ORDERS



The Boca Raton Airport's SMS program has enhanced safety awareness, improved hazard mitigation, and strengthened its community's safety culture. By addressing concerns proactively and promoting continuous improvement, it sets a standard for general aviation safety.

INCIDENTS



SAFETY PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

SAFETY WEEK

Airport Safety Week in August was a success, reaffirming the Airport's commitment to safety. Each day featured activities to highlight key safety topics.

The week began with coffee and donuts for tenants, where staff outlined events and encouraged participation for a chance to win prizes. Activities included a virtual Foreign Object Debris hunt, the SMS Quiz, a Fire Extinguisher training Lunch & Learn, and roundtable discussions on safety reporting. Participants received safety-themed giveaways.



SAFETY MONTH

The Airport implemented the Safety Awards Program to acknowledge and celebrate its safety and security culture. Through the program, employees nominated co-workers or organizations that went above and beyond in contributing to the Airport's ongoing safety and security efforts.





NOISE ABATEMENT & MITIGATION

The Boca Raton Airport Authority maintains a comprehensive approach to noise management, balancing operational efficiency with community well-being. The multi-layered program combines advanced monitoring technology, proactive community engagement, and data-driven decision making.

MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT

Seven strategically placed Envirosuite EMU 4450 monitoring terminals provide real-time noise data across key locations surrounding the Airport. The system allows Airport management to track, analyze, and respond to noise patterns with precision.

The response system processed 2,238 noise-related concerns in 2024, representing a 65% decrease from the previous year. This reduction reflects the success of community outreach initiatives and ongoing dialogue with local flight schools.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE SYSTEM

The Airport provides residents with near real-time flight tracking and noise monitoring data, enabling direct submission of concerns through an accessible online platform.

VOLUNTARY CURFEW

The Airport's voluntary curfew program, operating between 22:00 and 07:00, demonstrates a commitment to nighttime noise reduction.

97.7%
VOLUNTARY CURFEW COMPLIANCE

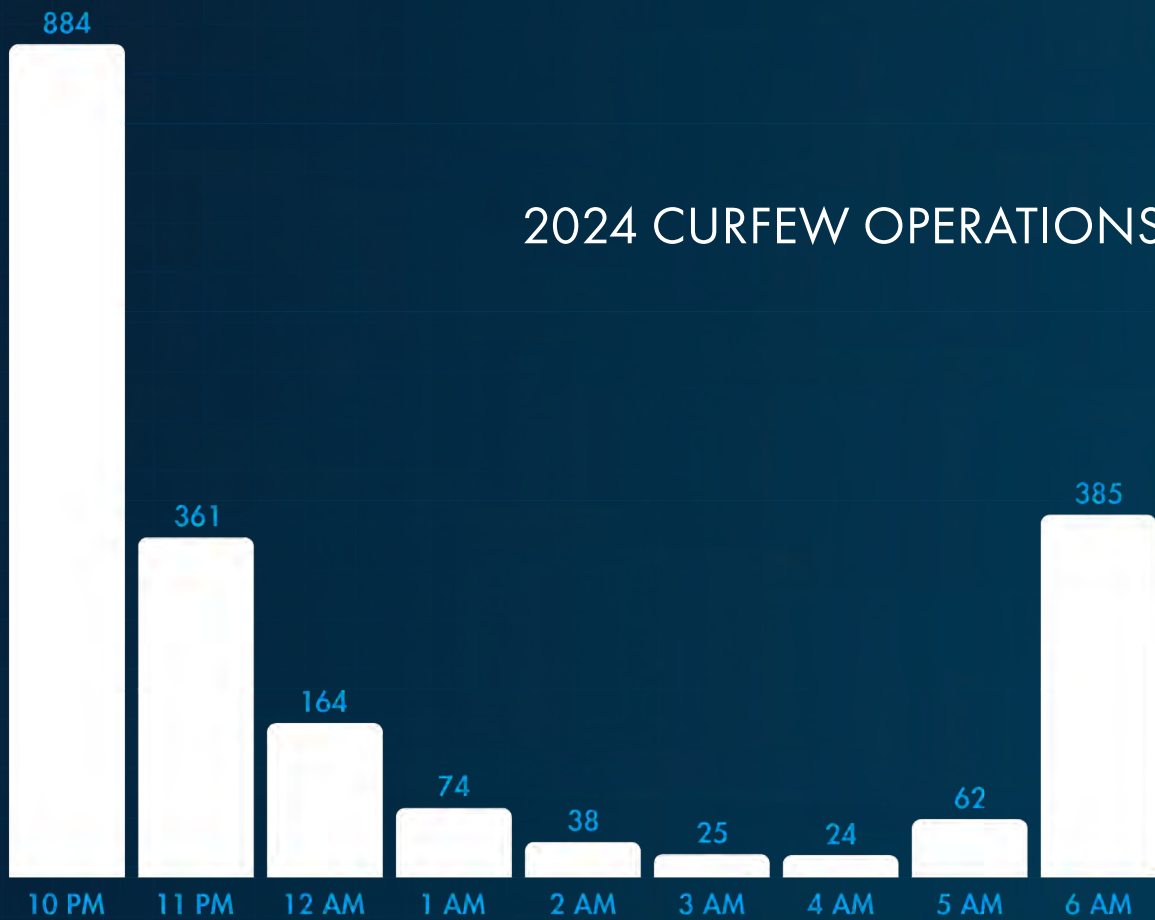
65% FROM 2023
NOISE-RELATED CONCERNS



NOISE ABATEMENT

The program complements a comprehensive set of noise abatement procedures, including:

- Voluntary touch-and-go activity restrictions during specified hours
- **100% compliance** during designated engine run-up periods
- Designated maintenance hours
- Recommended arrival and departure procedures that reduce noise impact



Noise Abatement Information:

bocaairport.com/community-noise-abatement-information

AWARDS & ACCOLADES



FAA SOUTHERN REGION SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

The Boca Raton Airport Authority earned the FAA 2023 Southern Region Safety Award for its outstanding commitment to safety and operational excellence. This recognition was given in 2025 and highlights the Airport's proactive approach to risk management and its dedication to maintaining the highest standards for both staff and passengers.



"Winning the FAA 2023 Southern Region Safety Award is a true reflection of our team's dedication to excellence and safety. This achievement underscores our commitment to ensuring the highest standards for both our Airport and the community we serve."

— Clara Bennett



Travis Bryan and Hannah Naveda completed the Community Emergency Response Team Training.

Operations Coordinator Hannah Naveda achieved her Certified Member (C.M.) designation and certification through the American Association of Airport Executives. The C.M. is a highly sought-after certification which encompasses different aspects of airport management including:

- Airport Finance and Administration
- Airport Planning, Construction, and Environmental
- Airport Operations, Security, and Maintenance
- Airport Communications and Community Relations

Hannah and Operations Director Travis Bryan completed the Boca Raton Fire Rescue's CERT training, gaining key skills in disaster response. As certified members, they're ready to assist during emergencies.

Hannah also graduated from the Boca Chamber 2024 Leadership Class, gaining insights into the city's diverse industries. Congratulations to all 2024 Leadership Boca graduates!

DEVELOPING AVIATION'S NEXT GENERATION

The Boca Raton Airport Authority's internship program represents a strategic investment in aviation's future leaders. Designed to bridge academic knowledge with hands-on experience, the program offers two specialized tracks that align with key operational areas:

ADMINISTRATIVE TRACK

Provides exposure to aviation business fundamentals, including finance, contract management, and human resources.

OPERATIONS TRACK

Immerses students in critical aspects of airport management, from safety systems to noise abatement initiatives.

The program maintains a partnership with local schools to ensure curriculum alignment with industry needs.



THE GEORGE SNOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND helps hard working students in South Florida graduate from college by providing financial aid and wrap-around support services. Their goal is to ensure that no student is deprived of an education because of a shortage of funds or a lack of support. The Airport donated \$25,000 in scholarships in 2024.

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AIRPORT
INTERNS

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OUTREACH EVENTS

~516

STUDENTS REACHED





CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT

The Boca Raton Airport Authority completed the Master Plan Update, setting a course to meet future aviation demand and detailing an \$80 million capital improvement plan to implement over the next 20 years. The Master Plan Update is intended to guide future Airport development that is cost effective, satisfies future aviation demand, identifies facility requirements for all Airport users, and considers environmental and socioeconomic impacts.



CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PLAN
\$80 M
OVER 20 YEARS



Linked To Master Plan Update:
[Bocaairport.com/master-plan-update/](https://bocaairport.com/master-plan-update/)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT

AIRFIELD LIGHTING & SIGNAGE UPGRADE

The Airfield Lighting and Signage Upgrade project was completed in February by contractor Hypower, LLC. The project consisted of the replacement of all runway edge lighting and cabling, airfield directional signage, and constant current regulators for the electrical vault.

The upgrade meets the current design standards of the Federal Aviation Administration and provides necessary improvements to enhance airport safety. The new LED fixtures are known for their longevity and energy efficiency, leading to significantly lower life cycle costs.

\$2.5^M
PROJECT COST

287
AIRFIELD LIGHTS

114
AIRFIELD SIGNS

11 MILES
OF CABLING

Additionally, some of the old lighting and signage was donated to West Boca High School for their aviation program, where the students used the old lighting to build a mockup of a runway in the school courtyard.

GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

The Boca Raton Airport Authority replaced the emergency generators for the Air Traffic Control Tower and Airfield Electrical Vault to enhance efficiency and reduce disruptions. The project included upgrades to peripherals, cabling, monitoring equipment, fuel tanks, and containment systems.

\$719,700
PROJECT COST

FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS/ WILDLIFE MITIGATION (PHASE 1B)

The Stormwater Improvements/Wildlife Mitigation Project has entered Phase 1B, after completion of its initial design phase. This project consists of the construction, construction administration, inspection, testing, and other professional consulting services necessary to build the improvements to portions of the runway safety area for Runway 5-23 and portions of the Airport's open ditch stormwater treatment area adjacent to Airport Road.

AIRSIDE
\$193,988

FAA	90%
FDOT	5%
BRAA	5%

LANDSIDE
\$89,438

FDOT	50%
BRAA	50%



OBSERVATION AREA

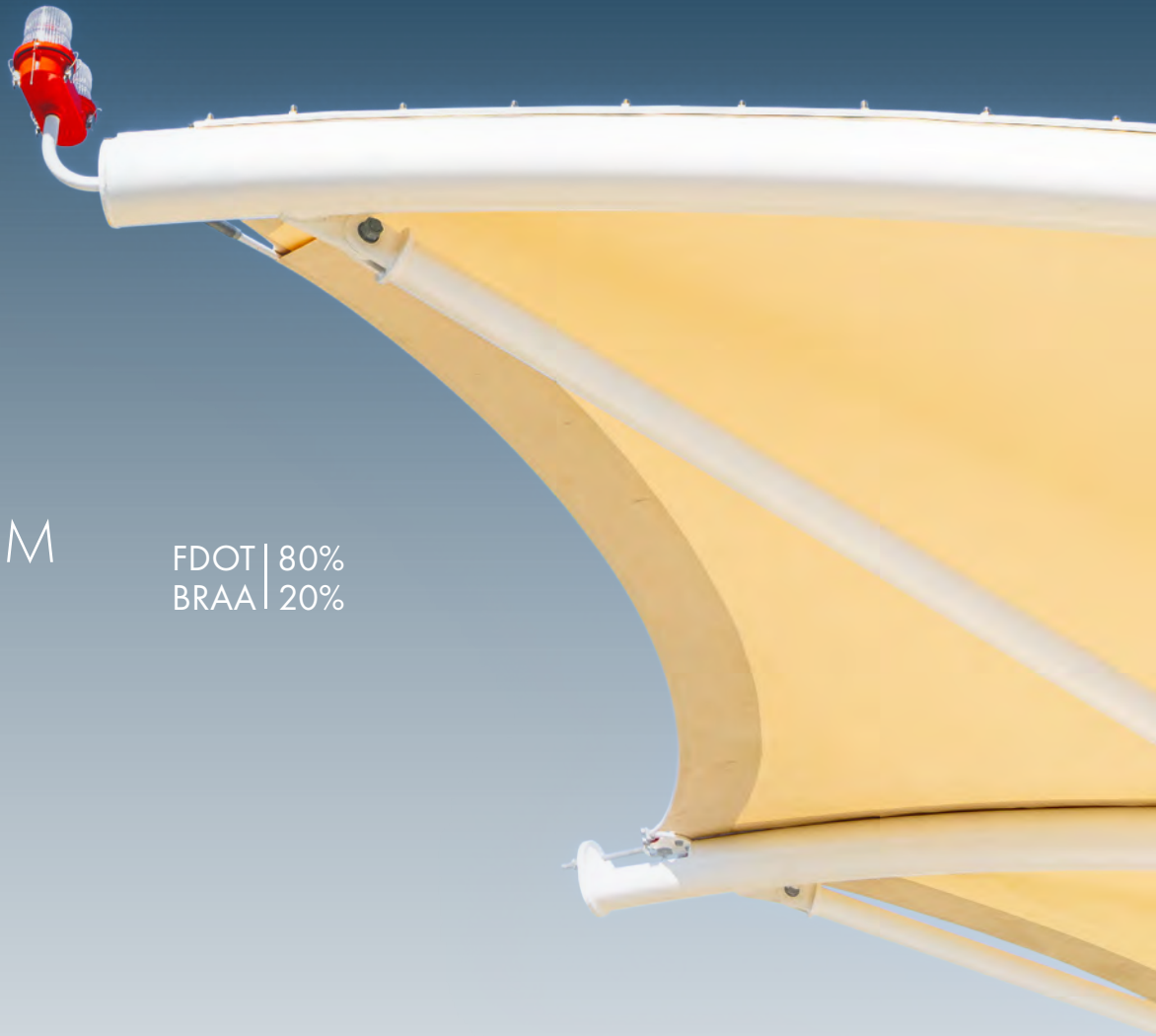
The Observation Area is a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the airport experience for aviation enthusiasts and the general public. The only viewing area of its kind in Palm Beach County, this circular structure offers an unparalleled vantage point to observe aircraft operations at Boca Raton Airport.

Key features include:

- A circular design that provides 360-degree, unobstructed viewing
- Weather-resistant, shaded covering
- Accessible ramps, ensuring inclusivity for all visitors
- Comfortable seating, lighting, and amenities
- Educational signage to inform guests about their observations
- Live air traffic control tower radio feed for an immersive experience

\$1.15^M
PROJECT COST

FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%



CURRENT PROJECTS

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

PROJECT COST:

\$348,943

FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

The Airport kicked off the development of the Sustainability Management Plan to establish goals for a sustainable future. The SMP includes developing sustainability policy, identifying and analyzing sustainability categories at the Airport, developing measurable goals, identifying a range of sustainability initiatives, and integrating sustainability into the overall development of the Airport.

NOISE EXPOSURE MAP UPDATE

PROJECT COST:

\$365,539

FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

The Boca Raton Airport Authority initiated an update to its Noise Exposure Map to reflect changes in traffic and aircraft technology. This identifies noise impacts in the local community, ensuring effective noise abatement and better community responses.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT COST:

\$427,502

FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

The Airport is remodeling its Administration Building to include meeting space adequate for public meetings and monthly board meetings, thereby minimizing the need for renting space going forward and improving the Airport's emergency preparedness and response.



Learn More About These Projects:

bocairport.com/current-projects

UPCOMING PROJECTS

ELECTRIFICATION MASTER PLAN

PROJECT COST:

\$170,000 FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

TAXIWAY GEOMETRY ENHANCEMENTS & REHAB - DESIGN

PROJECT COST:

\$190,000 FAA | 90%
FDOT | 5%
BRAA | 5%

AWOS REPLACEMENT - DESIGN

PROJECT COST:

\$80,000 FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

AIRPORT SERVICE ROAD REHAB - CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT COST:

\$1.8M FAA | 90%
FDOT | 5%
BRAA | 5%

RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL VAULT AND AIRPORT BEACON - SITING ANALYSIS

PROJECT COST:

\$230,000 FDOT | 80%
BRAA | 20%

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND WILDLIFE MITIGATION - CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT COST:

\$1.4M FAA | 48%
FDOT | 40%
BRAA | 12%



In 2024 the Boca Raton Airport marked its 75th anniversary with a series of celebratory events, highlighting its deep roots in the community. The milestone included the launch of a commemorative coffee table book showcasing the Airport's rich history and its evolution over the decades. In addition, the Airport partnered with local artists to bring vibrant creative expressions to the celebration, while hosting a variety of community engagement events designed to connect with residents and visitors alike.

75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & RECEPTION

The Boca Raton Airport Authority kicked off its 75th anniversary with an evening that united key stakeholders and reinforced the Airport's role across region and industry. Hosted in Signature Aviation's hangar, the event transformed an operational space into an immersive journey through 75 years of aviation progress. More than 190 guests attended including:

- Current and former Boca Raton Airport Authority board members
- City and state officials
- Airport tenants and business partners
- Local economic development leaders
- Aviation industry representatives

Media coverage included features in the Palm Beach Post, Sun Sentinel, State Aviation Journal, and The Coastal Star, increasing visibility of the Airport's economic and community impact.



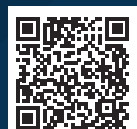
PURPOSE-DRIVEN PROGRAMMING

- Interactive activities, such as virtual reality flight simulations, provided an absorbing glimpse into the future of aviation and workforce development.
- Historical exhibits chronicled the Airport's evolution alongside the surrounding region.
- Photo installations and social media activations reached more than 4,500 people, generating nearly 16,000 impressions across platforms.
- Media coverage in multiple regional publications amplified key messages to broader audiences.

"Last night's celebration was a tribute to 75 years of progress and partnership. The Boca Raton Airport's true value lies not just in its runways, but in the connections it fosters and the future it enables."

— Robert Tucker
Chair of the Boca Raton Airport Authority

Link to event video
bocaairport.com/75years/



75TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE TABLE BOOK

To mark the conclusion of its 75th anniversary, the Boca Raton Airport Authority released a commemorative coffee table book celebrating the Airport's past, present, and future. From its World War II beginnings to its growth and modernization, the book highlights key milestones and the Airport's impact on the local economy and community. It also offers a glimpse into future projects and advancements in aviation. A digital version of the book is available for online viewing.





75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book:
bocaairport.com/75-years-book/

1948

A NEW CHAPTER

75 years ago in the pivotal year of 1948, the Town of Boca Raton takes ownership of the Boca Raton Army Airfield, transforming it to officially become the city's new airport, Boca Raton Airport.

The shift ensures the survival of the FAA's legacy and sets the stage for regional growth by offering businesses and residents access to a new future.

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EST. 1948

HELPING OUR
COMMUNITY SOAR
1948-2023

MURAL WALL FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In December, the Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) celebrated the one-year anniversary of its mural on the Airport's masonry security wall. To mark the anniversary of the mural wall, the BRAA developed a puzzle of the mural that will be distributed to visitors of the Airport. The BRAA is highly committed to its community, with culture and art playing a significant role in this initiative. In 2025, the Airport hopes to continue to connect with the City of Boca Raton's vibrant culture and give more opportunities to local artists.



ABOUT THE MURAL

Situated on the southern half of the Airport, the masonry security wall is strategically placed for visibility to the traveling public, the Air Traffic Control Tower, and parts of the Florida Atlantic University campus. The theme of the mural, which was part of the Boca Raton Airport Authority's 75th-anniversary celebration, is Past. Present. Future. The mural brings to life the Airport's historical journey, current significance, and future aspirations. It aims to showcase the Airport's evolution, as well as its impact on Boca Raton's development. The mural also serves as a tribute to the Airport's rich and storied history and its connection to the community.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Craig McInnis, a graduate of the Art Institute, has built a diverse career as a multidisciplinary artist. As Co-Founder of Art Synergy and CONTINUUM, he works to promote local art on national and international levels while supporting access to education, art, and culture for underserved communities.



BOCA RATON AIRPORT TURNS 75

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



In February, the Airport hosted local flight schools for a presentation about noise abatement from an airport management perspective.



In February, Airport management joined Palm Beach International Airport and Garver for Habitat for Humanity's inaugural Aviation Build Day, sponsored by Garver.



In April, Airport staff, tenants, and board members volunteered in the annual Boca Helping Hands Food Drive.



In May, the Airport hosted Leadership Boca for Economic Development Day.



In February, the Airport was honored to be recognized during halftime of the FAU men's basketball game against Tulsa.



In March, the Airport participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program.



In July, the Airport broke ground on the new Observation Area.



In July, the Airport and tenants teamed together for the annual Spirit of Giving Back to School Drive.

BOCA RATON AIRPORT TURNS 75

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



In August, Executive Director Clara Bennett spoke on industry trends at the Florida Airport Council's 55th annual conference, attended by Deputy Executive Director Scott Kohut and Finance and Administration Director Robert Abbott.



In September, the Airport hosted its annual pilots meeting with guest pilot Lt. Tim Spencer from Coast Guard Air Station Miami.



In October, the Airport contributed to the Boca Police Foundation.



In October, the Airport sponsored the Rotary Downtown Boca Raton Mayors Ball.



In October, the Airport presented a check to the Civil Air Patrol. This contribution supports the Boca Raton Composite Squadron's mission of service and education, helping ensure its positive impact endures for generations.



In October, the Airport contributed to the George Snow Scholarship Fund. The Airport Authority is proud to support deserving and dedicated students in our community in achieving their goals.



In November, the Airport was proud to collaborate with Boca Helping Hands once again.



In December, the Airport, tenants and board members participated in the annual U.S. Marines Toys for Tots drive, collecting 1,500 toys for children across Palm Beach County.





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