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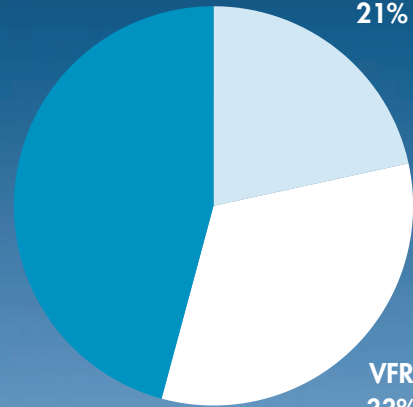
## AT A GLANCE

2025 was a steady and productive year for airport operations at the Boca Raton Airport. Improvements in safety, service quality, and day-to-day efficiency continued to shape a reliable experience for our tenants, partners, and visitors.

**\$100M**

IN CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
INVESTMENTS  
*(Over 10 years)*

IFR  
46%



Training  
21%

**214**

ACRES  
OF LAND

**6,276 FT.**

RUNWAY  
LENGTH

**76**

HANGARS

**2**

FIXED-BASE  
OPERATORS

**214**

BASED  
AIRCRAFT

**4,800\***

JOBS  
SUPPORTED

**85,203**

TOTAL OPERATIONS

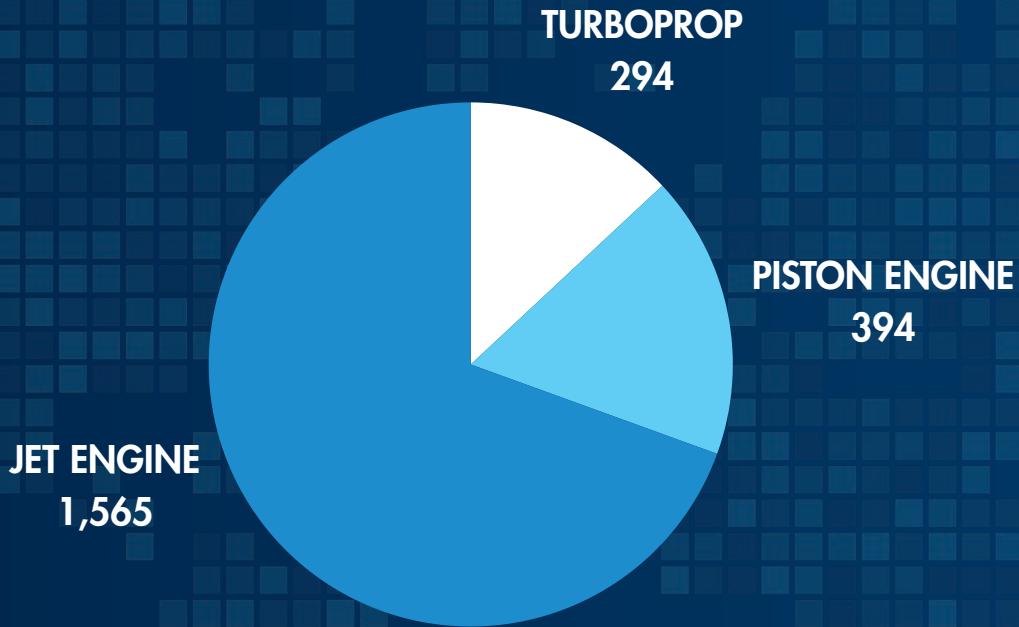
**\$693,000,000\***

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\* Source: FDOT's 2022 Statewide Aviation  
Economic Impact Study



# US CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION FACILITY



## TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

### FLIGHTS

1,276	Bahamas
343	Canada
75	Mexico
70	Saint Maarten
60	Turks & Caicos

	2024	2025
PASSENGERS	7,593	10,785
COUNTRIES	44	47
VESSELS	10	16

**2,253**

TOTAL CUSTOMS OPERATIONS

**47**

TOTAL COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

# FUEL DISTRIBUTION

Fuel delivery trends show steady activity, with Jet A and Avgas deliveries increasing by **24%** and **7%** respectively from the prior year.



**JET A FUEL: 10,535,016 gal.**  
**AVGAS: 144,796 gal.**

TOTAL FUEL:

**10,679,812 gal.**

(+37%) FROM 2024



# STAFF & BOARD

## AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS



**Randy Nobles**  
Chair



**Cheryl Budd**  
Vice-Chair



**James R. Nau**  
Secretary & Treasurer



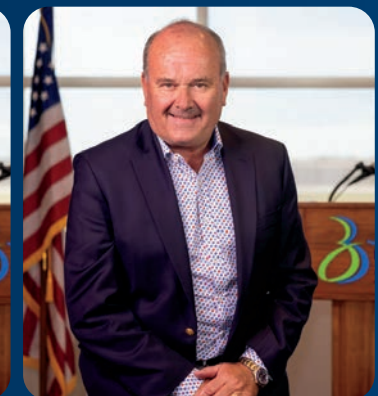
**Melvin Pollock**  
Board Member



**Mitchell Fogel**  
Board Member



**Gene Folden**  
Board Member



**Robert Tucker**  
Board Member

As Chair of the Boca Raton Airport Authority, I am proud to recognize the Airport's enduring significance to our city, residents, and regional partners. In 2025, the Airport continued to serve as a vital economic engine for the City of Boca Raton.

The successes of this year reflect the collaboration between our dedicated staff, tenants, and board members who share a vision for a safe, thriving, and forward-looking Airport. Each initiative, partnership, and investment has supported the Airport's role in Boca Raton's growth and has helped connect our community to opportunities near and far.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making our Airport a source of pride and progress for the Boca Raton community.



*Randy Nobles*

**Randy Nobles**

Boca Raton Airport Authority Chair

## STAFF & BOARD



*Clara Bennett*

**Clara Bennett**  
Executive Director

As we close 2025, I am proud to reflect on a year of meaningful progress at the Boca Raton Airport. Our team advanced operational excellence, strengthened compliance, completed key infrastructure and technology projects, invested in staff development, and expanded community engagement. Each accomplishment reflects the dedication and professionalism of our employees, tenants, and partners who share our commitment to a world-class airport.

This year also emphasized the critical role of preparedness in maintaining safe, reliable operations and reinforcing our commitment to excellence across every area of the Airport.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to innovation, sustainability, and continued service to our community, ensuring that the Boca Raton Airport continues to meet the needs of both aviation stakeholders and the public we serve.

## AIRPORT STAFF

**Clara Bennett**  
Executive Director

**Scott Kohut**  
Deputy Director

**Travis Bryan**  
Operations Director



**Robert Abbott**  
Finance and Administration Director

**Florence Straugh**  
Business Manager

**Robert Pratt**  
Operations and Program Manager



**Hannah Naveda**  
Operations and Program Manager

**Richard Gurzo**  
Accounting Manager

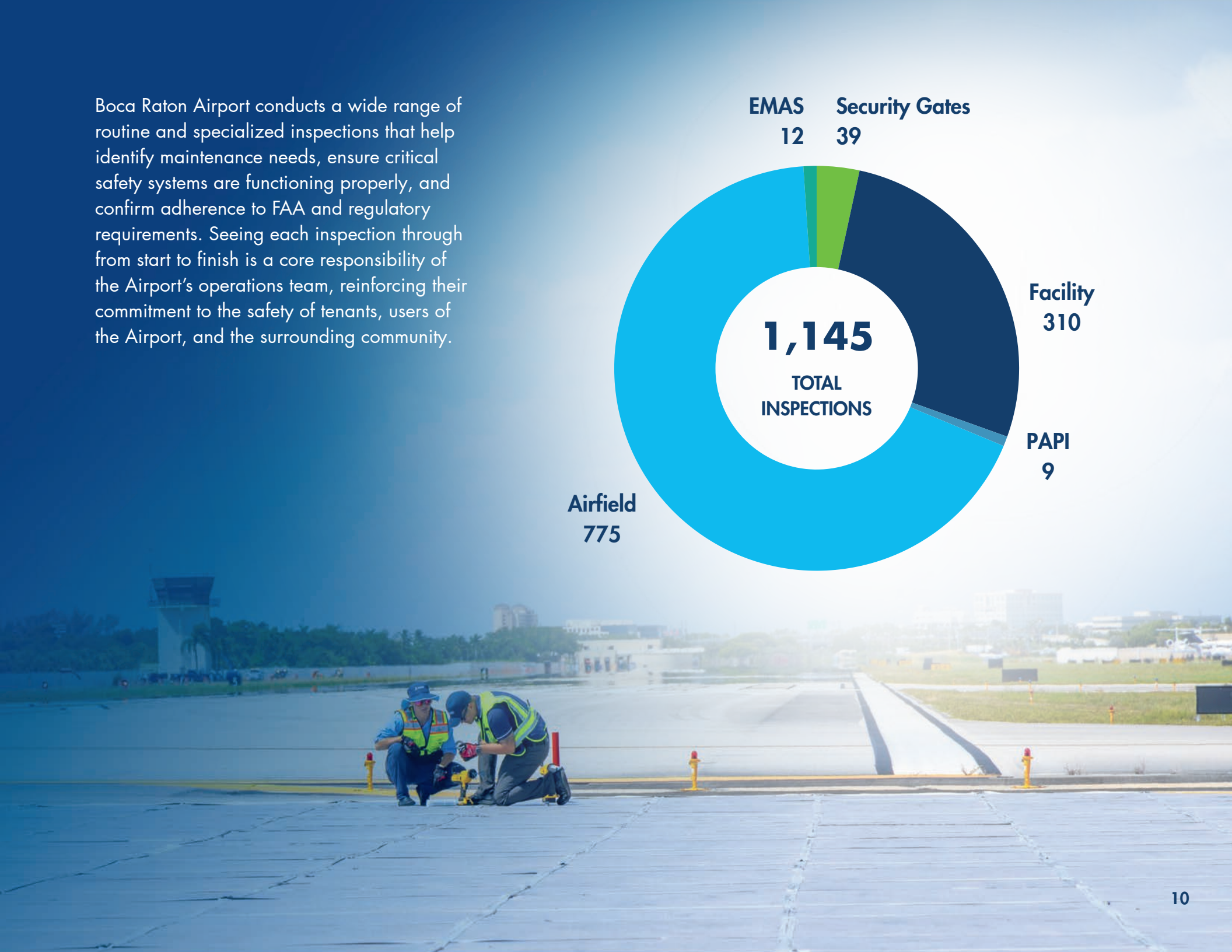
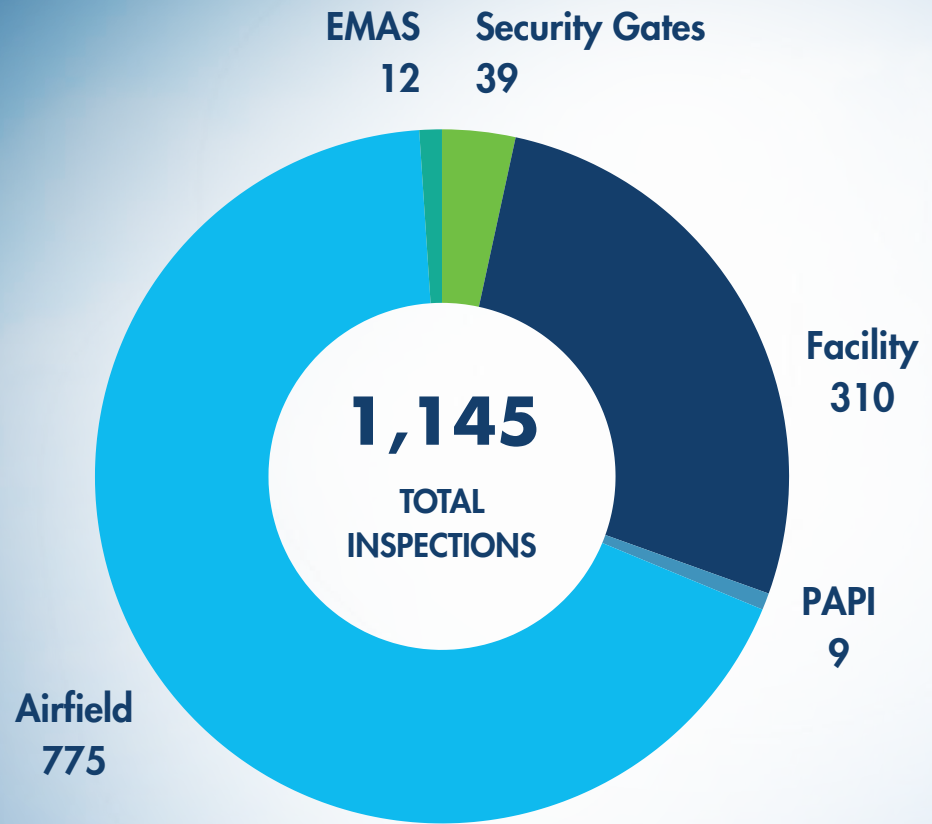
**Leonel Romero**  
Operations Coordinator



# SAFETY INITIATIVES



Boca Raton Airport conducts a wide range of routine and specialized inspections that help identify maintenance needs, ensure critical safety systems are functioning properly, and confirm adherence to FAA and regulatory requirements. Seeing each inspection through from start to finish is a core responsibility of the Airport's operations team, reinforcing their commitment to the safety of tenants, users of the Airport, and the surrounding community.



## SAFETY WEEK 2025

In June 2025, the Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) held its annual Safety Week, a focused initiative dedicated to reinforcing a culture of safety across the Airport community. The week brought together staff, tenants, and pilots for a coordinated series of programs centered on awareness, preparedness, and continued education. By addressing both everyday risks and emergency scenarios, BRAA aimed to strengthen its commitment to maintaining a safe, resilient, and well-informed environment for all who work and operate at the Airport. By combining training with hands-on engagement, BRAA spread safety awareness across the workplace, equipping the Airport community with practical tools and knowledge to maintain a safe environment.



## MONDAY



Staff stopped by each tenant to share tips on how to promote heat safety and emphasize hydration during periods of high temperatures.

## TUESDAY



In partnership with One Blood, BRAA hosted a blood drive at Signature Aviation building, giving tenants the opportunity to donate and help save lives.

## WEDNESDAY

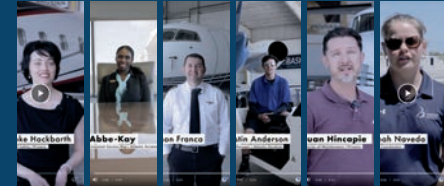


The Boca Raton Police Department hosted an active shooter presentation emphasizing situational awareness, proactive response strategies, and adherence to established emergency procedures.

## THURSDAY



Tenants and pilots attended a hurricane preparedness seminar presented by City of Boca Raton, Boca Raton Fire Services, the National Weather Service, Blodgett & Associates, and WPTV.



## SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

A social media campaign was developed for the weeks running up to the Safety Week events that showcased multiple perspectives of the importance of safety from a diverse group of Airport tenants and employees.



*“Safety Sam” is the official mascot of Boca Raton Airport’s Safety Awareness Initiatives.*

# SAFETY INITIATIVES

## Automated Weather Observing System

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) plans to replace the Airport's Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). This system provides continuous, real-time weather information—including wind, temperature, barometric pressure, sky conditions, and precipitation—to the Air Traffic Control Tower and directly to pilots.

Originally installed in 2013, the AWOS has supported Airport operations for over ten years. The replacement project will be equipped with the latest technology to help improve data accuracy and reduce long-term maintenance expenses. The new system will also be relocated at ground-level and distant from any large structures to optimize performance.

**\$805,388**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FAA participation	<b>\$439,440</b>
FDOT participation	<b>\$21,972</b>

**Start date: Winter 2026**



## Enhancing Airfield Safety with New Runway Closure Markers

In 2025, Boca Raton Airport expanded its airfield safety capabilities with the acquisition of LED Portable Runway Closure Markers. These advanced units provide a highly visible illuminated "X" to clearly identify runways that are temporarily closed during maintenance, construction, or operational adjustments. These trailer-mounted markers can be positioned anywhere on the airfield within minutes by a single staff member.

Each marker is powered by a diesel generator and equipped with long-lasting LED lights that produce alternating flashes visible from miles away under visual flight rules. This upgrade strengthens the Airport's ability to respond quickly to changing conditions while maintaining full compliance with FAA standards.



Boca Raton Airport utilized Halibrite X illuminated closure markers for the first time in early September 2025, enhancing visibility and safety during runway construction and rehabilitation.

## SAFETY INITIATIVES

### Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS): A Proven Investment in Safety

On September 3, 2025, Boca Raton Airport's Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) was successfully utilized, when a Bombardier Challenger 300 overran Runway 5. The material collapsed in a controlled manner, absorbing the jet's momentum and bringing it to a stop before it reached Spanish River Boulevard. All four people on board exited the aircraft without injury.



In 2016, the Airport completed its first EMAS installation at the departure end of Runway 5, followed by a second installation at the Runway 23 end in 2017. Together, these projects represented a \$12 million investment, funded through a partnership among the Federal Aviation Administration (90 percent), the Florida Department of Transportation (5 percent), and BRAA (5 percent).

For nearly a decade, these installations stood ready and in September 2025, they fulfilled their purpose. The successful arrestment in Boca Raton joins a record of similar incidents nationwide where EMAS has prevented accidents and protected lives.

Boca Raton is among a number of Florida airports equipped with this advanced technology. The proven effectiveness of EMAS highlights BRAA's commitment to proactive planning and investment in safety infrastructure that benefits both the traveling public and the community.

## EMAS BY THE NUMBERS



**> 130 Installed worldwide**



**122 In the United States**  
*Across 70 Airports*

**24**

Incidents as of 2025

**438**

Lives saved

*Source: Federal Aviation Administration*

# SAFETY INITIATIVES

## Media Relations Training Strengthens Emergency Preparedness

In July, the Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) participated in a specialized media relations training session led by Chair of the Florida Association of Public Information Officers Mike Jachles. The program focused on strengthening communication skills for emergency situations, emphasizing clear messaging and maintaining composure under pressure. Guest speakers Greg Meyer and Noah Grey provided additional aviation-specific insight into media engagement and crisis communication. The training enhanced staff readiness by equipping team members with practical tools to support effective crisis response.





# DEVELOPMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

Founded in 1928, American Association of Airport Executives is the largest U.S. professional organization for airport executives and staff, providing training, networking, career development, advocacy, and industry resources to support members and advance the airport sector.



Operations and Program Manager Hannah Naveda completed the Airport Certified Employee (ACE) Operations certification. This certification validates advanced expertise in airport operations, safety, security, and regulatory compliance.



Operations Coordinator Leonel Romero completed the Airport Safety and Operations Specialist (ASOS) course, giving him a demonstrable understanding of airport operations, safety, and regulatory compliance.



### Florida Airports Council 2025

In August, Deputy Director Scott Kohut was elected Treasurer of the Executive Board and Finance Administration Director Robert Abbott was elected Vice Chair of the Training Committee. They will serve for the 2025–2026 term.



### Appointed: Chair of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Clara Bennett was appointed Chair of the Boca Chamber Board in July 2025. In this role, she is positioned to help shape local development and strengthen the bridge between aviation, business, and the community.

# NOISE ABATEMENT

## NOISE EXPOSURE MAP UPDATE

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) began updating its Noise Exposure Map (NEM) under the FAA's voluntary Part 150 program. The NEM analyzes airport-related noise and supports compatible land use planning. BRAA's first NEM was accepted by the FAA in 1991, and updates were completed in 2001 and 2002. A 2017 analysis showed no incompatible land use but showed growth in operations, which prompted a full update. An update to the noise contours was completed in 2017 and showed no significant change. Given the change in operations and aircraft fleet

mix since then, BRAA completed a full NEM update that has been submitted to the FAA for acceptance.

In June 2025, BRAA hosted Noise Technical Advisory Committee meetings, Board Workshops, and Public Meetings, offering residents and stakeholders opportunities to review draft findings and share feedback.

Using 2024 operational data, the update projects 85,555 annual operations growing to 97,274 by 2030, with the fleet



mix remaining stable. Noise modeling shows that contours above DNL 65 dBA remain almost entirely contained within Airport property, with no residential units affected. By 2030, the 60+ dBA contour is expected to expand slightly, with Florida Atlantic University and one place of worship identified as noise-sensitive sites.

**The draft NEM has completed its public review process and has been submitted to the FAA.**

**\$379,707**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FDOT participation	<b>\$160,000</b>
FAA participation	<b>\$164,661</b>

**Start date: Fall 2024**





# NOISE ABATEMENT

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

- Voluntary touch-and-go activity restrictions during specified hours
- **98% compliance** during designated engine run-up periods
- Designated maintenance hours
- Recommended arrival and departure procedures that reduce noise impact during mandatory testing periods

## 2025 CURFEW OPERATIONS

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**85,203** TOTAL OPERATIONS  
**2,114** CURFEW OPERATIONS



VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE



The Boca Raton Airport Authority welcomes the addition of a Ford F-150 Lightning to its operations fleet. The fully electric vehicle aligns with BCT's ongoing commitment to sustainability.



# SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) completed its first Sustainability Management Plan (SMP), which serves as a roadmap for reducing environmental impacts, improving efficiency, and strengthening community engagement. Funded primarily through a Florida Department of Transportation planning grant, the \$350,000 project produced a technical report, and a Data Management Tool for tracking energy, water, emissions, waste and more.

The SMP was developed with input from BRAA staff and board, and a Sustainability Advisory Partners group comprised of tenants, utilities, universities, nonprofits, and local government providers. The plan identifies six key focus areas: energy efficiency, climate resilience, water conservation, waste reduction, stakeholder and community engagement.

Early measures include LED lighting upgrades, low-flow fixtures, recycling infrastructure, and improved tenant reporting, while long-term goals explore renewable energy and expanding education and outreach.

**\$350,000**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FDOT participation     **\$280,000**

**Start date: Spring 2024**

# A New View:

On January 28, 2025, the Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) marked the conclusion of its 75th-anniversary celebration with the opening of a new public Observation Area. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by local officials, community leaders, and Airport partners. BRAA's then-Board Member Chair Robert Tucker described the project as "our gift to the community." It is the only observation area of its kind in Palm Beach County, designed to welcome residents, students, and visitors into the world of aviation.

The Observation Area has a circular design that provides a sweeping, 360-degree view of the Airport, while a canopy

shaped to resemble a bird's wing offers shade and protection from the elements. Accessibility was central to the planning process, with ramps and seating designed for comfort and accessibility for all visitors.

Educational elements bring the Airport's story to life. Visitors can listen in on real-time radio exchanges between air traffic controllers and pilots. Educational signage provides information on various topics such as aircraft types, airport navigational aids, history of the Airport, as well as protected wildlife that reside on airport property.



# Boca Raton Airport's Observation Area

Open daily from dawn to dusk and located adjacent to BRAA's Administrative Building, the Observation Area is free to the public, with convenient parking nearby. More than a vantage point for aircraft activity, it provides an engaging environment where the community can connect with aviation up close. For the Airport, it stands as a symbol of its mission to serve the residents and future leaders of Boca Raton.



# 8,667

Visitors in 2025

## \$1,489,899

Project Cost

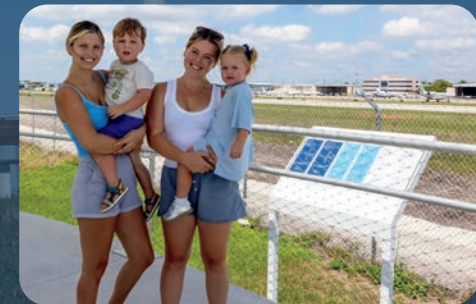
**Grants:**

FDOT participation    **\$330,000**

**Start date: Spring 2021**

*"I plan on coming here every Friday after school, bring some friends and watch all the airplanes take off and land"*

– Anthony Greco | Don Estridge High Tech Middle School Student



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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## Generator Replacement Project

This project entails replacing the emergency generators for the Air Traffic Control Tower and the Airfield Electrical Vault. The project will also include replacing associated peripherals, cabling, monitoring equipment, fuel tanks, and containment equipment.

The airfield emergency generator was placed in service in 1996 and the Air Traffic Control Tower emergency generator was placed in service in 2005. As these units near and exceed 20 years in operation the required maintenance and upkeep have drastically increased and issues with reliability have been encountered. The project will also have an environmental benefit as newer generators have much lower emission levels.

**\$778,153**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FDOT participation **\$622,522**

**Start date: Fall 2023**

## Administration Building Improvements

As a special district of the State of Florida, the BRAA is required to hold meetings open to public participation. Historically, these meetings were held in rented facilities, but since 2020, public and monthly Board meetings have been held in the Airport's administration building. To enhance this existing meeting space and reduce costs, the BRAA secured funding to upgrade the building's Board room and supporting office areas. The project expanded the facility's functionality beyond administrative offices by improving the flexibility and capacity of the Board meeting space, while also enhancing health and safety through upgraded HVAC systems with improved filtration and air disinfection. As an independent special district, these improvements better position the building to operate as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergencies. The project included design, construction, and construction administration services.

**\$490,050**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FDOT participation **\$216,000**

**Start date: Spring 2024**

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



**\$4,110,447**

Project Cost

**Grants:**

FDOT participation **\$1,638,358**

FAA participation **\$1,469,663**

**Start date: Fall 2024**

## Stormwater Improvements/ Wildlife Mitigation Project (Phase 1B)

Construction, construction administration, inspection, testing, and related consulting services will be provided to implement improvements to portions of the Runway 5-23 safety area and the adjacent open-ditch stormwater treatment area along Airport Road, previously designed in FY2024. The work includes converting sections of the open stormwater system into underground containment or another subsurface treatment and retention solution. These upgrades will help level the Runway 5-23 safety area, reduce wildlife attractants, and, on the landside, free up surface area for potential revenue-generating development or other uses.



# UPCOMING PROJECTS



## Taxiway Geometry Enhancements

Designing and improving select taxiways to address FAA design standards and support future airfield improvements.

**\$190,000**

FAA 79%  
FDOT 14%  
BRAA 7%

## Electrification Master Plan

Establishes a policy to guide the electrification of the BRAA fleet and to encourage tenant transitions.

**\$170,000**

FDOT 80%  
BRAA 20%

## Facilities Management Plan Update

Update the Airport's Facilities Management Plan to document conditions and guide maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital planning.

**\$250,000**

FDOT 80%  
BRAA 20%

## Strategic Business Plan Amendment

A guiding document for daily operations and long-term decision-making aligned with the Airport's vision.

**\$60,000**

FDOT 80%  
BRAA 20%

## Runway 5 Holding Bay Design

Design and construction of pavement rehabilitation for the Runway 5 aircraft holding bay.

**\$137,500**

FDOT 80%  
BRAA 20%

## Relocation of Electrical Vault Siting Analysis

Analysis, design, and construction for relocation of the electrical vault and Airport beacon, including potential integration with the ATCT.

**\$230,000**

FDOT 80%  
BRAA 20%

## Vertiport Feasibility and Implementation Study

The 2023 Master Plan Update for the Boca Raton Airport (BCT) identified four potential sites for future Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) operations and introduced preliminary concepts for the supporting facilities and airfield infrastructure. These concepts include critical elements such as touchdown and liftoff areas, final approach and takeoff paths, safety areas, approach and departure corridors, aircraft parking, and passenger processing areas.

Building on this foundational work, the Vertiport Feasibility and Implementation Study at BCT will refine these concepts to reflect the latest developments in AAM aircraft performance and evolving vertiport design guidance. The study will also evaluate a preliminary business case and implementation strategy, with a strong emphasis on stakeholder engagement and potential partnerships at the regional and state levels.

The ultimate objective is to deliver a comprehensive framework of operational, infrastructure, and business parameters to support the phased implementation of a vertiport at BCT, aligning with emerging aviation technologies and long-term strategic goals.



# WEB & MEDIA



“From Then To Now:  
A look At Tuskegee  
Airmen's Ties To Boca  
Raton”

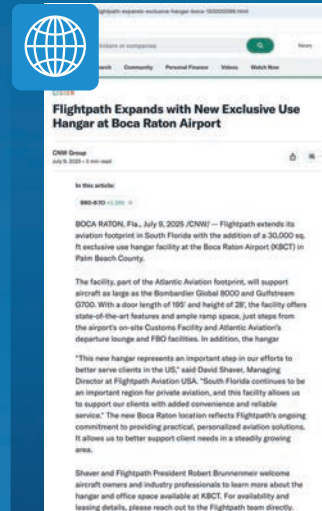
**5,223**  
Media Mentions  
in 2025

TV, Radio, Online +  
Print, Podcasts.



“WJNO Radio: Florida  
News That Impacts You  
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025”

*Observation Area  
Grand Opening Mention*

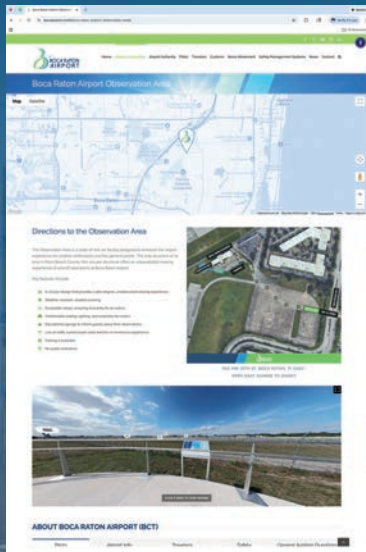


“Flightpath Expands  
With New Exclusive  
Use Hangar at Boca  
Raton Airport”



“Expert Explains  
Runway Safety  
Technology After a  
Plane Skidded Off a  
Boca Raton Runway”

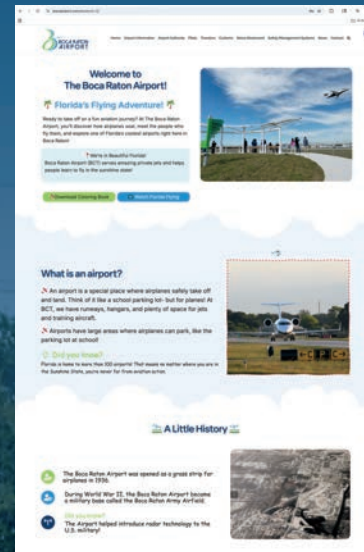
## OBSERVATION AREA WEBPAGE



A dedicated webpage for the Observation Area was created to showcase its features and provide details on what visitors can see and experience, both in person and through a virtual 360-degree tour.



## “KID’S CORNER” WEBPAGE



The “Students” page is designed to educate youth about airports and spark an interest in aviation. It provides information and resources that introduce students to airport operations and aviation careers.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BRAA continued to strengthen its role as a community partner through many outreach initiatives. These efforts connected the Airport to residents, students, businesses, and regional organizations, emphasizing its role as more than an aviation facility.



**Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Diamond Award Luncheon –**  
The airport was a sponsor for the Diamond Award Luncheon, an annual event that honors exceptional women for their professional success and contributions to the Boca Raton community.



**Community Spirit Race -** Boca Raton Airport staff participated in the Community Spirit Race 5K and 1-Mile Walk, supporting Spirit of Giving in its mission to unite nonprofits and strengthen the community through shared resources and programs.



**Habitat For Humanity Aviation Build Day and Women Build -** Boca Raton Airport proudly joined Habitat for Humanity's Aviation Build Day and Women Build, contributing hands-on support to help construct safe, affordable homes for local families.



**Leadership Boca for Economic Development Day -** Leadership Boca participants toured the Observation Area as Deputy Director Scott Kohut shared insights into the Airport's history and its vital role in driving Boca Raton's economy.



**Observation Area Open House -** The Airport hosted an open house event with colleagues from FAU Research Park with lunch at the Observation Area.



**Our Little Airport Activity Book-** The Boca Raton Airport published a children's activity book to distribute to the next generation of aviators.



**Boca Business Chamber Event -** The Airport sponsored the Boca Chamber Business Awards Luncheon, celebrating local entrepreneurs and business leaders who drive economic growth and give back to the community.



**Firecracker 5k Event -** Airport staff ran in the Boca Raton's Firecracker 5k event to kick off the cities' Fabulous Fourth festivities.



**4th of July Fireworks -** The Observation Area hours were extended to provide the public with the perfect vantage point to view The City of Boca Raton's Annual fireworks display.



**Kindness Matters Food Drive** - The Boca Raton Civil Air Patrol Squadron hosted a food drive to support Kindness Matters, helping equip youth with the tools to thrive through kindness. Boca Raton Airport was proud to partner in this successful initiative.



**Spirit of Giving** - Boca Raton Airport and our tenants partnered with The Spirit of Giving for their annual Back to School Drive, collecting supplies and donating \$1,000 to help students start the year confidently.



**Follow The Flock** - The Observation Area served as one of the locations for the Follow the Flock flamingos to help celebrate The City of Boca Raton's Centennial.



**Observation Area Clean Up** - The Civil Air Patrol Cadets dedicated their time and effort to cleaning up and beautifying the Observation Area.



**Career Fair** - The Boca Raton Airport joined Palm Beach International Airport for a Career Fair event to meet students and introduce them to opportunities in aviation.



**Pilots Meeting on TFR Procedures** - The Airport runway safety team hosted a pilots meeting to discuss best practices when operating within the presidential Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR).



**Pumpkin Patch Hunt** - The public was invited to the Observation Area to participate in a pumpkin hunt. Attendees enjoyed free refreshments, games, and giveaways.



**Fly-In Food Truck Event** - The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Air Station Miami hosted a public fundraising event with complimentary food and refreshments provided by Out Of The Box Food Truck.



**Wildlife Hazard Management Training** - The Airport hosted a wildlife training covering best practices, identification, endangered species coordination, bird banding, and other strategies to maintain safe airport environments.



**Thanksgiving Food Drive** - The Airport was happy to support the Civil Air Patrol's Thanksgiving food drive. This effort benefited St. Gregory's Church and Kindness Matters.



**Woman Volunteer of the Year** - The Junior League of Boca Raton hosted its 38th annual Woman Volunteer of the Year awards. Executive Director Clara Bennett was proudly nominated by Habitat For Humanity.



**Holiday Layover In Paradise** - The Boca Raton Chamber's end of the year Holiday celebration was hosted inside of Signature Aviation's hangar.









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