



## **Columbus Airport – Runway 6-24 Townhall Meeting Minutes**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Columbus Airport Staff Present:** Amber Clark, Darryl Graham, Josh Patton, Erik Lawrence, Amanda Vickers, Vincent Henderson, Lela Faircloth, Sonya Overton, Joe Owen, Rosa Hodges, Steve Cato, Eric Rivers

**Commissioners Present:** Philip Badcock, Dee Marsh

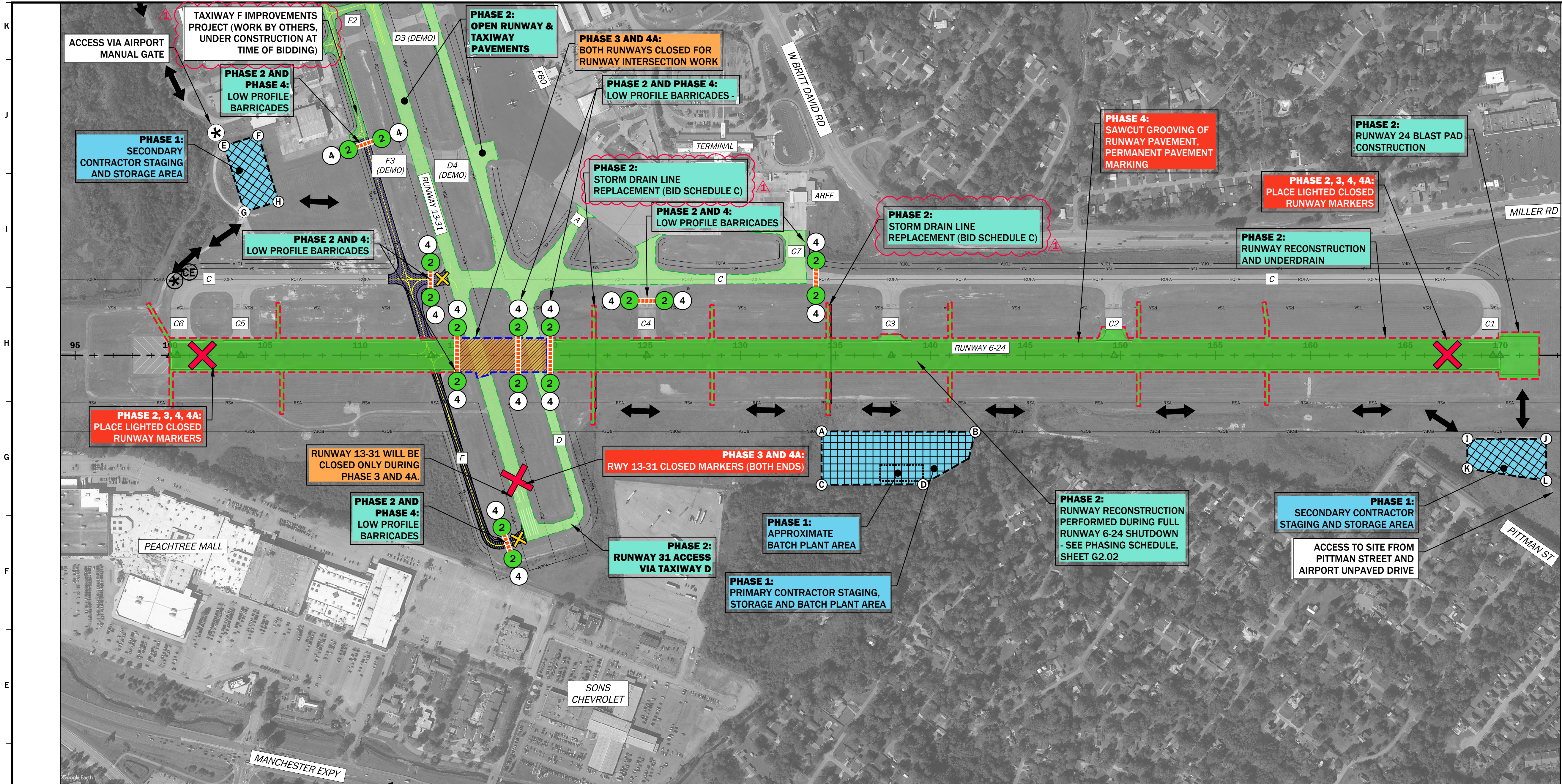
**Others Present:** Jacob Redwine, William Jenkins, Whitney Galbraith, Dyllon Galbraith, Doug Alsobrooks, Jared Butler, Bill Watt, Jessica Leiva, Michele Coleman, Leann Seffrin, David Noland, Bruce Huff, Ernie Kelly, Lisa Burton, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Griffin, Alexander Billingsley, Franklin Harcourt, Marty Flournoy, Steve McCants, Rick Jacobson, Michelle Guthrie, Ouide Newsom, Neita Green, Cheryl Carpenter, Jane Sanford, Debbie Morris, Connie Perry, Thomas Morpeth, Jim Clark, Reid Holcomb, Jennifer Allen, Halle Smith, Renee Sears, Dean Nettles, Henry Holmes, Joshua Rawlinson, Daniella Cavanagh, Don Willis, Cindy Garver, Tamara Graddy, John Greiner, Nick Thomas, Ken Stettes, Ashley Woitena, Steven Sprouse, Felicia Mathews

- I. The meeting started on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, by Amber Clark, Airport Director at 5:30PM.
  - a. Ms. Clark discussed the runway reconstruction project and went over why the project needs to be completed.
  - b. Ms. Clark introduced Jacob Redwine with Holt Consulting.
  - c. Mr. Redwine discussed the different phases of the project. The phases of the project are attached to the minutes.
  - d. Mr. Redwine discussed the timeline of the project.
    - i. The project is set to begin August 5, 2025, and go until November 27, 2025.
    - ii. The main runway, 6-24, will remain closed throughout the duration of the project.
    - iii. The first phase will last about 95 days.
    - iv. The second phase will last about 20 days, and it is the intersection so both runways will be shutdown during the second phase. The secondary runway, 13-31, will be closed from November 7, 2025, to November 27, 2025.
    - v. The runway will then open back up in late November with temporary markings. Nighttime work will begin and last about 45 days. It will carry from late November to early January.
  - e. Mr. Redwine went over some general information.
    - i. Parts of the runway (the light green on the picture) will be open for the users of the airport during phase one.
    - ii. All of the lighting on the airfield will also be replaced with LED lights.
    - iii. Under drain will be added under the runway to alleviate water issues.
- II. The floor was open for questions.
  - a. Is there any plan to extend the runway? Mr. Redwine answered that there is a plan to extend the runway, but it is a bigger hurdle. The airport is advertising for a scope and fee in the next couple weeks for a planning firm to assist with the runway justification.
  - b. Do you foresee at any time that the houses at the end of the runway would be affected by a runway extension? Ms. Clark answered that we would determine through the environmental process if it was going to affect any properties.
  - c. Do you have a projected wide schedule change, or do you anticipate changing points? Ms. Clark answered commercial service will be suspended from August 5<sup>th</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. How many days do you have built in for weather? Mr. Redwine answered that rain delays are built into the current schedule.

- e. Can you discuss the impact on business for the rental car companies? Ms. Clark stated that we are beginning to have those discussions with our stakeholders and the rental car companies are next for us to discuss with.
- f. The Emergency and medical flights that land here and will they still be able to land here with the closures, will we still have fixed wings and helicopters able to land? Ms. Clark answered that it depends on the size of the aircraft. The secondary runway will be open, so if the aircraft is small enough to land on that runway, then it will be available. Helicopters will be able to land the entire time.
- g. Are there road traffic concerns for the road that backs up to the airport in the residential area? Mr. Redwine answered that there will be some road traffic in that area because that is where one of the staging areas will be set up. What you will see is the crew and dump trucks coming in off Pittman to enter the airport property and to store products.
- h. Will this new runway bring in new air service? Ms. Clark answered that we are always trying to work on additional air service here at the airport. At this time, we do not have anything to announce.
- i. Will there be an increase in night flights from the Columbus Airport? Ms. Clark answered that we do not have anything scheduled. Our latest flight right now is about 9:45pm. After that, it is just general aviation.
- j. Large jets have been seen coming in all hours of the night. Ms. Clark answered that we sometimes have sports charters or other charters that fly in and out of Flightways, but it is random. We do not have anything regularly scheduled for nights.
- k. An employee of a life-flight company asked if she would be responsible for letting her director and the air flight companies know of the changes, or will something be sent down? Ms. Clark answered that we are sending something to our stakeholders.
- l. The LED lights that are planned to be installed, do they meet the FAA requirement to be picked up by pilots using Enhanced Flight Vision Systems (EFVS)? Mr. Redwine stated that he is not the electrical guy, he is the civil guy, so he will get back with him on that question.
- m. Will the airline and military come back after the runway construction is complete? Ms. Clark answered that we are working with Ft. Benning, the airline, and all of our partners and stakeholders to inform them when service will return and help with that process.
- n. What effect is this project going to have on the church by Striplin Terrace? Will that road be closed? Mr. Redwine answered that there will just be traffic coming in and out but no road closures.
- o. Will the asphalt that they demolish be stored on-site? Mr. Redwine stated that the asphalt will not be stored on-site but the soil, gravel, and those types of products will be. As for the asphalt, they are going to get rid of a lot of it and some of it will be used to freshen up some of the exterior roads that operations use.
- p. Was this airport originally built on a landfill and that is why we are having issues of sinking? Ms. Clark answered the original airport located off of Victory Drive was built on a landfill.
- q. Will the soil need to be remediated? Mr. Redwine answered, we're not anticipating that based on the soil bores that we took. So, we should be in good shape. The plan that we did was offset the new pipe, keeping that active because it is a creek, and it is running full time, and then we'll do a switch over when we need to, so they'll do a parallel pipe, at the same time keeping that main one open.
- r. What methods of dust control will be performed? Mr. Redwine answered that they have to always have several water trucks on site, and what you'll see if you're out here is that truck, going back and forth. Mainly, where you see the problems, are on their haul routes to the site. Once they get to the runway that's pretty stabilized up under the concrete.
- s. Will the prime contractor be looking locally for sub-contractors? Mr. Redwine answered that they will probably be using their own staff but will probably be looking for local labor to help with certain things, but since this is a specialty job, it will consist mostly of their own employees.
- t. How long are you all looking to extend the runway? Mr. Redwine answered that the extension is planned for 1,003 feet and it will remain on airport property. After the environmental, there will be public hearings to address any concerns. The runway extension is not part of this project.

- u. Will the closure of the main runway increase the amount of traffic on the secondary runway and cause more noise? Mr. Redwine answered that he is not sure exactly where she lives but it should not increase the crosswind runway traffic because of the length of that runway.
- v. I have had issues with air service in the past. Does the current service have as many cancellations as there used to be? Ms. Clark stated that we do have some more reliable aircraft, and we are always looking to expand our air service. One thing that we do ask from our community is to provide your support in the sharing of your travel data (when, where, how many trips, etc.), provide a letter of support for a particular route, or just use the current air service out of CSG. The more data we receive and understanding the why behind the travel helps us justify new routes. It's very competitive when airlines look for where to put a new route. We need to ensure that Columbus is the most profitable for them to put an aircraft here. We do have something on our website where you can join our Air Service Task force, and that will help you get engaged in that process. The website is [www.flycolumbusga.com](http://www.flycolumbusga.com).
- w. Can the airlines land at Lawson field? Ms. Clark answered that there isn't unfortunately, but they have offered to help with some of our governmental flights.
- x. Will this project encourage new air service? Ms. Clark answered yes, we sure hope so. That's information that we're continuously preparing and providing to those airlines. We keep them updated with everything that goes on, even when we have community events, we make sure that they're aware, so they know how many people, how many travelers, and how many passengers we have coming through. We work very closely with our stakeholder partners; Visit Columbus, the Trade Center, Fort Benning, and get that information to pass on to them.
- y. What about the immigration flights, when are those coming back? Ms. Clark answered that they will hopefully be operating out of Lawson Field and then returning after.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.



PHASING NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN ALL BARRICADES AND CLOSURE MARKERS.
2. CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT PRODUCT SUBMITTALS FOR APPROVAL, ORDER AND RECEIVE ALL ELECTRICAL MATERIALS (LONG LEAD ITEMS) PRIOR TO BEGINNING PHASE 2 WORK.
3. RUNWAY CLOSURES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE ENGINEER AND AIRPORT OPERATOR TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTIONS TO OPERATIONS.
4. THE AIRPORT OPERATOR WILL ISSUE ALL REQUIRED NOTAMS 72 HOURS BEFORE WORK BEGINS. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE OPERATOR SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ALLOW FOR 72 HOUR LEAD TIME.
5. MARKERS AND BARRICADES SHALL NEVER BE LOCATED WITHIN THE SAFETY AREA OF AN ACTIVE RUNWAY OR TAXIWAY.
6. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE 2 BADGED FLAGMEN AND 1 BADGED ESCORT (PER CROSSING) TO COORDINATE LARGE TRUCKS OR EQUIPMENT CROSSING ACTIVE PAVEMENT AREAS INSIDE THE SECURE IDENTIFICATION AREA (SIDA). FLAGMEN SHALL HAVE AIR TO GROUND RADIOS AND MONITOR THE CSG GROUND FREQUENCY. CONTRACTOR SHALL VACUUM OR SWEEP THE ACTIVE PAVEMENT DAILY OR AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THERE IS NO FOREIGN OBJECT DEBRIS (FOD) ON ACTIVE AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS AT ANY TIME.
7. PHASE 4 AND 4A ARE NIGHTTIME PHASES BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 6:00AM. CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH ENGINEER AND CSG TO IDENTIFY OPTIMAL TIME WINDOWS FOR THIS WORK THAT MINIMIZES DISRUPTION TO AIRPORT OPERATIONS.

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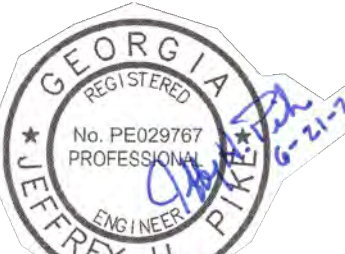
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--- ROFA ---	RUNWAY OBJECT FREE AREA (ROFA)		PROJECT LIMITS - PHASE 2 - RWY 6-24 SHUTDOWN
--- RPZ ---	RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE		OPEN RUNWAY/TAXIWAY DURING PHASE 2
	ACCESS / HAUL ROUTE		PROJECT LIMITS - PHASE 3 - FULL SHUTDOWN
	CONTRACTOR STAGING AND STORAGE		TAXIWAY F WORK LIMITS
	BATCH PLANT		TYPE 1 LOW PROFILE BARRICADES NOTE: NUMBER/COLOR DENOTES PHASE
	RUNWAY/TAXIWAY DESIGNATION		LIGHTED RUNWAY CLOSURE "X" MARKERS
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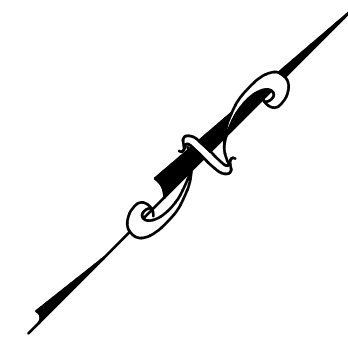
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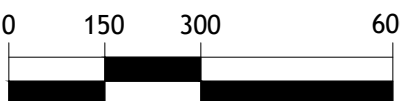


Notes:

1. SEE SHEET G2.02 FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASING SCHEDULE AND DURATIONS



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REVISIONS

No.	Description	Date	By
1	ADDENDUM NO. 1 REVISIONS	8/6/24	JHP

Project Name:

**RUNWAY 6-24  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Sheet Name:

**CONSTRUCTION SAFETY  
AND PHASING PLAN  
(RUNWAY SHUTDOWN)**

GDOT Project Number:

FAA 3-13-0035-XXX-2024

Designer:

K. MORRIS

CAD File:

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Plotted:

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Scale:

1" = 300'

Holt Project Number:

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Technician:

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Checked by:

J. PIKE

Submittal / Issue Date:

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Drawing Number:

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