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Downtown Airport General Aviation Complex Opens

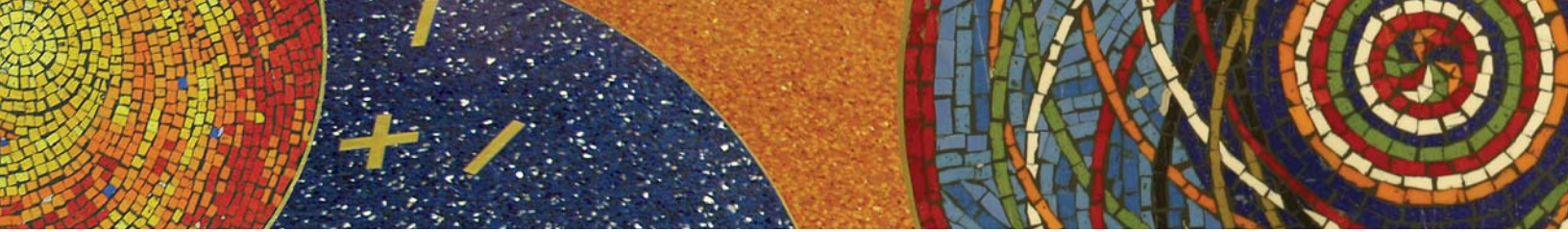
Earlier this month, the Kansas City Aviation Department recognized the completion of a \$70 million refurbishment program at Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport (IATA Code MKC). A dedication breakfast was held and attendees included Bill Dunn of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Mayor Mark Funkhouser, Mayor Pro tem Bill Skaggs and Aviation Director Mark VanLoh. Additionally, the event featured an impersonator of historic African-American aviator Bessie Coleman. Former Mayor Charles B. Wheeler was also on hand.



The airport's refurbishment program began in 2005 and included a \$28 million project to raze and resurface both runways, a \$20 million hangar project, \$17 million for runway safety projects and construction of a \$1 million general aviation terminal. Forty dilapidated tee hangars were demolished and replaced with 96 new units, including 12 box hangars with radiant floor heating. Other improvements included 20 acres of support pavement, an "avgas" self-fueling station and an aircraft wash structure. The general aviation terminal provides amenities for pilot flight planning, showers, an office and lounge area.

MKC is a major economic generator for the region. In a 2005 Missouri Department of Transportation study, annual economic benefit from MKC was \$44,548,500 with direct and indirect employment of 572 yielding payroll of over \$12 million. MKC offers aviators a 24-hour control tower, a Category I Instrument Landing System, a 24-hour fixed base operator, full aircraft maintenance, hangar facilities, air cargo facilities, aircraft sales, leasing and charters, flight training and car rentals.

MKC was dedicated as "Kansas City Municipal Airport" by Charles Lindbergh on August 17, 1927. The airport flourished during the early days of commercial flight serving many airlines and as the headquarters for Trans World Airlines. By the 1960s, the airport could no longer handle the larger commercial planes and increased jet and passenger traffic. Plans for a new airport, which became Kansas City International Airport, were developed and KCI opened in 1972. In turn, MKC became a thriving general and business aviation facility. MKC's name was changed to Kansas City Downtown Airport in October 1977 and rededicated as Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport on the airport's 75th anniversary in August 2002. For more information visit www.flymkc.com.



MKC Fuel Receives Perfect Inspection

With the opening of the new "avgas" self-fueling station, the Wheeler Downtown Airport will now be subject to periodic fuel quality assurance inspections by federal and state agencies and by the fuel supplier. In recent weeks, the airport in fact had its first Phillips 66 Aviation Fuel Quality Assurance Inspection and received a perfect score. All Phillip 66 aviaton fuel dealers nationwide receive the same inspection, but an unblemished score is unusual.

"This is a special accomplishment in my estimation. I don't know of any other first pass inspections that have achieved this -- anywhere -- under the new system Phillips has implemented just a year ago," remarked Steve Archambault from ConocoPhillips, the airport's fuel supplier.

The criteria for a perfect score requires no discrepancies found during the inspection of prior records. An inspection also examines equipment, procedures and actual fuel sample drawn at that time. The inspections are also part of ConocoPhillips' ongoing efforts to maintain the highest level of quality assurance for their customers and for the safety of flight. As a result, the pilot community should feel extremely confident that they are getting quality, safe fuel from the stringent practices in place at Downtown Airport.

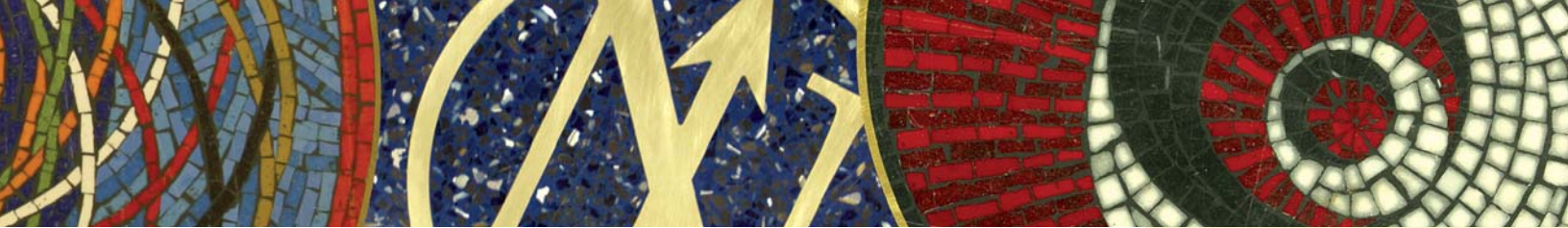
Construction Projects Continue Year-Round

Facility improvements continue at the Kansas City International Airport with several finished and ongoing projects. Terminal B Loop Road upgrades include new pedestrian bridges to the top of the garage so that travelers have an easier, more direct route to their cars. Additionally, new concrete pedestrian medians feature reconfigured bus shelters and better directional signs. The terminal roadway was repaved and the garage tunnels were waterproofed against snow and ice. The final part will be removal of the garage tunnels' glass roofs in exchange for an opaque one that can better withstand road salt and moisture. The Terminal A garage tunnels will receive the same roof replacements.

The airport's salt storage barn was severely damaged in a spring thunderstorm. Repairs include a re-sheathed roof and new north-facing wall. It also received a replacement overhead rolling door, new siding and a coat of fresh paint. This project was completed quickly thanks to the City's new "Job Order Contracting" process that speeds up the bidding process for projects valued at less than \$250,000.

The roof of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting building at the airport will be repaired soon from ongoing airfield wind damage. Specifically, the arched section over the truck bays will have a new 20-year roof made with a plastic-like membrane. The vendor has been selected and work should be complete Spring 2011.

Planned asphalt maintenance is ongoing in the Economy Parking Lot. The longitudinal joints are being spot-repaired from normal weather exposure damage. The project began a couple months ago, but will cease during the colder winter months. The project should continue in the spring, but is dependent upon working around travelers' vehicles already parked.



Greener Days

The Kansas City Aviation Department continues to strengthen its environmentally conscious initiatives at KCI Airport. The former American Airlines Overhaul Base has been cleaned out, revealing a large collection of phonebooks eligible for recycling. Airport staff collected a truck and trailer full of the phonebooks and disposed of them at an appropriate recycling facility instead of at a landfill.

A small plot of land outside the Aviation Department management building has been designated as an employee vegetable garden. Working with recycled fencing and an existing irrigation system, employees will use their own time and materials to grow produce locally and decrease their carbon footprint.

Over the last year, the Accounting Division has begun automating certain processes to reduce paper use. Vendors are encouraged to send the Department invoices and statements via email. Disputes and reports are sent and viewed electronically. Also, automated clearing houses, or electronic deposits, are offered to vendors to further reduce paper and ink, while improving customer service and saving time.

The Information Technology Division has just recycled 10 years worth of electronic equipment. Computers that were originally used at employee desks and later in terminals for flight information displays have been sent for recycling. A local recycling center was secured at a low cost to clean and dispose 196 twenty-inch monitors, 257 CPUs, 79 keyboards, 175 standard size monitors, 194 oversized monitors and 30 printers. Additionally, three outdated servers were sold online.

Republic Conducting Maintenance at KCI

As the former American Airlines Overhaul Base transforms to new uses, the Aviation Department has added a new tenant to the space which already houses Smith Electric and Jet Midwest. In recent weeks, Republic Airways Holdings, Inc. has signed on as a lessee at the Base. Republic is an airline holding company that owns Chautauqua Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Lynx Aviation, Midwest Airlines, Republic Airlines and Shuttle America. The move makes KCI the primary hangar maintenance location for Republic's Embraer-170 in the Frontier Airlines system and its Airbus-320 aircraft. In addition to performing daily maintenance in support of its daily aircraft departures, the Republic family is also working overnight maintenance on 1 to 3 aircraft, with expectations to expand that capacity as additional aircraft deliveries are received in 2011. To support these substantial maintenance activities, Republic is using two maintenance bays in the Overhaul Base.

Air Service Update

Two significant airline mergers are in the works. Continental and United Airlines are planning to merge pending U.S. Department of Transportation approval. Southwest has also announced plans to purchase low-cost competitor AirTran Airways. This deal is awaiting U.S. DOT approval as well.

Frontier Airlines has added seasonal nonstop service every Saturday to Ft. Myers, Florida. The airline will also begin using larger aircraft for their routes to Washington D.C. (Reagan) and New Orleans making those flights more comfortable with potentially lower fares.

Southwest Airlines' spring schedule includes some additional weekend flying, including a second nonstop flight to Ft. Lauderdale on Saturdays.

The KCAD wrote a letter to the U.S. DOT in support of Republic Holdings' request for landing slots at Washington D.C. (Reagan) Airport for its third daily frequency to Kansas City.

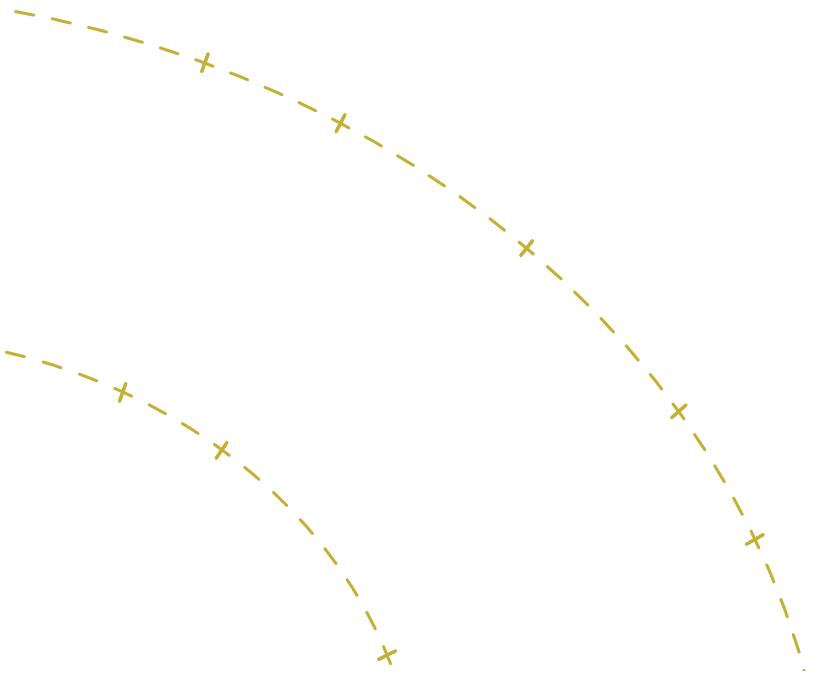




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New, Improved Shops Debuted

Travelers now have more opportunities for picking up those last minute flight necessities at Kansas City International Airport. Recently, two new snack and gift kiosks were added to airline departure lounges in Terminal C. American and Frontier airlines both opened shops beyond security checkpoints to offer merchandise ranging from head pillows and blankets to green licorice and news materials. Additionally a new restaurant, KCI Brew Pub, has been unveiled in the Terminal C concourse near Frontier Airlines. The establishment offers wait service, a full bar featuring Boulevard Beer and a menu that includes breakfast, soups, salads, sandwiches and pizza. The City Deli has reopened with improved service in Terminal B between Delta and Southwest airlines. Coming soon will be a "Babies To Go" kiosk. This will be a 24-hour vending machine selling everything from bottles and pacifiers to diapers and baby food. The machine will be in Terminal B near Gate 38 in the Southwest Airlines area.

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Aviation Department Arrivals

The Kansas City Aviation Department salutes its new, transferred and promoted employees...

Jillynda Adams - Airport Police Officer
Richard Bahmler - Aviation Manager, Operations
Jonathan Campbell - Airport Police Officer
Bernard Coulter - Airport Police Officer
Rod DeWinkler - Aviation Manager, Downtown Airport Operations
Todd Garrett - Maintenance Mechanic, Facilities Structural
Chad Grote - Maintenance Repairer, Downtown Airport Operations
Elizabeth Herron - Airport Police Officer
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Fred O'Neill - Senior Analyst, Accounting
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Rosemarie Sladish - Administrative Assistant, Field Maintenance
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