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SEC-AAAE Journal

Louisville Airport Authority celebrates upgrades and changes for 2017

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- Louisville's Regional Airport Authority is looking back on all the big changes made in 2017 in its annual year-end recap.

This year, seven more direct flights were added at Louisville International Airport, making it a total of 28 non-stop destinations. And terminals also got some big improvements.

Airport Authority Executive Director, C.T. "Skip" Miller said the Crittenden Drive relocation project also finished up.

"That final phase was the completion of the Woodlawn overpass, which was the complete reconstruction of the Woodlawn overpass that connects the airport over to the Beechmont area and to the industrial complex just west of the CSX tracks, goes across the CSX tracks and Strawberry Lane. It's about a 164 foot-long span," Miller said.

Several improvements were also made this year to Bowman Field Airport.

WDRB Media

January - February 2018

GA: Man on TSA Watch List Accused of Suspicious Activity at Athens Airport

[AviationPros.com](#)

Dec. 30--[Airports](#) around the United States were previously warned about a Georgia man whose behavior in restricted areas was a security concern. This week, the man allegedly behaved the same way at Athens Ben Epps [airport](#), according to police.

Parking at Blue Grass Airport just got simpler with this phone app

[Lexington Herald Leader](#)

You're at Blue Grass [Airport](#), just arriving on a red eye from the West Coast. You have your luggage and you're heading to your car in the parking lot, soon to be heading home. But you don't have the cash to pay for parking and...

Baton Rouge Metro Council bumps [airport](#) director pay, takes steps to hire search firm

[The Advocate](#)

Baton Rouge officials have boosted the pay for the next [airport](#) leader and are closing in on hiring a search firm to help fill the role. This week, the Metro Council bumped pay for the job, officially known as the parish director of aviation, from...

No. 1 story of year: People Express loan guarantee sparks Newport News airport, City Hall shake-up

Daily Press

The Peninsula Airport Commission's use of \$4.5 million of public funds to pay off People Express Airlines' \$4.5 million debt to TowneBank cost a city **manager** his job and shattered public trust in one of the Peninsula's oldest regional bodies. A Daily Press report in January on the quietly arranged deal ...

Former airport executive director sues Peninsula Airport Commission

Daily Press

The former executive **director** of Newport News/Williamsburg International **Airport** is suing the Peninsula **Airport** Commission and three current and former **airport** employees, accusing them of defaming him last year. Ken Spirito — who led the **airport** from early 2009 until his termination in May ...

Uber's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad year

TNW

Protests erupted at several major US **airports**, and the New York Taxi Workers Alliance instituted a temporary boycott of pickups at JFK **Airport**. Uber, unfortunately, didn't ... "On my first official day rotating on the team, my new **manager** sent me a string of messages over company chat. He was in an open ...

Airport director discusses 2018 plans

Lebanon Democrat

Lebanon Municipal Airport and city leaders opened the doors to the airport's new terminal building last year, setting the stage for major changes in 2018. "I have always said we're the largest welcome center in Wilson County and its owned by the city," said Lebanon Municipal **Airport manager** Heather ...

Memphis airport adds new Starbucks, Cinnabon, Urban Market

Memphis Business Journal

The Memphis **airport** has added new food and beverage options — just in time to cut down on the long lines of holiday travelers waiting for their peppermint mochas. Memphis International **Airport** has been working on a series of projects to accommodate both Southwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines in the ...

Bentonville facilities receive recognitions

NWAOnline

The Arkansas **Airport** Operators Association named the municipal **airport** the 2017 Arkansas **Airport** of the Year during its 24th annual conference in mid-October in Eureka Springs. Jerry Chism, **director** of the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics, presented Chuck Chadwick, **airport manager**, with a ...

West Virginia officials wary of Bombardier trade dispute

Idaho Statesman

The facility at North Central West Virginia **Airport** in October picked up 89 jobs from Bombardier's shuttered maintained operations in Georgia. But the company is locked in a trade dispute with Chicago-based Boeing, which argues that the price of C Series passenger jets that Bombardier charged to ...

Johnnie Walker Gets New Whisky Store In Miami

The Whiskey Wash

"I would like to thank our partners at Duty Free Americas and Miami International **Airport** for this collaboration," said Dayalan Nayager, Managing **Director**, Diageo Global Travel, in a prepared statement. "Miami International **Airport** is the largest gateway between the United States and Latin America with ...

HCPD K9 finds more than 10 pounds of marijuana at MYR

WBTW - Myrtle Beach and Florence SC

MYRTLE BEACH (WBTW) – **Horry County** Police tweeted a little after 7:00 p.m., Sunday that their K-9 Ilsa discovered 10.87 pounds of marijuana at the Myrtle Beach International **Airport**. According to Krystal Dotson, the Public Information Officer with the **Horry County** Police **Department**, the marijuana ...

NC: Airport Name Change Spurs Protest Petition

AviationPros.com

Dec. 23--GUILFORD COUNTY -- Business owner and air traveler Nicky Smith wants to ground the new name proposed for the region's **airport** before it takes off any further. Smith, who runs a digital phone service company out of Greensboro, launched an online petition Wednesday night to convince ...

Charleston airport may add new amenity for pets

WSPA.com

CHARLESTON, S.C. (WSPA) – A new amenity at multiple **airports** across the country is one for your four legged friends. Pet relief stations are now being offered as people travel with their pets, and according to The Post and Courier, Charleston's **airport** may soon be adding one of these. Especially since ...

The top six technology priorities for airports in 2018

Tnooz

Airports around the world were actively engaged in trials of advanced technologies in 2017, and we expect that many of those projects will expand in 2018. The main **airport** technology priority will be making the terminal experience less jarring and more pleasurable for passengers. Not only will this help ...

Working to keep critters off Wilmington's runways

StarNewsOnline.com

NEW HANOVER COUNTY -- Nine miles of fencing is a lot. But it's just one piece of an overall strategy to try to keep wildlife off the runways at Wilmington International **Airport**. Gary Taylor, operations **manager** at the **airport**, said officials patrol the perimeter fence and grounds each day. They look for ...

Naples Airport Authority Awarded 12th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in ...

AviationPros.com

Naples Airport Authority's CAFR is available for download at www.flynaples.com/airport-information/financial-information. Naples **Municipal Airport** is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, ...

Memphis airport readies for \$214 million, three-year overhaul of B Concourse

The Commercial Appeal

The aging spine of **airport's** old Delta and Northwest hub is tentatively scheduled to shut down by March for a three-year reconstruction. Preparations for a \$214 million modernization of 55-year-old B Concourse have been underway for a couple of years. But **airport** officials have lately accelerated the ...

Charlotte area's regional airports use grant dollars for passenger service, lighting safety

Charlotte Business Journal

When Allegiant began landing Airbus A320s at Concord Regional Airport in 2013, **airport managers** knew the runway would need reinforcement. Now, thanks to grants from the FAA and the state, three additional inches of asphalt will be added to the 7,400-foot runway just as soon as weather permits, ...

West Star Aviation Finalizes Embraer Service Center Agreement at its Chattanooga Location

AviationPros.com

January 4, 2018 - West Star Aviation is pleased to announce it has finalized its Service Center agreement with Embraer Executive Jets at its full-service state-of-the-art maintenance facility in Chattanooga, TN at KCHA. This agreement is for Embraer Base Maintenance on Phenom 100/300, Legacy ...

United Airlines adding more flights at Huntsville International Airport

AL.com

United Airlines is expanding its inventory of non-stop flights into and out of Huntsville International **Airport**, the **airport** announced Monday. There aren't any new destinations available but more flights between Huntsville and three of United's domestic hub **airports** in Chicago, Denver and Washington.

New Allegiant Air services at SRQ Airport

SNN TV

SARASOTA – Another option soon will be available for passengers at Sarasota-Bradenton International **Airport**. Allegiant Air announces it will begin serving SRQ with non-stop service to Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh. According to the Bradenton Herald, Allegiant will become the seventh airline ...

Allegiant Airlines to begin serving Charleston airport in April

Charleston Post Courier

Las Vegas-based Allegiant will launch seasonal, nonstop service in April between the state's busiest **airport** and three cities in the Midwest and Northeast. The airline will begin Wednesday and Saturday flights from Charleston International to Pittsburgh International on April 4, before switching to ...

Construction work to affect parking at Nashville airport

The Daily Herald

NASHVILLE — Passengers at the Nashville International **Airport** will encounter some temporary parking changes as construction work continues. A section of long-term parking lot A will close starting this Saturday. The remaining spaces in lot A will still be available, along with the additional parking lots ...

[City targets illegal signs, airport work](#)

Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Shelbyville **Municipal Airport** has set its goals for the year 2018 one of which is to increase the amount of aviation traffic which will increase fuel sales and ... First quarter: Develop a mission and vision statements and roles for the airport and Airport Authority; provide cleaning and upgrades to the terminal.

[New ID rules at the airport are pushed back to 2020](#)

CNBC

All 50 states are now compliant with Real ID or have an extension to become compliant, which means passengers can continue to use their driver's licenses as usual for domestic travel. The Real ID Act was passed by Congress in 2005, in the wake of 9/11, to raise the security standards for state-issued ...

[Runway improvements expected at Yeager Airport](#)

WSAZ-TV

That's after Yeager officials found out the **airport** will be receiving Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) blocks within the year. The materials are placed at the end of the runway to help stop an aircraft that overruns the main runway. The **airport** had received a nearly \$13.5 million grant from the ...

[Tallahassee airport fares 68 percent higher than national average](#)

Tallahassee.com

Airfares out of Tallahassee International **Airport** are, on average, 68 percent more expensive than the national average. Grew Swoope, an economic development expert with VisionFirst Advisors, based in Tallahassee, told city commissioners during Wednesday's retreat that airfare costs need to be ...

[Outage Prompts Effort to Hike Atlanta Airport's Backup Power](#)

U.S. News & World Report

Atlanta **airport** officials look to boost its backup power in the wake the power outage that crippled the world's busiest **airport** last month. Jan. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport** General **Manager** Roosevelt Council told the city council transportation ...

[Delta says December outage, storm took \\$60 million toll](#)

MyAJC

Hartsfield-Jackson general **manager** Roosevelt Council told an Atlanta city council transportation committee Wednesday that he wants to set up a system of emergency generators powerful enough to keep the **airport's** concourses in operation. Yet to be seen is how much that will cost and who will pay for ...

[Morgantown Airport to receive more than \\$2 million loan from city](#)

wajr

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The City of Morgantown will provide more than \$2 million dollars to the Morgantown **Municipal Airport** to help continue with ongoing construction projects. In a move unanimously passed by Morgantown City Council, the Morgantown **Municipal Airport** will receive approximately ...

[Tri-Cities Airport Authority receives \\$4.1M grant to further develop Aerospace Park](#)

WJHL

BLOUNTVILLE, TN (WJHL) – The Tennessee Department of Transportation has awarded \$4.1 million to the Tri-Cities **Airport** Authority to further develop the Aerospace Park. The **Airport** Authority told News Channel 11 the purpose of the grant is to advance jobs creation and investment opportunities in ...

[NC airport bomb suspect, who wanted to 'fight war on US soil,' pleads guilty](#)

USA TODAY

Michael Christopher Estes, 46, was initially charged with attempted malicious use of explosive materials and unlawful possession of explosive materials in an **airport**. He pleaded guilty to the latter count — which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine — said Lia ...

[New regional airport will never happen](#)

Williamson Daily News

There will never be a new Huntington-Charleston or a Charleston-Huntington Regional **Airport**. Never. There, I've said it. I wish I were wrong. Decades ago, many in this area saw the potential economic positives of a new regional **airport**; it's very unfortunate that the concept crash-landed. Last month, a ...

[Punta Gorda Airport Announces New Marketing & Communications Manager](#)

AviationPros.com

The Charlotte County **Airport** Authority (CCAA) announces that Kaley R. Miller has joined the Punta Gorda **Airport** as its marketing & communications **manager**. Kaley will assist the chief executive officer in a variety of **airport** marketing initiatives, public outreach and communications functions in support of ...

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Airport chief calls for flexible leasing

Arkansas Online

BENTONVILLE -- The **manager** of the Bentonville Municipal **Airport** says the standardized 45-year lease for developers essentially short-sells the **airport's** real estate value for the city. The length of the lease should depend on the amount of infrastructure the developer is going to build for the **airport**, ...

Louisville airport authority names new director

Bowling Green Daily News

The South Carolina **airport** had five consecutive years of passenger growth under Mann. The **airport** also had a \$58 million capital improvement program that included the installation of a solar panel farm on its campus. He was previously executive **director** of the Eastern Iowa **Airport** and **manager** of the ...

Airport Authority Awards Two Major Construction Contracts as Part of Renovation and Expansion ...

Nashville International Airport

Airport Authority Awards Two Major Construction Contracts as Part of Renovation and Expansion Plan. NASHVILLE – The Metropolitan **Airport** Authority (MNA) Board of Commissioners at the January board meeting awarded two significant projects under BNA Vision, the **Airport** Authority's renovation ...

Ousted airport leader updates lawsuit over dismissal

Nashville Post

Robert Wigington, the former president and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville **Airport** Authority fired last year, has amended his employment discrimination lawsuit against the body that oversees the Nashville International **Airport**, adding two new defendants and allegations of defamation to the ...

Southwest Florida International in Fort Myers serves record number of passengers

The News-Press

"December 2017 was the best December in the 35-year-history of the **airport**. And, our performance for the year exceeded all expectations to be a historic best with 8,842,549 passengers," said Jeff Mulder, port authority executive **director**. The Fort Myers **airport** served 873,494 passengers in December, ...

State bid to take over Atlanta's airport percolating in General Assembly

Atlanta Business Chronicle

City of Atlanta officials are bracing for the latest attempt by the state to take over Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**. Legislation creating a state authority to run the **airport** could be introduced into the Georgia Senate as early as Monday, Sen. Nan Orrock, D-Atlanta, said Friday during a ...

Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport breaks record in 2017 annual report

WTOC

The Savannah/Hilton Head International **Airport** passed its 2016 annual numbers by 12 percent in 2017 breaking another **airport** record. Last year they had over 2.4 million passengers served in Savannah. Over the past ten years the **airport's** annual passenger number has fluctuated quite a bit. In 2007 ...

Louisiana airport becomes NASAO business partner

Transportation Today

"We are excited about the opportunity to join one of the most established aviation organizations in the United States and we look forward to becoming an active voice in support of NASAO's various programs and initiatives," **Airport Manager** Richard Osborne said. The general aviation airport is on 359 ...

West Star deal to aid Chattanooga airport expansion

Chattanooga Times Free Press

West Star expects to add between 50 and 75 more workers this year at its Chattanooga Metropolitan **Airport** facilities to handle growth, said company spokeswoman Debi Cunningham. West Star already employs 68 people at the **airport**, she said. West Star has finalized a service center agreement with ...

Virginia bills offer fee break to public-use airports

Seattle Times

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Norfolk International **Airport** officials and city leaders are at odds over two bills before the Virginia General Assembly that would save the **airport** \$250,000 — stripping 1.5 percent of funding from the city's stormwater program. The Virginian-Pilot reports the bills would give ...

Orlando airport begins construction of \$2.1 billion South Terminal

Orlando Sentinel

As Orlando International **Airport** tries to keep up with passenger growth, its main project this year is construction of a new terminal that will rank as one of the most costly public-works projects ever in Central Florida. The \$2.1 billion job, which has recently begun, will employ a peak force of 2,200 workers ...

New Orleans airport sets new traveler record in 2017, sees 7th consecutive year of growth

The Advocate

Another year, another record at Louis Armstrong International **Airport**. Total passengers for the **airport** in 2017 finished at 12,009,512, surpassing the previous record total of about 11.1 million the year before. It was the seventh consecutive year of passenger growth, with a 35 percent increase since 2010 ...

Orlando airport hires company to keep trams running smoothly

WFTV Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. - Officials with the Orlando International **Airport** have brought in a watchdog to make sure the **airport's** new trams get passengers to their gates on time without breaking down. Starting in the spring of 2017, Eyewitness News has reported several stories about the new trams, which are ...

Morgantown and FAA concur on runway study

wajr

According to the City **Manager's** Office, the goal of the runway extension project is to improve and modernize the **airport's** facilities, recruit new businesses to the area, and improve safety at the **airport**. The project has been endorsed by West Virginia University, the Monongalia County Commission, Star ...

RDU had record number of passengers in 2017

News & Observer

A record number of passengers flew in and out of Raleigh-Durham International **Airport** last year. About 1.6 million travelers passed through RDU in 2017 – 5.6 percent more than the previous year. The growth came from a combination of new flights and healthy demand for existing ones. About 83 ...

Audit: Charleston airport's finances "in great shape"

Charleston Post Courier

Charleston International **Airport** has taken a lot of heat lately over the aftermath of the recent winter storm, but one area with more glowing results is its coffers. Charleston County Aviation Authority, which oversees the state's busiest terminal, ended its past fiscal year in June with \$3 million more in ...

Piedmont Triad International Airport retains name for now

Seattle Times

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — For now, air travelers to a central North Carolina city will be landing at Piedmont Triad International **Airport**. The News & Record of Greensboro reports the **airport's** board voted unanimously on Tuesday to hire a marketing firm that will begin the process of "rebranding" the ...

Myrtle Beach International Airport sees record-setting 1.1 million passengers

Myrtle Beach Sun News

Myrtle Beach International Airport welcomed a record number of more than 1.1 million passengers in 2017, surpassing the previous year's record of more than 972,000 passengers, airport officials said Tuesday. Scott Van Mopps, **director of airports** for Horry County, said they expect passenger traffic ...

Pensacola Airport goes Intergalactic

WEAR

At a news conference Tuesday, City Manager Eric Olson read a proclamation from Mayor Ashton Hayward, temporarily re-naming the **airport** "Pensacola Intergalactic **Airport**." Members of the USS Continuum Star Trek club were in attendance and in uniform. Even the dogs of the **airport's** Pup Patrol had ...

Homeless Population Increases Significantly at Atlanta Airport

The Gate

The homeless population increases significantly at Atlanta **Airport** — and along with that came occurrences which are considered...

St. Lucie County hires former Port Canaveral chief to run airport, Port of Fort Pierce

TCPalm

LUCIE COUNTY — Port Canaveral's former CEO will lead development at the Port of Fort Pierce and Treasure Coast International **Airport**. The County Commission voted 4-0 Tuesday to hire Stan Payne as executive director of air and seaport for \$168,000 a year. For the last three years, Payne has been ...

Misinformation about REAL ID causing concern among travelers

messenger-inquirer

Bob Whitmer, **director** of Owensboro-Daviess County Regional **Airport**, said the **airport** has been receiving a mass of calls asking whether passengers can still board their flights. He said most people accept that their license will work until Oct. 10, but he doesn't have much of an answer if they ask what ...

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