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e-Link is a quarterly newsletter for our tenants, vendors and business partners to stay linked in with the projects, accomplishments and development at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field.

## April 2017

- More than 1,032,783 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in April 2017, an increase of 14.7 percent compared to April 2016. This number also represents the best April in the 34-year history of the airport and the first time RSW has had 1 million-plus passengers use the airport in April.
- The Lee County Port Authority was recognized by the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association at the 2017 Local Image Awards. LCPA received an Award of Distinction for successfully branding and marketing the 47th Annual Florida Airports Council, resulting in positive recognition for both FAC and LCPA.
- RSW completed its annual Federal Aviation Administration FAR Part 139 Airport Certification Inspection without discrepancies. Each year, the FAA certification inspector closely inspects and reviews our manuals, logs and records, airfield material conditions, airfield lighting, airport wildlife program and ARFF's emergency response capabilities, equipment and training. Maintaining full compliance with this regulation requires experienced skills and dedication to safety.

### May 2017

- The Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives has awarded LCPA with the 2017 Outstanding General Aviation Airport - Architectural Project for the Page Field RaceTrac project. RaceTrac, which recently opened at the corner of US 41 and North Airport Road, has 18 fueling positions and a 6,000-square-foot retail store.
- Frontier Airlines announced the return of its weekly flights to Denver starting on Sept 7.
- Delta Air Lines announced they will be increasing their weekend-only Boston service to daily flights beginning on Dec. 17.

### June 2017

- Spirit Airlines announced they will serve two new markets with daily flights to Hartford and Pittsburgh, beginning Nov. 9 for the winter season.
- Moody's Investor Services affirmed its 'A2' long-term rating and stable outlook for the Lee County Port Authority last week. The A2 rating was based on positive enplanement growth, strong airline diversity and a competitive cost profile with airline cost-per-enplanement at \$6.41 and above average liquidity.
- Delta Air Lines announced that the RSW seasonal service they currently offer to Cincinnati will now operate year-round.















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The Page Field repavement project of Runway 5-23, Taxiway A and Taxiway C continues. The critical paving of the intersection - and closing of the airport runways to fixed-wing flight operations – began on June 5 and, despite record rainfall, the airport reopened on time on Friday, June 9. This was a great effort by our development and Page Field staff, contractors and engineers for getting this work done in such a tight timeframe, under adverse conditions. The remaining paving of Runway 5-23 should be completed in August with Taxiway C and the remaining drainage and electrical work done in November.



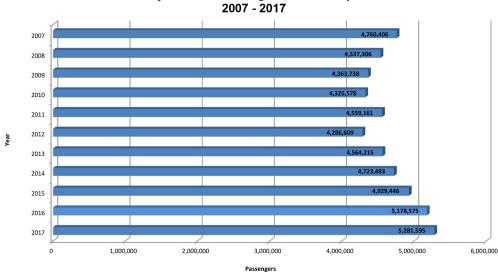
Gartner announced its plans to begin construction on a new campus that will be located at Skyplex. Construction will begin on a new 143,000 square-foot facility in August 2017 on approximately 19 acres located on the west side of Paul J. Doherty Parkway. This development will enhance the value of RSW's land at Skyplex, while helping to diversify the airport's revenue base with an increase in non-aeronautical revenue.

# SKYPLEX

Sky Walk, the Publix-anchored shopping center on Skyplex land, located at the corner of Daniels Parkway and Paul J. Doherty across from Gateway Blvd. opened June 29. North American Properties, the developer, is finalizing agreements for the other stores in the plaza, which will include several restaurants and service providers from insurance to dry cleaning. This is the first development on the airport's Skyplex property.



During June, 528,383 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, an increase of 7.3 percent compared to June 2016. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 2 percent from the same period last year, making this the best six-month period in the airport's history.



#### January-to-June Passenger Traffic Comparison 2007 - 2017