

Air Traffic Control Tower

The Charlotte County Airport Authority has completed the construction phase of its new Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). The next phase will include the installation of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) equipment. Once installed, it will be certified by the FAA and the tower should become operational within thirty days after certification. The Authority's goal is to have the ATCT certified and operating by October 1, 2011.

The tower has twelve and a half stories and is 135' tall with a cab of 600 sq. ft. It is the tallest building in Charlotte County. Construction started on the tower in October of 2010.

The Airport Authority was accepted into the FAA Contract Tower Program. Therefore, the FAA will pay for the cost of personnel manning the tower. The \$4 million tower will be partially funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Gary Stasko, Airport Authority Chairman stated, "Hanson and Halfacre have done a great job on the tower. We hope the FAA can follow in their foot-

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Terminal Expansion

The Charlotte County Airport Authority is exploring the possibilities of expanding the Bailey Terminal as the number of passengers continue to increase. All three airlines have their largest number of flights on Thursdays and Sundays. On those days the terminal

is near capacity. The expansion will help alleviate the situation and will put the Authority in a position for future growth.

The expansion calls for the terminal to increase by 1.5 times the size it is now. Also included in the pro-

ject is rental car parking improvements.

The Airport Authority advertised an RFQ for Terminal Phase II - Design/Build Services. Halfacre Construction was selected by the Airport Authority Board at their June 2011 meeting.



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Number of Passengers

The number of passengers that passed through the Bailey Terminal in 2010 was 182,432 which was 41% over 2009. The numbers for 2011 as of June are as follows:

January	29,628	+71%*
February	34,074	+54%*
March	44,449	+55%*
April	36,394	+87%*
May	13,685	+106%*
June	13,702	+66%*

* % of increase over 2010



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steps and get things done in a timely manner. The tower and our future terminal expansion will allow us to grow our passenger service and continue to increase our positive impact on the local economy. This is a very exciting time for all of us on the board, the airport staff and management.”

Halfacre Construction was selected as the construction manager at risk who built and oversaw the project. The design services were done by Hanson Professional Services.



There are still advertising opportunities available in the Bailey Terminal.



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The Airport Authority Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month



Piper Road

Phase I of the Piper Road widening and realignment project is nearing completion. The project provides for a divided four lane road between North Jones Loop Road and Henry Street. The construction also includes an extensive stormwater system, a new water main, new sewer main as well as roadway lighting. Power and telephone utilities were relocated as part of the construction.

Charlotte County Airport Authority Commissioner Lee stated, “This project will open up a great deal of economic development opportunities for Charlotte County and the surrounding area.”

Charlotte County is working with the State of Florida to work out the details on the southern intersection at North Jones Loop Road. The start date for the section that will run from Henry Street to US 17 at Regent Road has not been set.

The completed section of the road was funded by Charlotte County and the Florida Department of Transportation’s Intermodal Fund at a cost of \$7,343,645. Construction of the project started in March of 2010. Johnson Engineering did the design work and Bonness, Inc. was the contractor on the project.

Airline Information

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