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NEWS RELEASE

Media Advisory

Runway Opens Six Days Early

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WHO: The Aviation Authority implemented a \$13.4 million runway and high-speed taxiway construction on Tampa International Airport's busiest runway closing it 24 hours a day for 25 days impacting Airport neighbors.

WHAT: The contractor, John Carlo, Inc., has completed the west runway construction in 19 days instead of the scheduled 25 days.

WHY: The Aviation Authority announced its 25-day runway closure on February 24, 2006, and sent two follow up reminders during March and April. It was a necessary project to ensure the future success of the Airport and its value to the Tampa Bay community.

IMPACT: When all the taxiway work is completed at the end of summer, the Airport will obtain the long-term benefits by utilizing the high-speed taxiway and increasing the capacity of the west runway. However, the current Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tampa Airport Interchange Project will continue to require the west runway to have temporary over-night closures during the construction.

COMMITMENT: The Airport will be using the main west runway to the maximum extent possible and has returned to its Informal Runway Use Program which dictates over water (old Tampa Bay) aircraft approaches and departures to minimize the impact of noise on residential areas.

The Aviation Authority was and still is concerned for the well-being of its neighbors and regrets any inconvenience that the runway/taxiway construction has caused. In order to minimize the runway closure, the Aviation Authority offered the contractors an incentive bonus of \$10,000 per day for early completion. The contractor, John Carlo, Inc., has earned a well-deserved additional \$60,000 for their remarkable efforts.

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