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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Community Noise Alert Notice to the Tampa Bay community of South and Northwest Tampa**

For immediate release – January 4, 2011

As of January 3, 2011, Tampa International Airport's west parallel Runway 36L-18R has been closed for renumbering and is not scheduled to reopen until January 13, 2011. This work is associated with the Runway Re-designation Project that will change all the existing numbers on all three runways. The west parallel runway will be Runway 1L-19R on January 13, 2011.

**With this temporary closure, all aircraft (turbojets and propeller) will be landing on Runways 36R-18L and 9-27.** If you are a South Tampa resident you will continue to experience such aircraft noise until January 13, 2011.

Attached is a document that identifies the new runway designation. Designation changes are a result of the gradual shift of the Earth's magnetic north. The Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control has requested that Tampa International Airport initiate the Runway Re-designation Project.

To accomplish this task, the Aviation Authority has closed Runway 18R-36L on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will reopen on January 13<sup>th</sup> as 19R-1L.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, Runways 18L-36R and 9-27 will close and this will impact Northwest Tampa residents. **With this temporary closure, all aircraft (turbojets and propeller) will be landing on Runway 19R-1L.** These runways will reopen between 14 and 20 days as Runways 19L-1R and 10-28, respectively.

If you would like to join the Noise Alert Group to be notified of runway closures that will impact normal aircraft operations at the airport, please visit [www.tampaairport.com](http://www.tampaairport.com) and go to Airport Business – Noise Abatement or call the Noise Officer at 813-870-7843.

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