

Airport moving forward on Phase 2



Phase 2 of TPA's Master Plan expansion includes new curbsides, a 17-acre real estate development area (pictured) and new connections to regional trails. The commercial area features hotels, office space, retail and a gas station.

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Board of Directors on Thursday approved a \$132.4 million budget amendment allowing initial work to begin on Phase 2 of the Master Plan later this year.

The amendment enables Tampa International Airport to demolish the red side rental car garage and former Airside D guideway, which clears the way for future curbside expansion, and to begin development of a 17-acre real estate area around the new consolidated rental car center.

Phase 2, which costs \$543 million, features a commercial development area that will include an office building, convenience store with gas station, hotels, a commercial curb to accommodate transit and other ground transportation, as well as connections to regional trail networks. The curbside expansion includes new express lanes exclusively for passengers without checked luggage, a customer service upgrade that builds on Tampa International's legacy of innovation.

The Board will consider the remaining

elements of TPA's Phase 2 expansion later this year as part of the Aviation Authority's FY2018 capital budget.

With Board approval, site preparation on the commercial development is slated to begin in mid-2018. Curbside construction is scheduled to begin in late 2019 and end in 2023.

TPA officials began preparing for Phase 2 in 2016 with a re-examination of its original Master Plan. This analysis validated passenger forecasts, identified opportunities for cost savings and resulted in a refined plan with adjusted phasing for some program elements.

Removed after re-evaluation: A Main Terminal expansion with a consolidated security screening checkpoint. This achieves cost savings by keeping the in-airport Marriott hotel and air traffic control tower in place, and supports swift security screening by maintaining dispersed checkpoints.

A new Airside D with 16 gates capable of handling both domestic and international flights, and international passenger

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TPA's ops team honored for work on construction closures.



TPA BY THE NUMBERS



1,979,244

TPA served a record 1,979,244 passengers in March 2017 – the most of any month in TPA's history.

HCAA Board approves funding to kick off Phase 2



The new 17-acre real estate development area includes a gas station (pictured in front), retail space, two new hotels and an office building. HCAA Board members unanimously approved a \$132.4 million budget amendment allowing initial work to begin on Phase 2 of the Master Plan later this year.

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processing facilities remain part of Phase 3, which is scheduled to begin sometime after 2020.

Airport officials presented Board members with the newly revised plan for Phase 2 at a workshop in April. The Authority then rolled out the plans in public meetings in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties, and at an Open House on April 27.

The projects are part of a three-phase plan that will allow the airport to serve 34 million passengers annually – nearly double the current passenger volume – while remaining in the airport's existing footprint.

HCAA Board members on Thursday also adopted the Airport's 2017 Strategic Business Plan. The plan provides a detailed financial outlook for the airport through 2025, as well as a proposal for annual capital program funding through 2037. ■



The development area also includes connections to regional trails (middle rendering) and new express curbsides for those without checked baggage.



2,000 runners, joggers attend fifth annual TPA 5K

Tampa International Airport's annual 5K on the Runway celebrated its fifth successful year on April 22, raising \$104,000 for the United Way Suncoast. Once again, 2,000 runners, joggers and walkers signed up for the unique 5K on TPA's main runway. While plenty of experienced runners participated in the event, including the overall winner Neil Coffman with a time of 17:11.45, many novices joined in the fun. Race organizers say that it takes a team to pull off such a large-scale event. This year, more than 100 volunteers assisted with everything from registration and bag pick up passing out water along the course.



Airport 'LEAF' program lands sustainability award



TPA's Jeff Siddle and Melissa Solberg accepted the award.

Tampa International Airport's sustainability program, Legacy of Environmental Actions for our Future (LEAF), was honored on April 28 by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

TPA won the organization's Future of the Region Award for the Airport's efforts to bolster our people, our planet and our collective

prosperity through its sustainability management plan.

Congratulations to Sustainability Manager Melissa Solberg (pictured right with VP of Planning and Design Jeff Siddle), the LEAF team and all of TPA's employees, tenants and passengers who help contribute to the Airport's sustainability mission. ■

TPA launches Zika awareness campaign for summer

Summer is almost here. For Florida, that means more travelers, more heat, more rain ... and more mosquitoes.

Tampa International Airport, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is doing its part to help prevent the transmission of Zika, a virus spread primarily through mosquito bites. Zika outbreaks are happening all over the world, including parts of Florida and areas to which we have direct flights. TPA is launching a Zika awareness campaign to help prevent the spread of Zika among our travelers and our community.



TPA is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help prevent the transmission of Zika, a virus spread primarily through mosquitoes.

Passengers and guests at TPA may notice new digital messages and other signage around the Airport, including at Visitor Centers, the USO and Traveler's Aid desk. The Airport will also be providing free, travel-sized, EPA-registered samples of insect repellent for international arriving passengers at the Customs and Border Protection Visitors Center at Airside F [photo attached], as well as providing repellent to our Airfield Maintenance staff and other employees who are prone to mosquito bites.

All news convenience shops will stock insect repellent for sale as well. ■

ZIKA PREVENTION TIPS FOR TAMPA TRAVELERS

Tampa International Airport and the CDC urge the traveling public to learn more about Zika, including how to prevent contraction and transmission, and remember these important prevention tips:

- Wear long sleeves and pants outdoors and always use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside
- Use insect repellent for 3 weeks after travel
- Do not use insect repellents on babies younger than 2 months; use mosquito netting over cribs and carriers when appropriate
- Watch for symptoms: red eyes, fever, joint pain and rash; call your doctor if you suspect you may have Zika

For more information about Zika, go to www.cdc.gov/zika.



Michael Stephens was honored by the George Edgecomb Bar Association in April.

Stephens lands prestigious award

Executive Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel Michael Stephens received the 2017 Delano S. Stewart Award from the George Edgecomb Bar Association in April. This prestigious award is presented to a lawyer who has demonstrated a sustained, long-term commitment to encouraging, increasing and/or retaining diversity in the legal profession. The award was presented at the Association's banquet on April 24. ■

Airport Ops team members Scott Loper and Nevada Smith honored



Nevada Smith and Scott Loper are honored by Airport CEO Joe Lopano for their work.

Airport CEO Joe Lopano and TPA's executive team recently recognized Operations team members Scott Loper and Nevada Smith for outstanding service during Operations Alpha and Blue. The two events, which involved the coordinated closures of areas of the Airport associated with overnight construction projects, began last year and ended in February. Both maintained a rigorous work schedule overseeing the nightly closures to ensure guest safety, while allowing for efficient airport operations to continue. ■

Sheltair Tampa rated top FBO in North America by AIN



Sheltair, like the international airport just across the runway, was ranked among the best in North America.

Readers of Aviation International News (AIN) recently named Sheltair Tampa the highest rated fixed-base operator in North America according to the results of a 2017 survey. The general aviation facility located at Tampa International Airport received a score of 4.75 out of 5.

Employee Spotlight: Clayton Lackey

Year after year, Tampa International Airport enjoys the community love and media attention that comes from being ranked among the top three U.S. airports by Condé Nast, TripAdvisor, CNN, Airports Council International and other publications and surveys.

Yet, just across the runway, Sheltair has quietly enjoyed similar recognition for years in the small, particular world of general aviation. Most recently, Sheltair's Tampa operations were ranked the No. 1 FBO in the U.S. in a worldwide survey by Aviation International News.

"For years and years, we've been up there in the top 10, then we were in the top six, then number two," said Clayton Lackey, General Manager of Sheltair TPA. "For us to finally hit No. 1 is a big deal and speaks a lot about our facility, our staff and our reputation we work hard to gain."

The reputation goes way back, well before Sheltair purchased Tampa International Jet Center, retaining all of its longtime staff. Lackey himself began working at the facility just before the 2009 Super Bowl, which was a hectic time as most sporting events are for FBOs. He has since become a pro at handling big events and high volumes, including the Republican National Convention and the more than 400 general aviation planes that recently flew in for the College Football Playoff National Championship Game.

"That was bigger than anything we'd ever had here," Lackey said. "We pulled lots of people in from the other Sheltair locations to help, building a team of nearly 50 people to help." Lackey loves working in general aviation and feels grateful to have come across it as a career several years ago. Originally from Kankakee, Illinois,



Clayton Lackey, Sheltair TPA's general manager, first moved to Florida with his wife on a whim.

Lackey went to a small college on a full-ride music scholarship. He played drums and piano with hopes of becoming a studio musician after graduating. But partway through his degree, he left school and returned home to help his father run the family cleaning business. After the family sold the business, Lackey found himself in his early 20s, not knowing what to do next.

Lackey studied finance and graduated from the University of Illinois with an economics degree, working for a small general aviation facility and getting married in the meantime. After graduating, Lackey and his wife Kristin decided to move to Florida on a whim. They were tired of the cold weather and Kristin had an opportunity to work as a retail manager at The Shops at Wiregrass. The couple moved to New Tampa and Lackey began hunting for jobs. He finally got hired, with his experience working for an FBO, at Tampa International

Jet Center, towing and fueling jets.

"At the time, I didn't realize the quality of operation I was getting into," Lackey said.

He has since seen the facility grow over the years, culminating in the sale to Sheltair a couple years ago, and has worked his way up to General Manager, overseeing a top-notch staff that caters to special clients such as high-profile business moguls and

celebrities, as well as the many avionics and jet sales brokers, mechanics and others who lease space at Sheltair.

“ I love coming to work every day and I feel fortunate to work alongside such a great international airport and its staff, as well as my own.”

"This is a unique side of aviation that not many get to see," Lackey said. "I love coming to work every day and I feel fortunate to work alongside such a great international airport and its staff, as well as my own."

In his free time away from the office, Lackey enjoys spending time with his wife and three small daughters: 6-year-old Addison, 4-year-old Emerson and 2-year-old Mackenzie. ■



TPA in the World



(Clockwise beginning with center left): Nina Mahoney, Kari Goetz, Felicia Carlee and Brenda Geoghagan attended the Tampa Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Women of Influence Luncheon on April 13; Sr. Business Analyst Greg Forrest speaks about the Take Stock in Children program, of which he is a graduate, at this year's Florida Economic Forum on April 3; Airport CEO Joe Lopano went on a whirlwind speaking tour of Tampa Bay to talk about TPA's Phase 2 expansion, including visits to the Tampa City Council (top right), the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (middle right), the Hillsborough County MPO (bottom right) and the St. Petersburg City Council (bottom left). The visits were part of the Airport's effort to educate the Tampa Bay community about the elements of the upcoming project.





In the News



More than 80 people, plus Airport staff, attended TPA's Master Plan Phase 2 Open House to talk about the \$543 million project and the Airport's anticipated growth.

“ At Tampa International Airport, looking to the future is a bit like a mother planning for a child's growth spurt while trying to keep him in the same size sneakers. The airport's footprint isn't getting any bigger. But my, how the passenger numbers are growing. Airport officials Tuesday unveiled the \$543 million second phase of its massive expansion project that includes express curbside drop-off for passengers without checked bags and the commercial development of 17 acres of airport property.”

- William Levesque, Tampa Bay Times, April 18

“ We are tremendously excited for our three restaurants to join our restaurant friends and colleagues here at Marche C. Airports form travelers' first and last impressions of an area. With Tampa International now offering a wide array of flavors from locally owned, family businesses, the best airport in the country now becomes the one with the best taste too.”

- Richard Gonzmart, fourth generation caretaker of Columbia Restaurant Group, Passenger Terminal Today, May 4



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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

ON TWITTER



Tampa International Airport has the best #freewifi in the country, maybe globally. Easy, fast, clean- makes life easier. Thank you @FlyTPA

- Alex Paunic @AlexPaunic, April 30

Way to go @SouthwestAir and @TSA! Record time from walking in to at my gate at @FlyTPA

- Mike Fields @mcftlf, April 30

Love talking with someone considering moving to Tampa who works from home and travels. I tell them @FlyTPA is the best airport to call home.

- Tim McDonald @tamcdonald, April 26

ON FACEBOOK



A very well laid out airport, clean, adequate gate seating, good restaurants, the fastest TSA line I've ever gone through, all around a good travel experience which is a rarity these days.

- Angela Floyd, May 2

Easy, smooth, and friendly!! Even the car rental and return was fast and quick!! Best flight experience ever!

- Tonya Rowan, May 1

I have traveled extensively and Tampa International is by far my favorite airport. I consider myself lucky that my trips begin and end at TPA. The current round of renovations and additions will ensure our airport maintains its position as one of the highest ranked airports in the U.S.

- Tom Free, April 30

I haven't flown in nearly six years so I was pleasantly surprised at how easy the whole experience was from curbside luggage through to security...all without a problem or wait involved! Thanks TIA for restoring faith!

- Deborah Acord Bell, April 30



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