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AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025 – 1:30 P.M.

| Board Members | Attendance | Cumulative Attendance | |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | | 7/2025 - 6/2026 | |
| | | Present | Absent |
| William Gilbert, Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| David Cooper, Vice Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| David Ash | A | 0 | 1 |
| Louis Gavin | A | 0 | 1 |
| Kelly Gordon | A | 0 | 1 |
| Dr. Jeff Johnson | P | 1 | 0 |
| Robert Laughlin | P | 1 | 0 |
| Kevin Macelhaney | P | 1 | 0 |
| Mark Volchek | A | 0 | 1 |
| John Vratsinas | P | 1 | 0 |
| Non-Voting | | | |
| Commissioner Marlon Bolton, City of Tamarac | P | 1 | 0 |
| Narciso Cherson, City of Oakland Park | P | 1 | 0 |

Airport/City Staff

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager
Carlton M. Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
Chelsea Jones Finley, Division Manager
Khant Myat, Airport Engineer
Miguel Laca, Financial Administrator
Patrick Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II
Linda Blanco, Senior Administrative Assistant
Katharine Lee, Airport Projects Support

Others

Karen Cruitt, Prototype, Inc.
Steve Martin, AOPA
Travis Werth, JM Family Enterprises
Adam Capistrant, Pet Passages LLC
Debbie Puia, Lofts of Palm Aire
Marshall Myles, Executive Jet Center
Andres Cardona, Ardurra
Nicholas Leone, Atkins Realis
Kevin Scott, Kimely-Horn & Associates
John Carrion, Garver
Don Campion, Banyan Air
Ignacio Martinez, W Aviation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **August 28, 2025**

Motion made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (6-0)

VOTING ITEMS

1. **Design of Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-up Area Relocation Project – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant Acceptance**

Mr. Myat, Airport Engineer, provided the presentation and recommended approval of the FAA grant agreement in the amount of \$637,954.

Motion made by Mr. Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Macelhaney, to approve acceptance of the FAA grant in the amount of \$637,954. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (6-0)

Mr. Gilbert introduced Narciso Cherson, new non-voting member, to the Board.

2. **Broward County Forensic Science Center – Conditional Use Permit**

Mr. James, Airport Director, provided the presentation and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the Broward County Forensic Science Center at 2000 West Commercial Boulevard. The five-story building would house the Forensic Science Center, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Crime Lab, Broward Medical Examiner's Office, and Trauma Center.

Motion made by Mr. Vratsinas, seconded by Mr. Macelhaney, to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Broward County Forensic Science Center. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (6-0)

3. **TECO Peoples Gas License Agreement – Lots 1 and 2 – Cypress Creek Flex, LLC**

Mr. James provided the presentation and recommended approval of a license agreement between the City and TECO Peoples Gas for Lots 1 and 2.

Motion made by Mr. Macelhaney, seconded by Vice Chair Cooper, to approve a license agreement with TECO Peoples Gas for installation of a gas line on Lots 1 and 2 in the Airport Industrial Park. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (6-0)

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Mr. Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II, shared the report for June and July 2025. For June, he stated there were 1,037 jet departures, with 969 of those from Runway 9. He stated Noise Monitor 2 registered a Gulfstream G-450 noise level above the 80-decibel threshold, however there had not been a report generated. He noted there were a total of 26 noise inquiries from eight individual households.

For July, Mr. Donnelly stated there were 938 jet departures, with 787 of those from Runway 9. He stated four events were registered by Noise Monitor 2 which were above the 80-decibel threshold. He advised two were from the same aircraft and none of these events resulted in complaints. Mr. Donnelly noted there were a total of 41 noise inquiries from 11 individual households.

Mr. Laughlin pointed to the threshold of 80 decibels and asked if it was possible to determine how far above the threshold an event was. Mr. Donnelly stated this information was tracked. Mr. Laughlin asked if there was a correlation between the louder noises and the complaints received. Mr. Donnelly stated there was not necessarily a correlation seen and explained various determining factors.

Chair Gilbert inquired as to whether the operator is notified of violations. Mr. Donnelly confirmed that it is the procedure to notify operators of violations although it is voluntary.

B. Development and Construction

i. FXE Project Status Update

Carlton M. Harrison, Assistant Airport Director, advised there was a minor lull in construction activity as everything was in the design or mobilization phase. He noted operational statistics were distributed for June and July in the meeting materials.

Mr. Vratsinas asked if there was any insight into the issue with the contractor at the heliport. Mr. Harrison advised the contractor was not going to hold to their price and had requested to issue a change order which was not acceptable. He stated that staff was working with the Procurement Department to terminate the agreement and enforce penalties.

Mr. Vratsinas asked if the City Attorney's Office was going to enforce the payment of the security bond. Mr. Harrison confirmed that was part of the discussion.

Mr. Macelhaney sought additional clarification regarding any damage caused by two incidents in the report. Mr. Harrison provided additional details.

C. Arrearages

Mr. James advised that there were no arrearages to report.

D. Communications to the City Commission

None.

E. Other Items

i. Public Comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Any written public comments made 48 hours before the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached.

VOTING ITEM 1

DATE: September 25, 2025
TO: Aviation Advisory Board
FROM: Rufus James, Airport Director
BY: Khant Myat, P.E., Airport Engineer
SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing Contract Award



Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Runway 13-31 is in good condition with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 89. According to the Statewide Airfield Pavement Management Program, pavements with a PCI of 86–100 should be sealed to extend service life and reduce the need for milling and resurfacing.

The scope of work for the FXE Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing Project includes, but is not limited to, mobilization, cleaning and preparation of existing pavement surfaces, joint and crack sealing, and application of a surface treatment. Following the surface treatment, new temporary and permanent pavement markings will be installed, and runway friction testing will be conducted in accordance with applicable standards (see Exhibit 1).

On July 21, 2025, the Procurement Services Division issued an Invitation to Bid. The City received the following two bids in response to the solicitation, which were opened on September 4, 2025:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC | \$335,417.50 |
| 2. Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. | \$660,044.00 |

Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder. Additionally, reference checks for this company have been satisfactory. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget/Capital Improvement Program.


Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends awarding the contract to Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, the low-responsive, qualified bidder, in the amount of \$335,417.50 for FXE Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing project.

**VOTING ITEM 1
EXHIBIT 1**



UPDATE ITEM A

DATE: September 25, 2025
TO: Aviation Advisory Board 
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
VIA: Chelsea Jones Finley, Division Manager
BY: Patrick Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II
SUBJECT: Executive Airport – Noise Compatibility Program

In August 2025, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) recorded 1,012 jet departures, with 769 departing from Runway 9. Noise Monitoring Terminal #2 recorded an Israel Westwind aircraft above the 80-decibel (dB) threshold; however, it did not generate any noise submissions from residents in the community. A total of 43 noise inquiries were received from nine households.

Staff will continue to address residents' concerns and monitor aircraft operations to support safe and efficient operations at FXE.



COOPERATIVE NOISE ABATEMENT EFFORTS

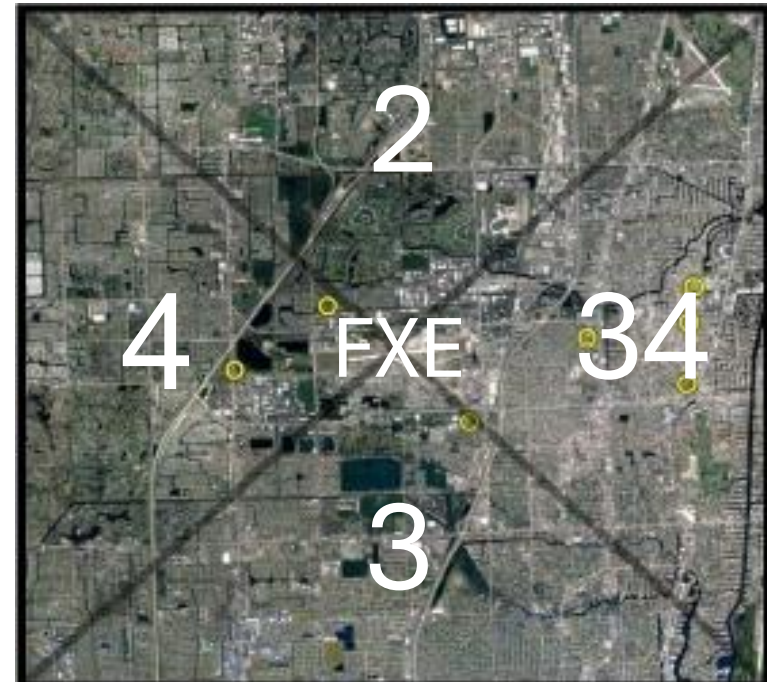
September 25, 2025

Month of August 2025

| Jet Departures and Noise | Jul-25 | Aug-25 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total Departures | 938 | 1012 |
| Runway 27 Jet Departures | 147 | 241 |
| Runway 9 Jet Departures | 787 | 769 |
| Runway 13/31 Jet Departures | 4 | 2 |
| Runway 9 Jet Departures, I-95 Turns | 494 | 521 |
| Runway 9 Jet Departures %, I-95 Turns | 63% | 68% |
| Jet over 80dB at Monitor #1 | 22 | 16 |
| Jet over 80dB at Monitor #2 | 4 | 1 |

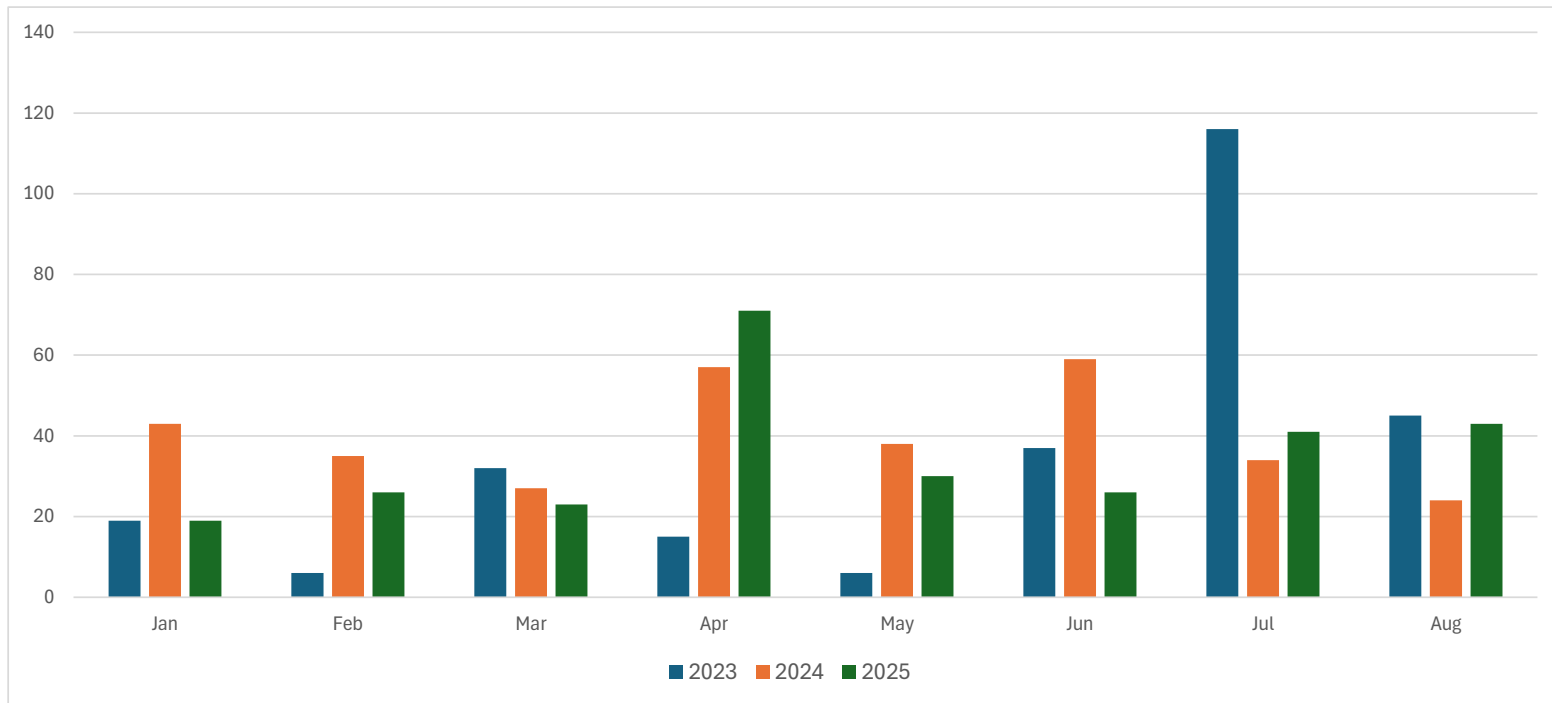
| Noise Reports | Jul-25 | Aug-25 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Number of Households - FXE Noise Only | 11 | 9 |
| Number of Reports - Jets | 12 | 21 |
| Number of Reports - Propellers Single-Engine | 17 | 12 |
| Number of Reports - Propellers Multi-Engine | 7 | 10 |
| Number of Reports - Helicopters | 5 | 0 |
| Number of Reports - Other Airports | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Reports - DT1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Number of Noise Reports for FXE | 41 | 43 |

Noise Reports By Quadrant



Year-Over-Year (YoY): Airport Noise Submissions

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| 2023 | 19 | 6 | 32 | 15 | 6 | 37 | 116 | 45 | 15 | 17 | 43 | 22 | 373 |
| 2024 | 43 | 35 | 27 | 57 | 38 | 59 | 34 | 24 | 23 | 10 | 36 | 35 | 421 |
| 2025 | 19 | 26 | 23 | 71 | 30 | 26 | 41 | 43 | | | | | 279 |



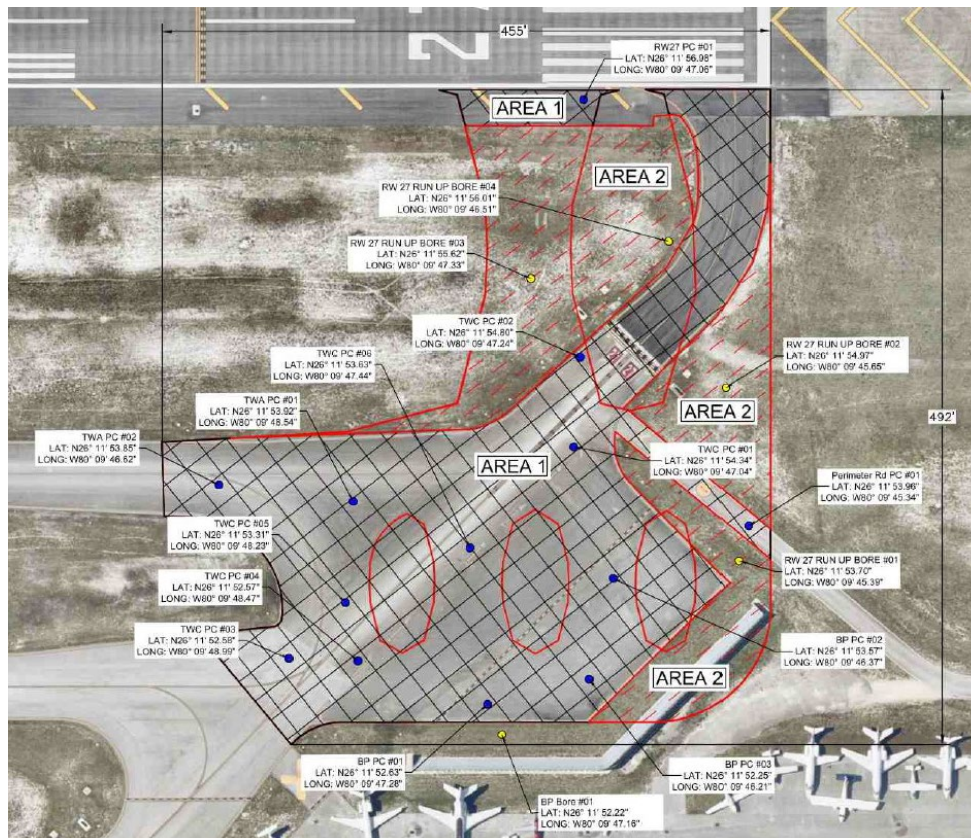
DATE: September 25, 2025
 TO: Aviation Advisory Board
 FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
 VIA: Carlton M. Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
 BY: Benjamin J. Gatti, Airport Operations Specialist
 SUBJECT: Development and Construction

FXE Aviation Equipment & Service (AES) Facility Expansion

The project is in the mobilization phase with sitework scheduled to begin on October 21, 2025, pending permit approval.

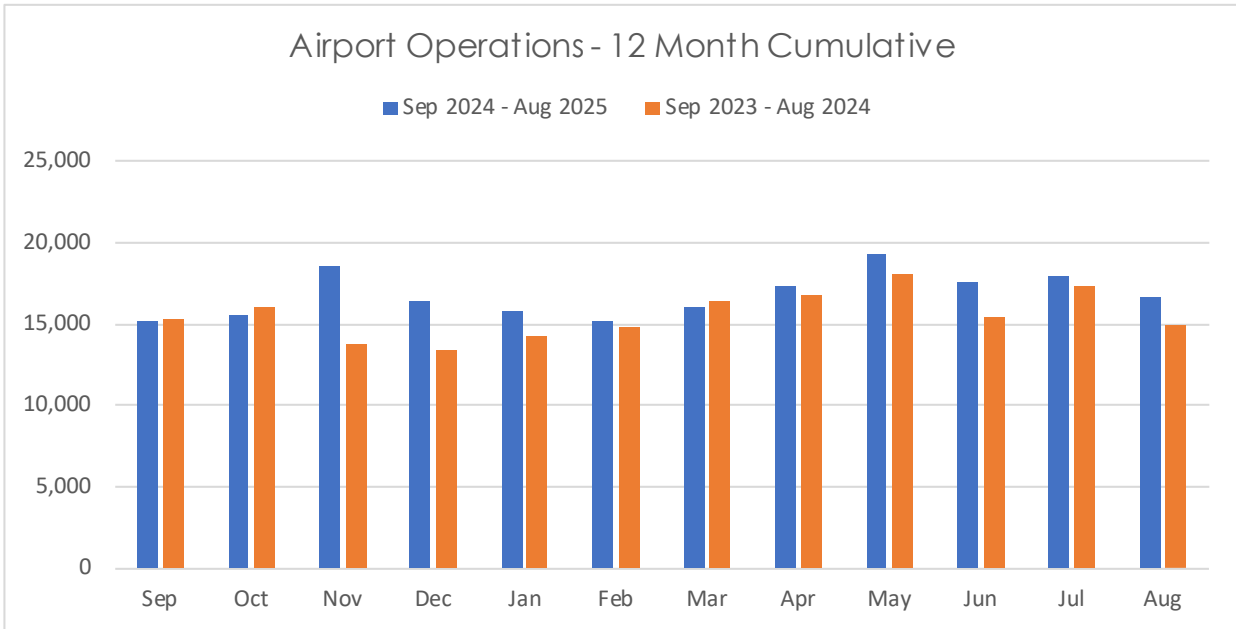
FXE Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-up Area Relocation

In preparation for the upcoming Runway 27 Bypass and Run-up Area Relocation project, topographical and geographical surveys are being conducted. The surveys will provide accurate locations of existing infrastructure and elevations for the planned work area. Additionally, geographical surveys are being conducted to provide soil material from subgrade depths for analysis. Four soil bore locations, and 14 asphalt core locations have been selected to provide an accurate assessment of the area. Survey activities are primarily performed during overnight hours to minimize impacts on Airport operations.



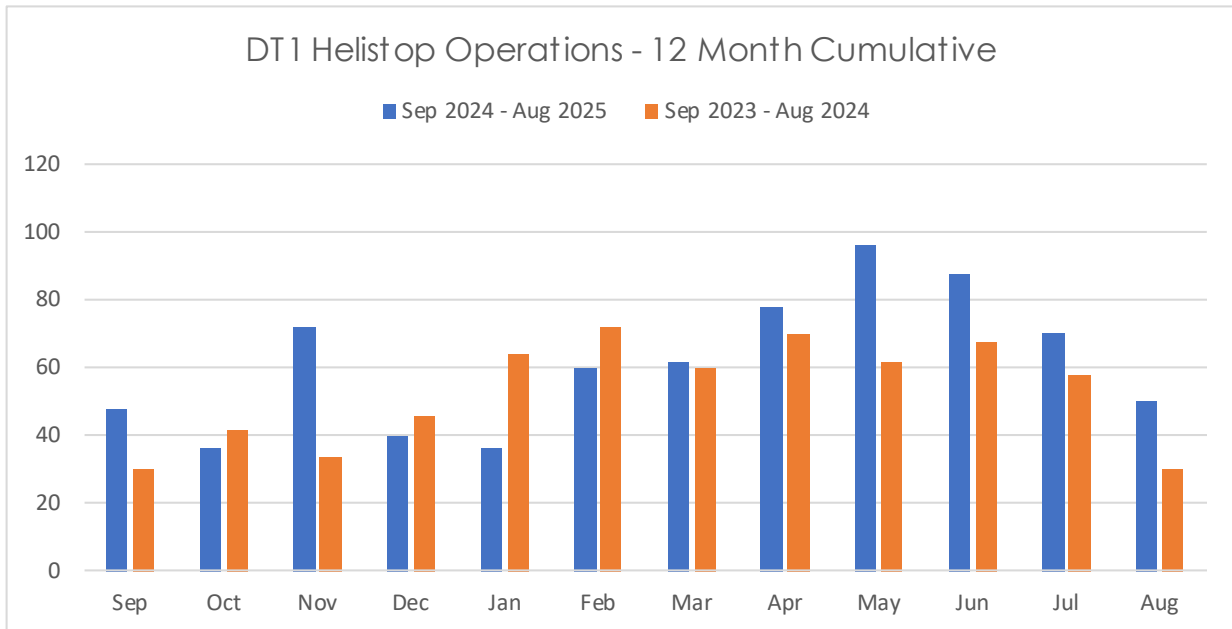
Airport Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

| | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Totals |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Sep 2024 - Aug 2025 | 15,094 | 15,564 | 18,546 | 16,372 | 15,773 | 15,122 | 16,046 | 17,326 | 19,274 | 17,589 | 17,915 | 16,609 | 201,230 |
| Sep 2023 - Aug 2024 | 15,294 | 16,020 | 13,692 | 13,431 | 14,231 | 14,721 | 16,444 | 16,787 | 18,089 | 15,357 | 17,236 | 14,907 | 186,209 |



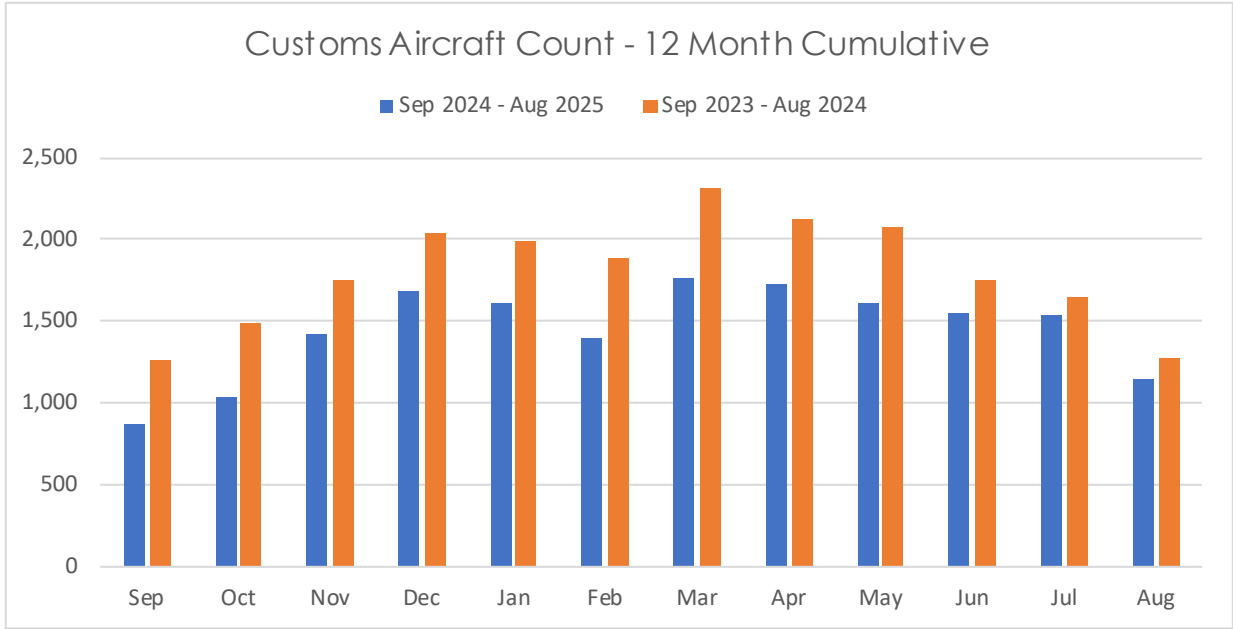
DT1 Helistop Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

| | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Totals |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Sep 2024 - Aug 2025 | 48 | 36 | 72 | 40 | 36 | 60 | 62 | 78 | 96 | 88 | 70 | 50 | 736 |
| Sep 2023 - Aug 2024 | 30 | 42 | 34 | 46 | 64 | 72 | 60 | 70 | 62 | 68 | 58 | 30 | 636 |



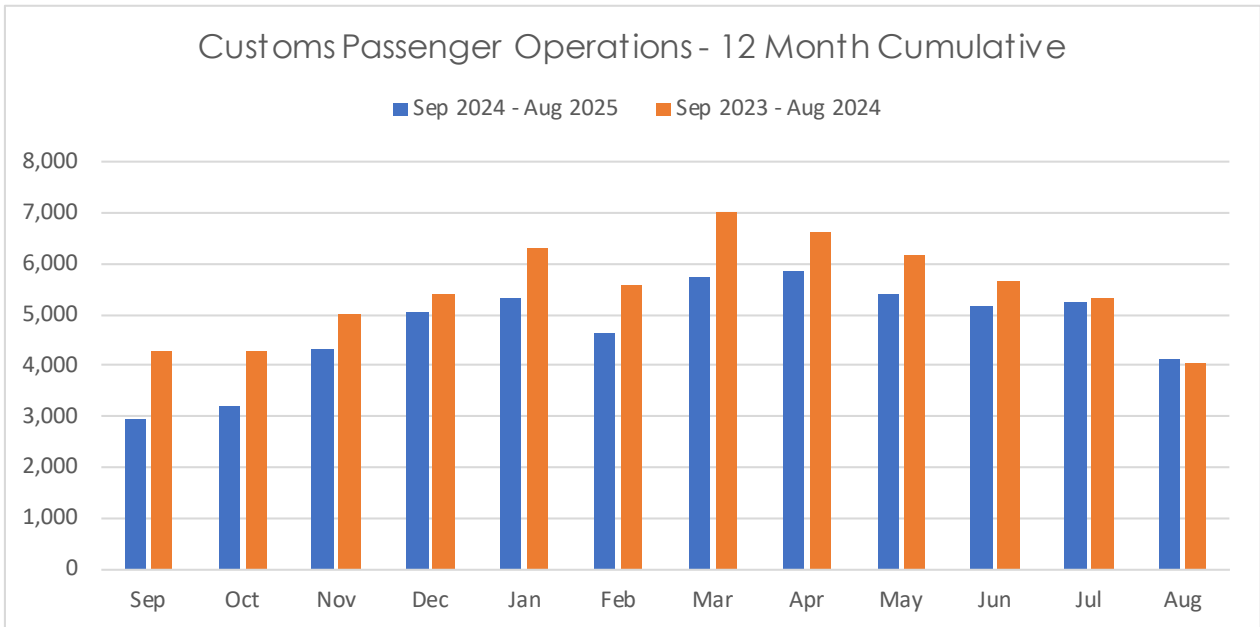
Customs Aircraft Count - 12 Month Cumulative

| Sep 2024 - Aug 2025 | 869 | 1,033 | 1,416 | 1,690 | 1,605 | 1,399 | 1,756 | 1,728 | 1,606 | 1,542 | 1,535 | 1,148 | 17,327 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Sep 2023 - Aug 2024 | 1,257 | 1,488 | 1,749 | 2,041 | 1,984 | 1,887 | 2,306 | 2,123 | 2,080 | 1,747 | 1,644 | 1,267 | 21,573 |



Customs Passenger Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

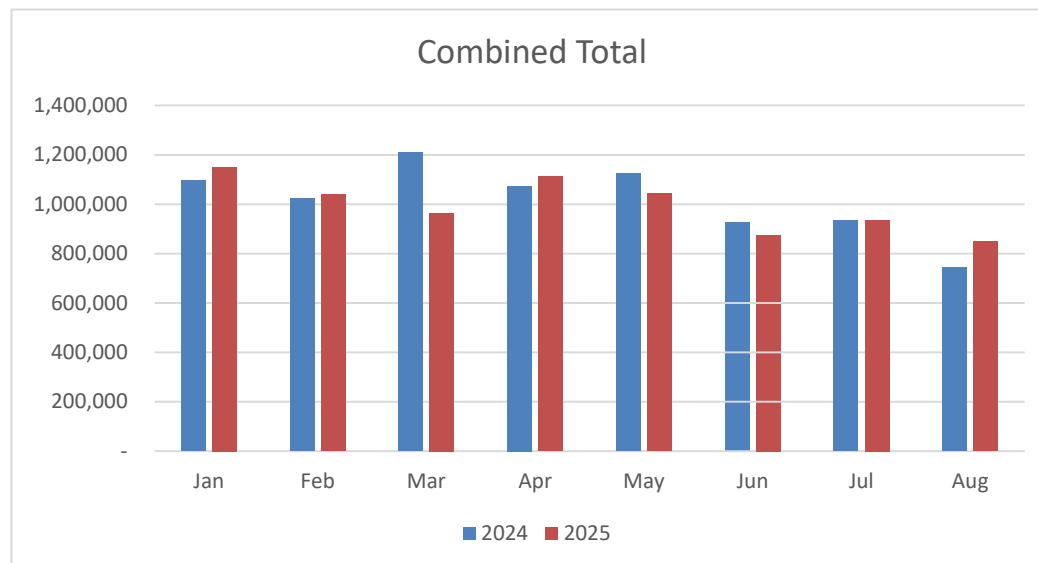
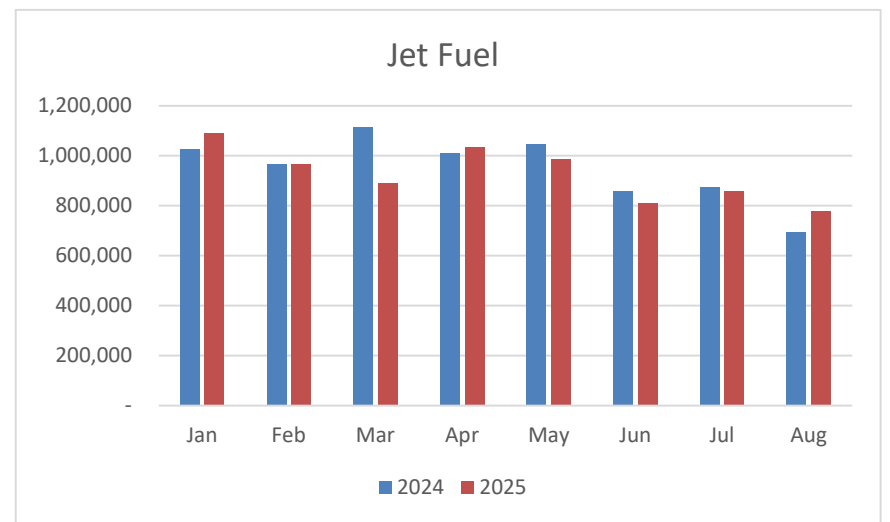
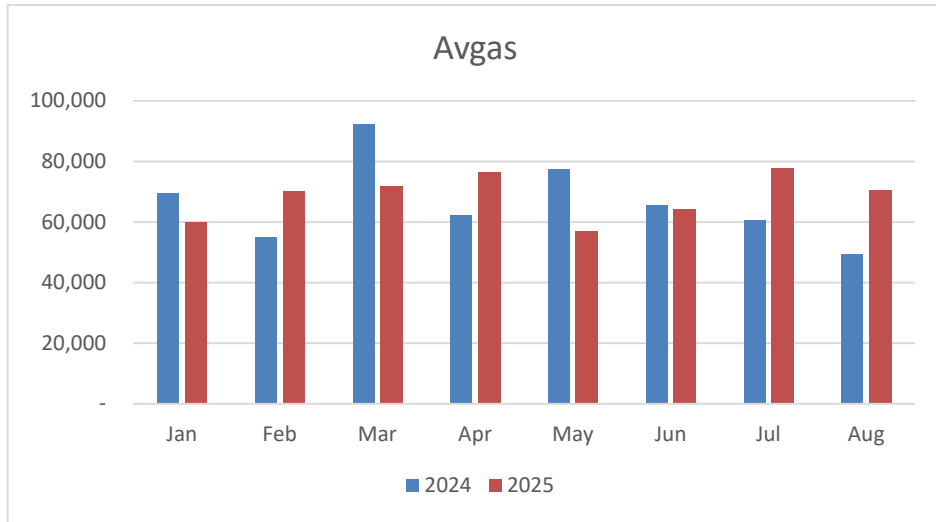
| Sep 2024 - Aug 2025 | 2,954 | 3,198 | 4,331 | 5,066 | 5,311 | 4,624 | 5,741 | 5,843 | 5,397 | 5,174 | 5,234 | 4,135 | 57,008 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Sep 2023 - Aug 2024 | 4,284 | 4,299 | 5,016 | 5,420 | 6,300 | 5,561 | 7,023 | 6,600 | 6,160 | 5,649 | 5,335 | 4,025 | 65,672 |




| Date | Alert Level | Aircraft Type | Description |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 8/6/2025 | II | Piper Seminole | Unsafe Gear Indicator |
| 8/10/2025 | I | Diamond DA62 | Flat Left Main Gear |
| 8/12/2025 | I | Piper Archer | Flat Left Main Gear |
| 8/25/2025 | I | Cessna 172 Skyhawk | Flat Right Main Gear |
| 8/26/2025 | II | Hawker Beechcraft 400 | Right Engine Out |

2024 & 2025 Monthly Fuel Flowage (Gallons)

| Year | Fuel | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals |
|------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 2024 | Avgas | 69,394 | 55,013 | 92,323 | 62,139 | 77,461 | 65,665 | 60,583 | 49,389 | 47,998 | 54,662 | 62,474 | 56,214 | 753,315 |
| | Jet | 1,026,986 | 968,551 | 1,115,643 | 1,011,625 | 1,046,671 | 859,942 | 873,318 | 693,464 | 764,773 | 778,918 | 850,696 | 1,154,564 | 11,145,151 |
| | Total | 1,096,380 | 1,023,564 | 1,207,966 | 1,073,764 | 1,124,132 | 925,607 | 933,901 | 742,853 | 812,771 | 833,580 | 913,170 | 1,210,778 | 11,898,466 |
| 2025 | Avgas | 59,994 | 70,084 | 71,666 | 76,322 | 56,894 | 64,173 | 77,745 | 70,429 | | | | | 547,307 |
| | Jet | 1,090,127 | 967,870 | 892,884 | 1,036,532 | 986,791 | 810,737 | 857,423 | 779,131 | | | | | 7,421,495 |
| | Total | 1,150,121 | 1,037,954 | 964,550 | 1,112,854 | 1,043,685 | 874,910 | 935,168 | 849,560 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,968,802 |



UPDATE ITEM B.I.

DATE: September 25, 2025
 TO: Aviation Advisory Board 
 FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
 VIA: Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
 BY: Khant Myat, Airport Engineer
 SUBJECT: FXE Project Update

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025

| Project Number | Project | Funding Detail | Warranty | Current Status |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------|--|
| 12522/12708 | Runway 9 Run-Up Area | Total Project Cost: \$4,570,122.00 Funding: FDOT: \$251,830 FAA: \$ 4,048,500 Airport: \$269,792 | Warranty | The project was completed in October of 2024 and is currently in the warranty phase. |
| 12539 | Taxiway Golf Pavement Rehab | Total Project Cost: \$1,257,664 Funding: FDOT: \$1,076,352 FAA: N/A Airport: \$269,088 | Warranty | The project was completed in May of 2024 and is currently in the warranty phase until the end of September 2025. |
| 12521 | Runway 31 By-pass Taxiway | Total Project Cost: \$1,243,277.19 Funding: FDOT: \$885,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$358,277.19 | Warranty | The project was completed in August of 2024 and is currently in the warranty phase until the end of September 2025. |

| Project Number | Project | Funding Detail | | Current Status |
|----------------|--|--|--------------|--|
| GHELIST21 | Helistop Layout Plan and Construction Survey | Total Project Cost: \$151,203.43 Funding: FDOT: \$101,288 FAA: N/A Airport: \$101,288 | Complete | Layout Plan was completed in December of 2024 and has been approved by FDOT. |
| 12355 | Airport Drainage Improvements Phase I | Total Project Cost: \$594,694 Funding: FDOT: \$540,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$135,000 | Complete | Project work has been completed. The contractor is addressing warranty items. FDOT is reviewing the final reimbursement request. Once it is paid, City will close out the grant. |
| 12764 | RW 9 Pavement Rehab | Total Project Cost: \$10,538,909.51 Funding: FDOT: \$528,196 FAA: \$ 8,800,000 Airport: \$1,210,713.51 | Construction | Project work has been completed. The contractor has submitted final payment request in August. Currently staff is working with the contractor to acquire missing closeout documents. |
| 12970 | 2025 Helistop Fireproofing and Painting | Total Project Cost: \$167,529 Funding: FDOT: \$134,023 FAA: N/A Airport: \$33,506 | Construction | The project is in progress, but the contractor and City are still trying to resolve the construction issues. The current contract end date for the project is 11/11/2025. |
| 12356 | FXE AES Expansion | Total Project Cost: \$2,161,206 Funding: FDOT: N/A FAA: N/A Airport: \$2,161,206 | Construction | The notice to proceed for the construction was issued on 6/12/2025. The contractor is currently in 120-day mobilization phase. The construction is anticipated to start on October 9, 2025. The anticipated construction completion is April 2026. |

| Project Number | Project | Funding Detail | | Current Status |
|----------------|---|---|--------------|---|
| 12770 | FXE Decorative Street Post Phase 2 | Total Project Cost: \$418,859.20 Funding: FDOT: N/A FAA: N/A Airport: \$418,859.20 | Construction | The notice to proceed with the construction was issued on 1/16/2025. The poles for the decorative street signs were delivered to the staging area. Currently contractor is conducting underground utilities locates. The anticipated construction completion is January 2026. |
| 12813 | Environmental Assessment (EA) for RW 09 Extension | Total Project Cost: \$500,000 Funding: FDOT: \$400,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$100,000 | Design | The current schedule shows that EA will be completed by April 2026. Currently EA is on FAA Dashboard for various agencies to review. Once the review is complete, public will be able to view the EA. The second public meeting is anticipated for December 2025. |
| 12707 | Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing | Total Project Cost: \$611,200 Funding: FDOT: \$391,200 FAA: N/A Airport: \$220,000 | Bidding | The bid opened on September 4, 2025, with the two bids. Currently procurement department is working with the apparent lowest bidder to collect required documents to review and move forward with the contract award. The apparent lowest bidder is Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC at \$335,417.50. |
| 12706 | Taxiway B and G Realignment | Total Project Cost: \$2,038,000 Funding: FDOT: \$1,633,600 FAA: N/A Airport: \$404,400 | Design | The 100% design was completed on 8/29/2025. Once the documents are ready, they will be sent to City Procurement Dept. for review and processing. |
| 12884 | Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehabilitation Project | Total Project Cost: \$2,560,000 Funding: FDOT: \$2,048,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$512,000 | Design | Along with 12706, 100% design for Taxiway Echo was completed on 8/29/2025. Once the documents are ready, they will be sent to City Procurement Dept. for the review and processing. |

| Project Number | Project | Funding Detail | | Current Status |
|----------------|--|--|----------|---|
| 12883 | AES Apron Pavement resurfacing project | Total Project Cost: \$616,250 Funding: FDOT: \$493,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$123,250 | Bidding | The bid package is currently being reviewed by City Procurement Dept. for processing. Anticipated bidding in the last week of September 2025. |
| 23GARFF | FXE Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement | Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000 Funding: FDOT: \$600,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$600,000 | Complete | The ARFF truck was delivered to City on 8/26/2025 and arrived to FXE on 9/10/2025. Currently staff is working to close out the grant agreement with FDOT. |
| 12882 | FXE Runway 9 Parallel Taxiway Ext. | Total Project Cost: \$2,358,100 Funding: FDOT: \$1,886,440 FAA: N/A Airport: \$471,660 | Design | Task order was executed on 6/9/2025. Currently the consultant is conducting geotechnical and topographical surveys. |
| 12540 | Runway 27 Bypass Taxiways and Run-up area Improvements | Total Project Cost: \$5,337,622 Funding: 5,337,622 (Anticipated BIL AIG grant – 95% FAA, 2.5% FDOT, at least 2.5% Airport) FDOT: \$113,362 FAA: \$5,070,742 Airport: \$153,518 | Design | Currently the consultant is developing 30 design plans which include geotechnical and topographical surveys. |

UPDATE ITEM C

DATE: September 25, 2025
TO: Aviation Advisory Board
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
SUBJECT: Arrearages



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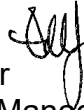
There are no arrearages to report.

Fuel Flowage

There are no arrearages to report.

UPDATE ITEM E.I.

DATE: September 25, 2025
TO: Aviation Advisory Board
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
VIA: Chelsea Jones Finley, Division Manager
BY: Patrick Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II
SUBJECT: RSAT Meeting and Pilot Forum



Runway Safety Action Team Meeting

On August 7, 2025, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE), in collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT), hosted its annual Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting. Runway incursions remain a nationwide concern, and the RSAT meeting brings together individuals and organizations directly involved in air traffic operations and the movement of aircraft, vehicles, and equipment within the Airport Operations Area (AOA).

Discussions focused on:

- Runway incursions and preventative measures
- Best practices for ground operations
- Coordination between air traffic controllers, pilots, and Airport staff
- Airport project updates

The meeting was attended by 42 participants, including representatives from Airport tenants, fixed-base operators, flight schools, FAA, ATCT, and Airport operations and maintenance staff.

The RSAT meeting underscored FXE's ongoing commitment to enhancing surface safety. The collaborative exchange provided valuable insights into maintaining operational safety, reinforced the Airport's proactive approach to safety management, and served as the foundation for a site-specific Runway Safety Action Plan.



Pilot Forum

On September 4, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport hosted a Pilot Forum with 30 participants, including based pilots from flight schools, tenant operators, and representatives from the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower. The purpose of the forum was to engage the pilot community in discussions that support safe operations while fostering positive relationships with the surrounding community.

Discussions focused on:

- Noise abatement procedures and community impact
- Traffic patterns for flight training
- Departure procedures

The workshop brought awareness of the affected surrounding residential communities and reinforced voluntary adherence to the Airport's noise abatement procedures. The discussions supported the Airport's commitment to balancing safe, efficient operations with community quality of life.

At the Forum, FXE officially launched the *Flying Neighborly* initiative, designed to actively promote voluntary noise abatement procedures and recognize individuals and organizations that integrate these actions into their operations. Feedback from participants was positive, with strong interest in joining the initiative.

In addition, and in alignment with the FAA's *Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions* (EAGLE) initiative and industry-wide goal to transition all general aviation piston-engine aircraft to unleaded fuel by 2030, FXE introduced the *FXE EAGLE Initiative* at the Forum. This program offers education, resources, and outreach to pilots and aircraft owners, supporting a smooth transition. Pilots and operators can learn more at: <https://www.flyfxe.com/updates/fxe-eagle>.



UPDATE ITEM E.II.

DATE: September 25, 2025
TO: Aviation Advisory Board
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director
VIA: Chelsea Jones Finley, Division Manager
BY: Katharine Lee, Project Support
SUBJECT: Jet Suite X Relocation to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

On August 28, 2025, [Jet Suite X \(JSX\)](#) relocated its South Florida-based operations from Boca Raton Airport (BCT) to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE). The location change is due to several factors, including the demolition of its current facility at BCT and scheduling disruptions during presidential visits. Additionally, relocating to FXE will provide a greater opportunity to build a customer base and offer a seamless travel experience for the Fort Lauderdale community. JSX has secured a sublease with Sheltair Aviation, which includes a lobby, hangar, and aircraft ramp space.

JSX is a public charter operator headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Founded in 2016, the company sells seats on flights throughout North America under the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 135, which governs air taxi, commuter, charter operations, and other on-demand private air services.

As a Part 135 operator, JSX complies with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) pre-screening program, [Secure Flight](#), and employs additional passive security measures, including explosives and weapons detection. Secure Flight is a risk-based system for flights in the United States that matches passenger information against watch lists maintained by the federal government.

JSX also operates under FAR Part 380 for public charters, which permits the sale of individual seats on flights. Its fleet consists of Embraer Regional Jet (ERJ) 135 and 145 aircraft, each retrofitted with 30 seats. The fleet meets or exceeds Stage III and Stage IV noise standards, ensuring it is suitable for daily operations with minimal impact on the community.

JSX operates point-to-point flights across the country to nine domestic destinations and will offer nonstop flights from FXE to Westchester County Airport (HPN) in New York, five days a week.

