



**DRAFT**  
**AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT**  
**RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 – 1:30 P.M.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>7/2025 - 6/2026</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
William Gilbert, Chair	P	2	0
David Cooper, Vice Chair	A	1	1
David Ash	P	1	1
Louis Gavin	P	1	1
Kelly Gordon	P	1	1
Dr. Jeff Johnson	A	1	1
Robert Laughlin	P	2	0
Kevin Macelhaney	P	2	0
Mark Volchek	P	1	1
John Vratsinas	A	1	1
<b>Non-Voting</b>			
Commissioner Marlon Bolton, City of Tamarac (Via Zoom)	P	2	0
Narciso Cherson, City of Oakland Park	P	2	0

**Airport/City Staff**

Rufus A. James, Airport Director  
 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  
 Debbie Puia, Lofts of Palm Aire  
 Alex Rivera, Executive Jet Center  
 Tom O'Donnell, Kimley-Horn and Associates  
 Raheel Dossan, HDR  
 Jim Halley, HDR  
 Theresa Jablonski, HDR  
 Nick Leone, Atkins Realis  
 Cody Parham, Garver  
 Gerald O'Connell, Atlantic Aviation  
 Tom Rowe, Atlantic Aviation  
 Nick Edwards, FXE  
 Lars Struck, FXE Jet Center

Stephanie Lopez, AVCON  
Thomas Bruns, AVCON  
Don Campion, Banyan Air  
Sabrin Taylor, Signature Aviation  
Marshall Myles, FXE Jet Center

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Volchek, seconded by Mr. Gordon, to allow Commissioner Bolton to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (7-0)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **August 28, 2025**

**Motion** made by Mr. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Gordon, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (7-0)

**Motion** made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Volchek, to approve the addition of a walk-on item to the agenda. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (7-0)

### **VOTING ITEMS**

#### **1. FXE Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing Contract Award**

Mr. Khant Myat, Airport Engineer, provided the presentation and recommended approval of the awarding the contract for pavement sealing to Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, in the amount of \$335,417.50.

**Motion** made by Mr. Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Macelhaney, to approve awarding the contract for pavement sealing to Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, in the amount of \$335,417.50. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (7-0)

#### **2. Walk-on Item: Sublease between FXE Parcel 15, LLC and Signature Aviation**

Mr. Rufus James, Airport Director, provided the presentation and recommended approval of the proposed sublease between FXE Parcel 15, LLC and Signature Aviation.

**Motion** made by Mr. Ash, seconded by Mr. Gordon, to approve the sublease between FXE Parcel 15, LLC and Signature Aviation. In a voice vote, the **Motion** passed unanimously. (7-0)

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

### **A. Noise Compatibility Program**

Mr. Patrick Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II, shared the report for August 2025. There were 1,012 jet departures, with 769 of those from Runway 9. He stated Noise Monitor 2 registered an Israel Westwind aircraft noise level above the 80-decibel threshold, however there had not been a report generated. He noted there were a total of 43 noise inquiries from nine individual households.

### **B. Development and Construction**

#### **i. FXE Project Status Update**

Mr. Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Director, provided the update. He shared that the Aviation Equipment and Service Facility Expansion Project is in the mobilization phase, with site work anticipated to begin on October 21, pending permit approval. He advised that the Runway 27 Bypass Taxiway and Run-up Area Relocation Project is undergoing survey and geotechnical work at night to minimize operational impacts. He stated the new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) truck had been received and was ready for tours following the meeting.

### **C. Arrearages**

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

### **D. Communications to the City Commission**

None.

### **E. Other Items**

#### **i. Runway Safety Action Team and Pilot Workshop**

Mr. Patrick Donnelly, Advanced Specialist II, reported that on August 7, 2025, FXE collaborated with the (Federal Aviation Administration) FAA air traffic control tower to present a Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to go over safety and runway incursions and preventative measures. He stated there were 42 participants as well as online participants that joined virtually. He also reported that the FXE Pilot Forum was hosted on September 4, with 30 participants. The purpose of this Forum was to engage the pilots and the Tenants regarding safe operations thereby fostering positive relationships amongst the community. During the Forum, FXE launched the Flying Neighborly initiative which is designed to promote the pilots' use of the noise abatement programs.

#### **ii. Jet Suite X Relocation to FXE**

Ms. Katharine Lee, Airport Projects Support, shared that on August 28, Jet Suite X (JSX) relocated its South Florida-based operations from Boca Raton Airport to FXE due to

several factors, including the demolition of its previous facility. They will be subleasing from Sheltair Aviation.

**iii. Public Comments**

None.

Mr. James shared that on Monday, September 29, the State of the City address would be held at the Parker Playhouse with the reception beginning at 6 p.m. He noted the Uptown 5K on the Runway will be held on November 15, 2025, and invited the Board to join the event for a great time.


**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** Thursday, October 30, 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.*

## UPDATE ITEM A

DATE: December 4, 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

This update comprises the reports for September and October 2025.

### September 2025

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) recorded 1,056 jet departures, with 731 departing from Runway 9. Noise Monitoring Terminal #2 (NMT #2) registered four departures exceeding the 80-decibel (dB) threshold; however, only one noise submission was received for a Falcon 900. A total of 32 noise inquiries were received from seven households.

### October 2025

FXE recorded 1,313 jet departures, with 1,083 departing from Runway 9. NMT #2 registered two departures that exceeded the 80 dB threshold; one of which resulted in a noise submission involving a Falcon 900. A total of 40 noise inquiries were received from eight households.

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



## COOPERATIVE NOISE ABATEMENT EFFORTS

December 4, 2025

### Month of September 2025

Jet Departures and Noise	Aug-25	Sep-25
Total Departures	1012	1056
Runway 27 Jet Departures	241	325
Runway 9 Jet Departures	769	731
Runway 13/31 Jet Departures	2	0
Runway 9 Jet Departures, I-95 Turns	521	495
Runway 9 Jet Departures %, I-95 Turns	68%	68%
Jet over 80dB at Monitor #1	16	30
Jet over 80dB at Monitor #2	1	4

Noise Reports	Aug-25	Sep-25
Number of Households - FXE Noise Only	9	7
Number of Reports - Jets	21	23
Number of Reports - Propellers Single-Engine	12	5
Number of Reports - Propellers Multi-Engine	10	4
Number of Reports - Helicopters	0	0
Number of Reports - Other Airports	0	0
Number of Reports - DT1	0	0
Total Number of Noise Reports for FXE	43	32

### Noise Reports By Quadrant





## COOPERATIVE NOISE ABATEMENT EFFORTS

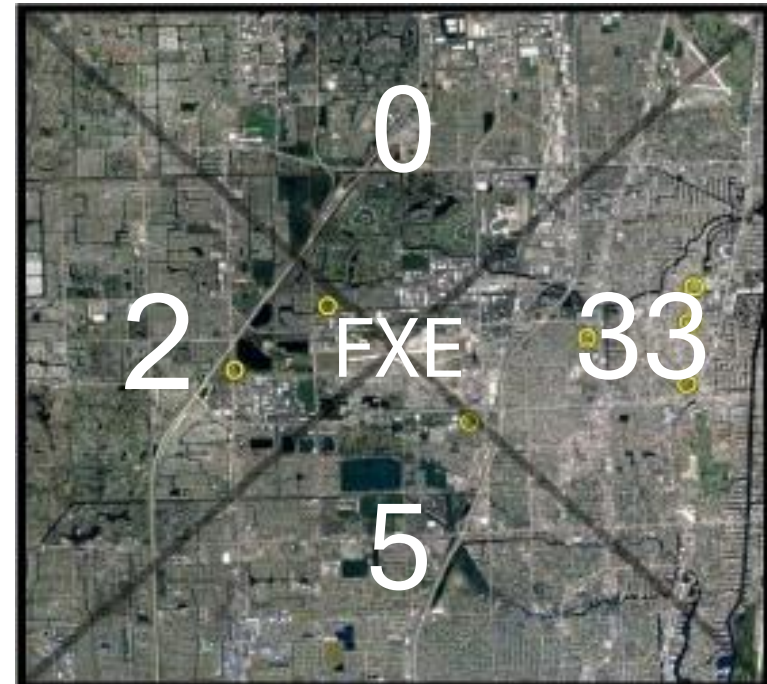
December 4, 2025

### Month of October 2025

Jet Departures and Noise	Sep-25	Oct-25
Total Departures	1056	1313
Runway 27 Jet Departures	325	228
Runway 9 Jet Departures	731	1083
Runway 13/31 Jet Departures	0	2
Runway 9 Jet Departures, I-95 Turns	495	702
Runway 9 Jet Departures %, I-95 Turns	68%	65%
Jet over 80dB at Monitor #1	30	30
Jet over 80dB at Monitor #2	4	2

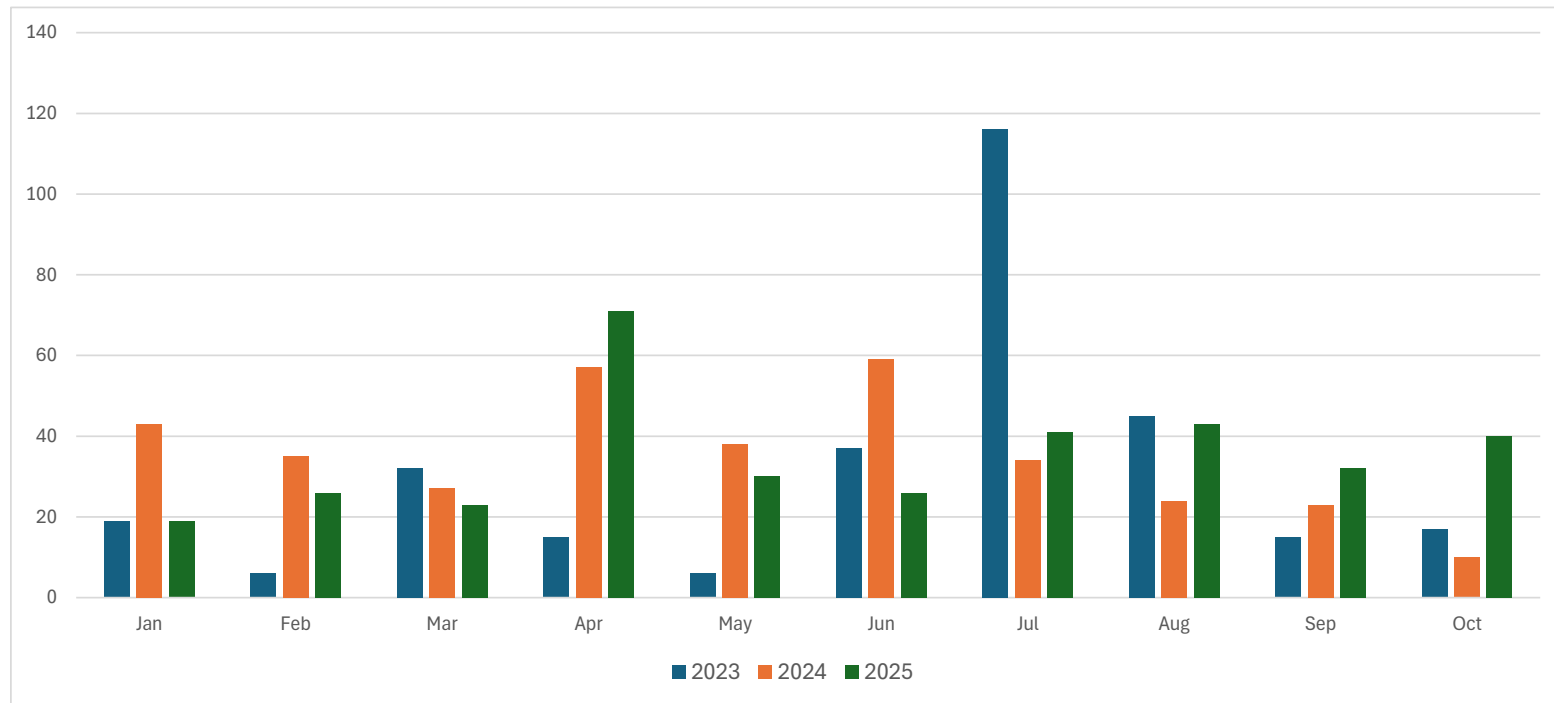
Noise Reports	Sep-25	Oct-25
Number of Households - FXE Noise Only	7	8
Number of Reports - Jets	23	25
Number of Reports - Propellers Single-Engine	5	9
Number of Reports - Propellers Multi-Engine	4	5
Number of Reports - Helicopters	0	1
Number of Reports - Other Airports	0	0
Number of Reports - DT1	0	0
Total Number of Noise Reports for FXE	32	40

### Noise Reports By Quadrant

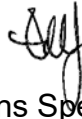


## Year-Over-Year (YoY): Airport Noise Submissions

<b>2023</b>	19	6	32	15	6	37	116	45	15	17	308	
<b>2024</b>	43	35	27	57	38	59	34	24	23	10	350	
<b>2025</b>	19	26	23	71	30	26	41	43	32	40	351	



DATE: December 4, 2025  
TO: Aviation Advisory Board  
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director  
BY: Benjamin J. Gatti, Airport Operations Specialist  
VIA: Carlton M. Harrison, Assistant Airport Director  
SUBJECT: Development and Construction



**12356 - FXE Aviation Equipment & Service (AES) Facility Expansion**

The project is scheduled to begin in December 2025, pending permit approval.

**12707 – Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing Project**

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. Runway 13-31 was milled and repaved from the approach end of Runway 13 to the Taxiway Alpha intersection during the Runway 9-27 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in March of 2025. Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, was awarded the contract by the City Commission at the November 14, 2025, meeting. The project cost is \$611,200 with \$391,200 funded by the FDOT and \$220,000 funded by the Airport fund. The anticipated project start date is in January of 2026.

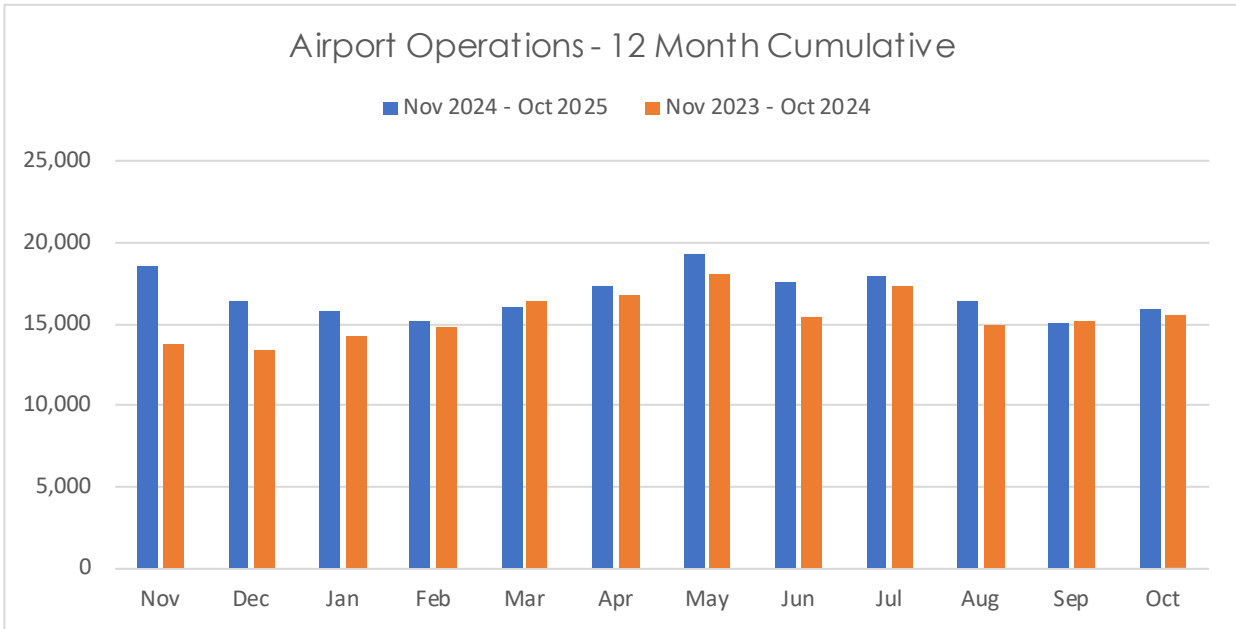




Runway 13-31 Overview

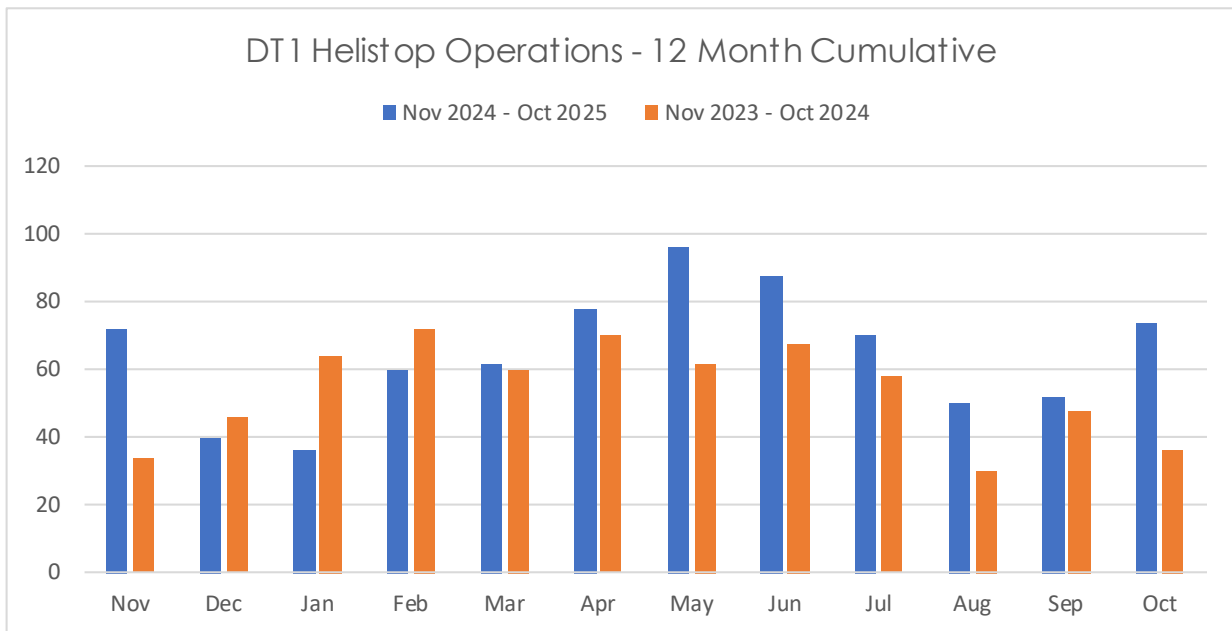
## Airport Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals
<b>Nov 2024 - Oct 2025</b>	18,546	16,372	15,773	15,122	16,046	17,326	19,274	17,589	17,915	16,435	15,063	15,862	201,323
<b>Nov 2023 - Oct 2024</b>	13,692	13,431	14,231	14,721	16,444	16,787	18,089	15,357	17,236	14,907	15,094	15,564	185,553



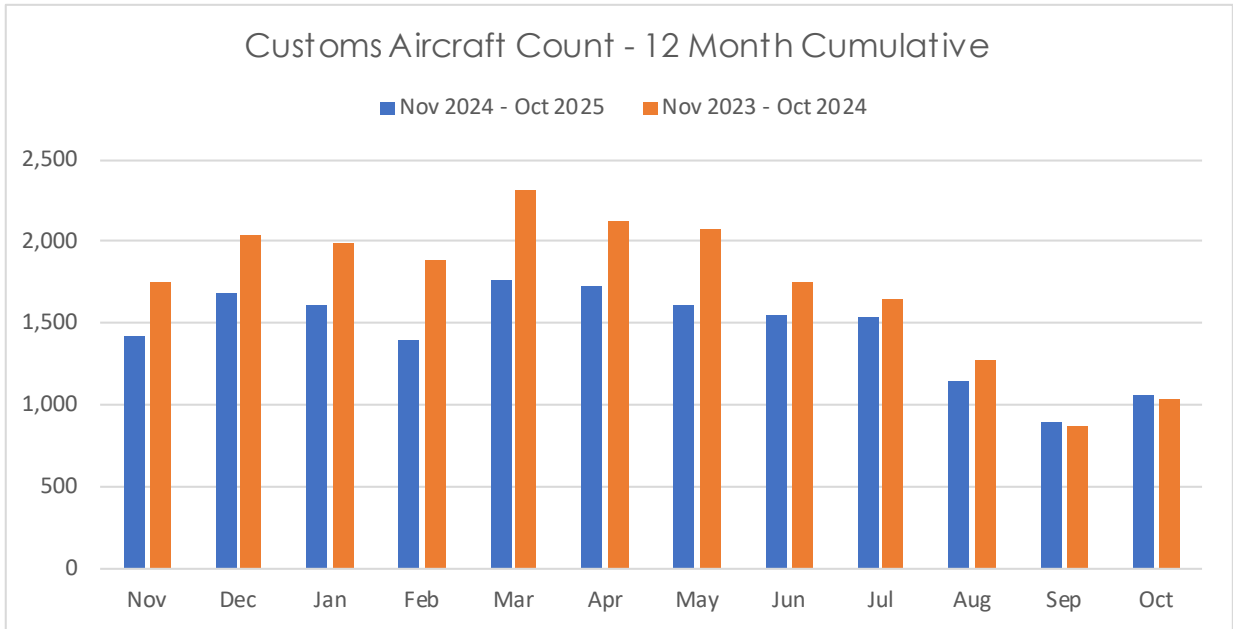
## DT1 Helistop Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals
<b>Nov 2024 - Oct 2025</b>	72	40	36	60	62	78	96	88	70	50	52	74	778
<b>Nov 2023 - Oct 2024</b>	34	46	64	72	60	70	62	68	58	30	48	36	648



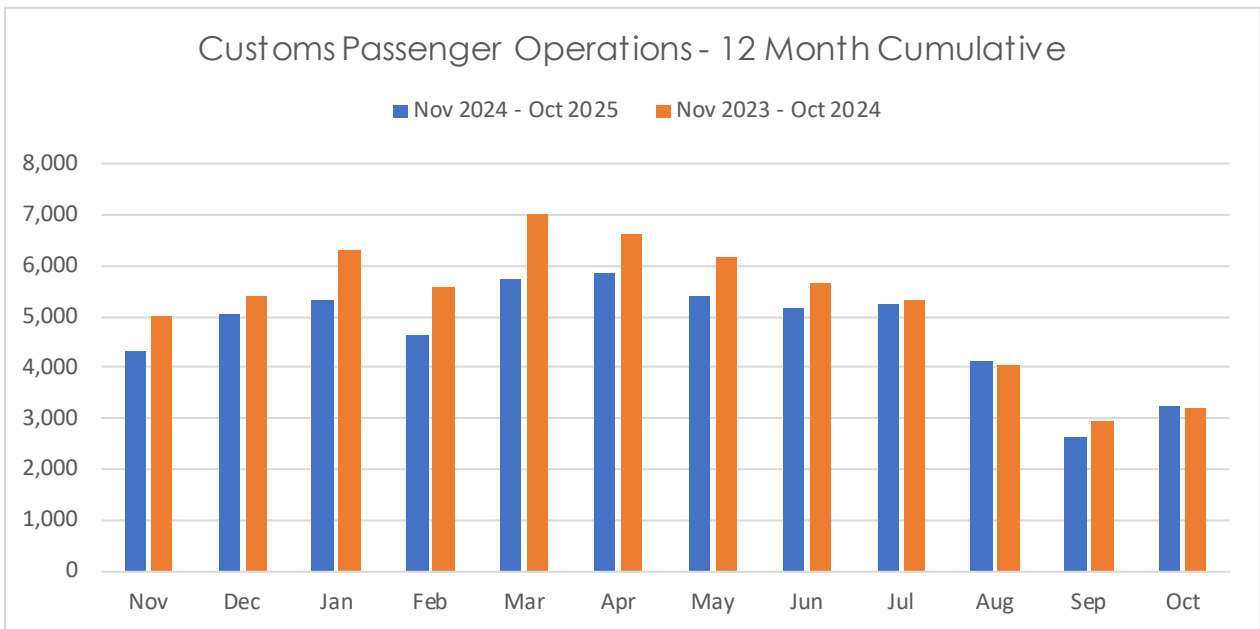
## Customs Aircraft Count - 12 Month Cumulative

<b>Nov 2024 - Oct 2025</b>	1,416	1,690	1,605	1,399	1,756	1,728	1,606	1,542	1,535	1,148	898	1,064	17,387
<b>Nov 2023 - Oct 2024</b>	1,749	2,041	1,984	1,887	2,306	2,123	2,080	1,747	1,644	1,267	869	1,033	20,730



## Customs Passenger Operations - 12 Month Cumulative

<b>Nov 2024 - Oct 2025</b>	4,331	5,066	5,311	4,624	5,741	5,843	5,397	5,174	5,234	4,135	2,614	3,240	56,710
<b>Nov 2023 - Oct 2024</b>	5,016	5,420	6,300	5,561	7,023	6,600	6,160	5,649	5,335	4,025	2,954	3,198	63,241

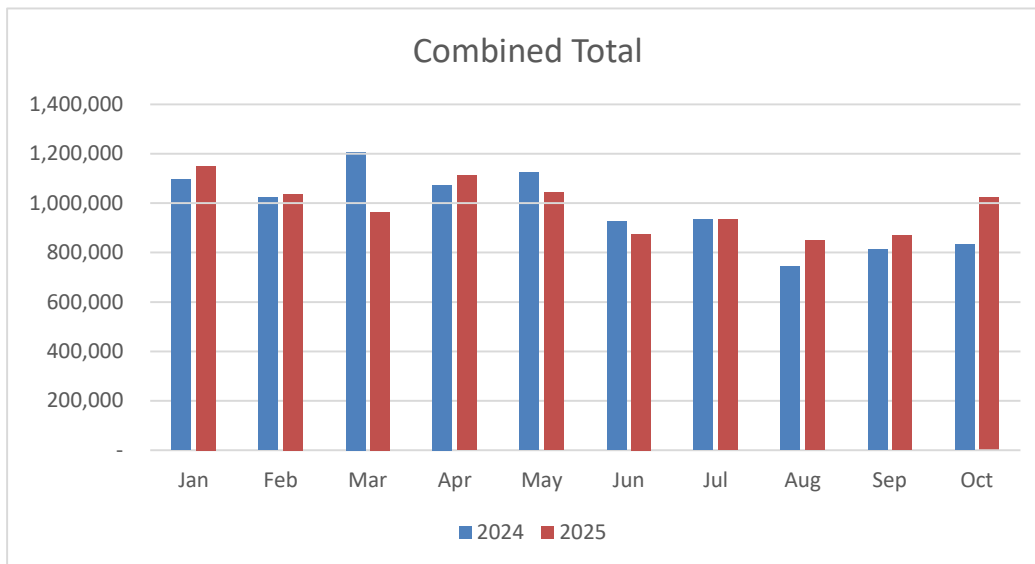
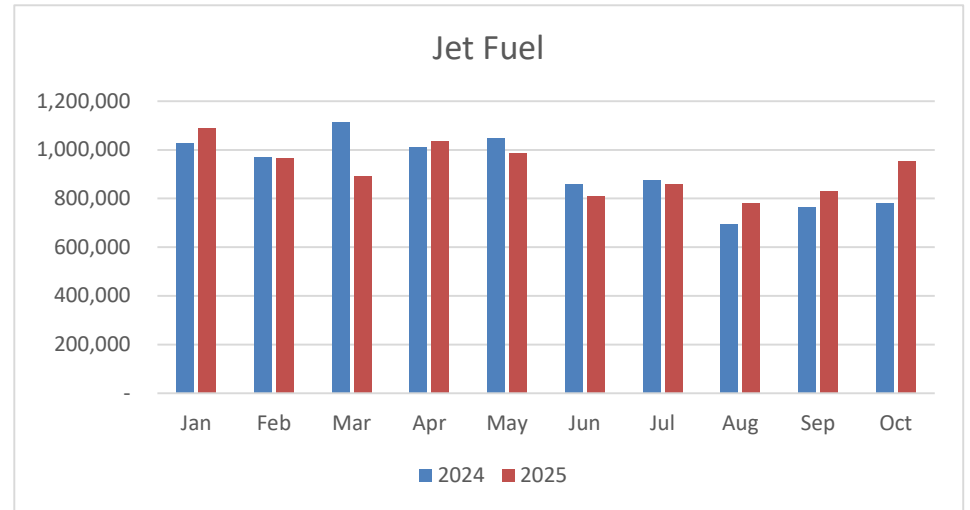
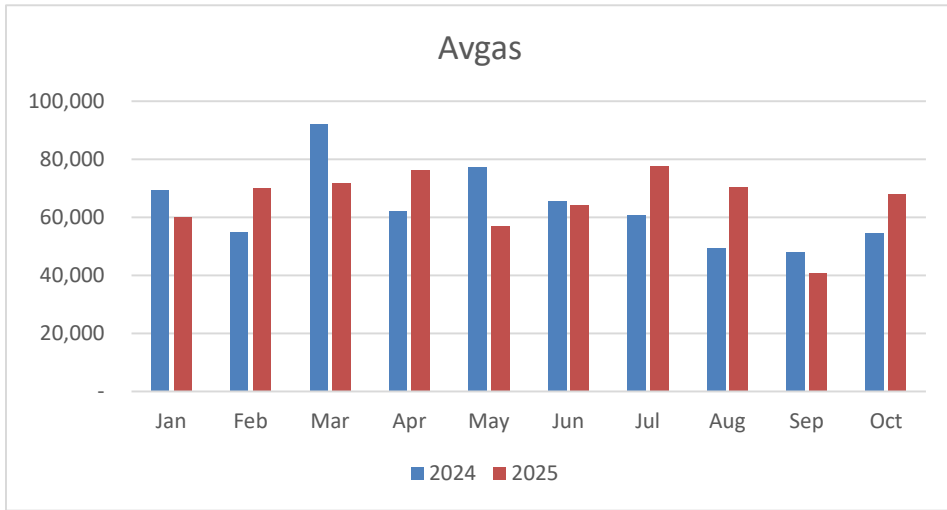


<b>Date</b>	<b>Alert Level</b>	<b>Aircraft Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
9/11/2025	II	Cessna 310	Unsafe Gear Indicator
9/14/2025	III	Piper Seneca	Engine Failure
9/26/2025	III	Mooney M20J	Prop Strike


<b>Date</b>	<b>Alert Level</b>	<b>Aircraft Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
10/12/2025	II	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	Rough Running Engine
10/17/2025	I	Piper Archer	Flat Nose Gear
10/17/2025	III	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	Runway Excursion

### 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	40,722	67,979			656,008
	Jet	1,090,127	967,870	892,884	1,036,532	986,791	810,737	857,423	779,131	828,032	954,806			9,204,333
	Total	1,150,121	1,037,954	964,550	1,112,854	1,043,685	874,910	935,168	849,560	868,754	1,022,785	0	0	9,860,341



## UPDATE ITEM B.I.

DATE: December 4, 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 OCTOBER 2025

Project Number	Project Name	Funding Detail	Phase	Current Status
12522/12708	Runway 9 Run-Up Area	Total Project Cost: \$4,570,122  Funding:  FDOT: \$251,830 FAA: \$ 4,048,500 Airport: \$269,792	Warranty	The project is currently in the warranty phase.
12539	Taxiway Golf Pavement Rehabilitation	Total Project Cost: \$1,257,664  Funding:  FDOT: \$1,076,352 FAA: N/A Airport: \$269,088	Post-Warranty	City staff are closing the remaining purchase orders for the projects. The warranty has expired.
12521	Runway 31 By-pass Taxiway	Total Project Cost: \$1,243,277.19  Funding:  FDOT: \$885,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$358,277.19	Post-Warranty	City staff are closing the remaining purchase orders for the projects. The warranty has expired.

Project Number	Project Name	Funding Detail	Phase	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	The Layout Plan was completed in December of 2024 and has been approved by FDOT.  City staff are closing the remaining purchase orders for the projects.
12355	Airport Drainage Improvements Phase 1	Total Project Cost: \$594,694  Funding:  FDOT: \$540,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$135,000	Warranty	The project is currently in the warranty phase. City staff is closing out the remaining purchase orders for the project. FDOT PTGA grant has been closed out.
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	Warranty	The project work has been completed. The final payment has been made. Currently the project is in warranty phase. City staff is closing out the AIP grant agreement with the FAA.
12970	2025 Helistop Fireproofing and Painting	Total Project Cost: \$167,529  Funding:  FDOT: \$134,023 FAA: N/A Airport: \$33,506	Construction	The contractor began the painting scope of the project and has agreed to continue working on the fireproofing scope. The contract completion date has been extended to 1/31/2026 through an official change order.
12356	FXE AES Expansion	Total Project Cost: \$2,161,206  Funding:  FDOT: N/A FAA: N/A Airport: \$2,161,206	Construction	The contractor continues to submit revised plans to the City's DSD for the construction permit. The anticipated construction start date is December 2025. The completion date will be extended through an official change order due to delays in the permitting process.

Project Number	Project Name	Funding Detail	Phase	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	As of November 14, 2025, the contractor has completed 27 decorative street posts. There are three remaining posts to be installed. The contractor needs to order additional street name signs for these. The project will be completed on time and within budget,
12813	Environmental Assessment (EA) for RW 9 Extension	Total Project Cost: \$500,000  Funding:  FDOT: \$400,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$100,000	Design	Due to the delay in FAA review process and the US government shutdown, the EA review has been delayed. The latest estimated completion schedule is September 2026. Staff will meet with FAA to determine the project schedule impacts.
12707	Runway 13-31 Pavement Sealing	Total Project Cost: \$611,200  Funding:  FDOT: \$391,200 FAA: N/A Airport: \$220,000	Bidding	City Commission approved the award of the contract to Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC for \$335,417.50 at the November 14, 2025, meeting. The anticipated construction start date is January 2026.
12706	Taxiway B and G Realignment	Total Project Cost: \$2,038,000  Funding:  FDOT: \$1,633,600 FAA: N/A Airport: \$404,400	Bidding	The project is currently under review by Procurement. Bidding is anticipated in December.
12884	Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehabilitation	Total Project Cost: \$2,560,000  Funding:  FDOT: \$2,048,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$512,000	Bidding	The project is currently under review by Procurement. Bidding is anticipated in December.

Project Number	Project Name	Funding Detail	Phase	Current Status
12883	AES Apron Pavement Resurfacing	Total Project Cost: \$616,250  Funding:  FDOT: \$493,000 FAA: N/A Airport: \$123,250	Bidding	The bid opened on November 12, 2025, with a total of four (4) bids. Currently Weekley Asphalt Paving is the apparent, lowest, responsible and responsive bidder. Procurement is currently reviewing the bid documents.
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 the City on 8/26/2025 and arrived at FXE on 9/10/2025. Currently, the staff is working to close out the grant agreement with FDOT.
12882	FXE Runway 9 Parallel Taxiway Extension	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	Task order was executed on 6/9/2025. Currently the consultant is working on the 60% design plans.
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: December 4, 2025  
TO: Aviation Advisory Board  
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director  
SUBJECT: Arrearages



### **Rent**

There are no arrearages to report.

### **Fuel Flowage**

There are no arrearages to report.

FBOS

# Sheltair Founder Jerry Holland Passes at Age 90

He grew the company into the largest privately-owned FBO network



*Sheltair FBO network founder and patriarch of the Holland family, Jerry Holland, passed away this week at the age of 90.*

By **CURT EPSTEIN** • Business Aviation Services Editor

November 20, 2025

Jerry Holland, 90, the founder of the Sheltair FBO chain, passed away on Tuesday at his home. With nothing more than a high school diploma, he grew the company from a single FBO to the industry's largest privately-owned aviation network, with nearly five million square feet of airport infrastructure spread across 16 locations in four states.

Holland—who was described as a simple man with a big vision—began his career in construction in 1963. He first entered the aviation arena 20 years later, after a friend sold him a set of hangars at Florida's Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (KFXE).

In 1986, he broke ground on the company's flagship FBO at Fort Lauderdale International Airport (KFLI), and soon followed that up with a second location, continuing its growth in the Southeast U.S.

During the Covid pandemic, Holland stepped back from the chain's day-to-day operations and turned over the Sheltair reins to his daughter, Lisa, who has maintained the drive for growth and excellence, based on the values he instilled.

"We are proud of all that Sheltair has accomplished, and much of that success is due to the strong foundation my father established," said company president and CEO Lisa Holland. "My father always dreamed bigger and was relentless in making those dreams a reality. It's why we enjoy the success we're blessed to have today."

Jerry is survived by Mikki, his wife of 60 years, their two daughters, Lisa and Lori; and three grandchildren, one of whom has joined the company as a third-generation family member.

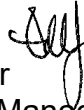
"My Grandpa was so much more than the founder of Sheltair," said Kai Seymour, the company's growth strategy manager and Jerry's oldest grandson. "What he created was not just an aviation business; it was a family."

"In addition to being a dear friend, Jerry was a fellow confidant who will truly be missed," added **AIN** co-founder and chairman emeritus Wilson Leach, who described him as an unsung, unheralded pioneer in aviation. "He was a remarkably capable, no-nonsense entrepreneur who worked behind the curtain, not in front of it. The result is a remarkable, privately-held FBO enterprise of 16 facilities around the country."

A private funeral service for family members only will be held, with details on a celebration of life ceremony to be announced.

## UPDATE ITEM E.I.

DATE: December 4, 2025  
TO: Aviation Advisory Board  
FROM: Rufus A. James, Airport Director  
VIA: Chelsea Jones Finley, Division Manager  
BY: Katharine Lee, Project Support  
SUBJECT: Community Events



### **2nd Annual Tenant Appreciation Lunch**

On Friday, October 24, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) hosted its 2nd Annual Tenant Appreciation Lunch, an outreach initiative designed to recognize and thank the Airport's aeronautical and non-aeronautical tenants for their continued partnership and contributions to the FXE community.

Hosted at the FXE Administrative Building campus, the event featured two food trucks, a dessert cart, raffle prizes, a caricature artist, entertainment, and games, creating a vibrant and welcoming environment for engagement and networking. The event also offered an opportunity for tenants to meet fellow tenants and for tenants and Airport staff to connect outside their routine operational interactions.

The Airport served approximately 300 individuals at the tenant appreciation lunch, representing a diverse cross-section of FXE's tenant community. Participants included fixed-base operators, charter operators, flight schools, non-aviation commercial tenants, and other key stakeholders. Feedback was uniformly positive, with attendees highlighting the strong sense of community and appreciation conveyed throughout the event.

The Tenant Appreciation Lunch has quickly become a signature event that supports the Airport's commitment to tenant engagement, relationship building, and customer service excellence.

Thank you to all FXE staff for their efforts in making this 2nd Annual Tenant Appreciation Lunch a success.

[View the 2nd Annual Tenant Appreciation Lunch event photos here.](#)



## **7th Annual Uptown 5K on the Runway**

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) partnered with the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation to host the 7th Annual Uptown 5K on the Runway. This signature community fundraiser brings together the Uptown business district, the regional healthcare community, and neighbors of all ages and abilities in a celebration of fitness, philanthropy, and aviation. The event reinforces FXE's commitment to community engagement and highlights the Airport's role as a civic anchor within the Uptown area.

This year's event welcomed more than 1,800 participants who took part in the unique opportunity to run or walk along Runway 13–31. The racecourse, temporarily transformed for pedestrian use, provided a rare airfield experience enjoyed by families, runners, walkers, corporate teams, and aviation enthusiasts. Airport staff, public safety personnel, and volunteers ensured safe access and smooth operations throughout the event.

The community once again exceeded expectations by surpassing the fundraising goal. More than \$158,000 was raised in support of the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation, which provides essential hospice and palliative care services to families throughout the region. Participation from corporate sponsors, local businesses, and community partners played a significant role in the overall success of the fundraiser.

The event also featured pre-race activities, music, exhibitor tents, and sponsor engagement areas, contributing to a festive and inclusive atmosphere. Feedback from attendees highlighted appreciation for the Airport's continued involvement and the unique experience of accessing the airfield for such a meaningful cause.

FXE extends its gratitude to all participants, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters who helped make the 2025 event a success. The Airport looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation and supporting the 8th Annual Uptown 5K on the Runway in 2026.

[View the 7th Annual Uptown 5K on the Runway event photos here.](#)

