



# SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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City of Shreveport



## ***Shreveport Regional and Shreveport Downtown Airports to Receive More Than \$16 Million in Runway Enhancements***

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The Shreveport Airport Authority System is set to receive more than \$16 million dollars in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant money. Shreveport Regional Airport will see an 850 foot extension of the secondary runway to 7,000 feet. Taxiway C, which is used heavily by the nearly 50 commercial flights per day, will also be extended an additional 850 feet. The extension will support the operation of commercial flights during periods of time when the main runway is closed for maintenance or if weather conditions require the use of the secondary runway.

Shreveport Downtown Airport will see a shift and extension of its secondary runway and Taxiway E will be lengthened. This projects' goal is to relocate the West end of the runway and extend the East end by 1,000 feet to 4,200 feet. This will improve safety conditions and provide for more efficient operations at the airport.

"This is a significant investment in infrastructure that enhances safety at our airports and brings direct economic benefit to the City of Shreveport and to the region," said Mayor Ollie Tyler.

The runway and taxiway extensions at both airports will improve efficiency, enhance safety for aircraft and meet the latest FAA requirements. The State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation (LADOT) will also partner in these projects to enhance safety.

"These are the largest grants received by the Shreveport Airport Authority in more than a decade. The FAA and LADOT both recognize that both airports are huge assets to the community. This investment will help continue to fuel economic development growth in Shreveport and the Ark-La-Tex region," said Henry Thompson, Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

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Shreveport Regional Airport is the commercial carrier airport in Shreveport and serves residents in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Opened on July 6, 1952, the airport expanded in 1971 to its current building and expanded again in 1999, with an all new central terminal building. Shreveport is served by four airlines: Allegiant with non-stop service to Las Vegas and Orlando, American Airlines with non-stop service to Charlotte and Dallas, Delta Air Lines with non-stop service to Atlanta, and United Airlines with non-stop service to Houston and Denver.

Construction of Shreveport Downtown Airport began in 1930 with the official dedication taking place July 14, 1931. The airport initially consisted of an open field with an air sock located in the middle. This allowed aircraft to depart in virtually any direction depending upon the wind. Beginning in 1929, prior to opening a terminal building, the airport was already handling commercial airline flights with Delta Air Lines' route of Dallas to Shreveport, on to Monroe, Louisiana, and to Jackson, Mississippi with a six-seat Travel Air S-6000.