



**SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
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City of Shreveport



***Air Traffic Control Tower at Shreveport  
Downtown Airport Will Remain Open Until  
Further Notice***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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On Friday, May 10, 2013, Shreveport Airport Authority received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration that the air traffic control tower at the Shreveport Downtown Airport (DTN) will remain open until further notice. There are 148 other control towers nationwide that will also remain open.

“I am excited a solution to keeping the air traffic control tower at Shreveport Downtown Airport has been reached. This is great news for our airport and for the 320 aircraft that are based at Shreveport Downtown Airport. This decision will help keep the local aviation community safe when departing from or flying into Shreveport Downtown Airport.” said Stacy Kuba, Manager of the Shreveport Downtown Airport.

In a statement, the Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that DOT has determined that the recently enacted Reducing Flight Delays Act of 2013 will allow the FAA to transfer sufficient funds to end employee furloughs and keep the 149 contract towers originally slated for closure in June open for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. Shreveport Downtown Airport was the only control tower that remained on the closure list that initially included six Louisiana airports.

The FAA will also put \$10 million toward reducing cuts and delays in core NextGen programs and will allocate approximately \$11 million to partially restore the support of infrastructure in the national airspace system.

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The Shreveport Downtown Airport opened in 1931 with commercial airline service by Delta Air Lines. The route consisted of Dallas to Shreveport and on to Monroe, Louisiana, and to Jackson, Mississippi. In the 83 years since opening the Shreveport Downtown Airport has grown to be the largest general aviation airport in Louisiana with 320 aircraft based there.