

Monthly Airport Update | October 2026

Keeping Our Aviation Community Informed

As we move into fall and get closer to the start of airline service next year, we want to make it easier for our tenants and airport users to stay informed about what is happening at HEF. Moving forward, we plan to send a monthly airport update highlighting projects, activities, and other items that may impact our aviation community. These updates will provide a brief snapshot of what is happening around the airport. They are not intended to replace direct calls or emails, so please reach out to us if you need additional information or clarification.

 DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Airport Operating Certificate Issued

One of the most significant events over the past several months was the FAA issuing Washington Manassas Regional Airport its Airport Operating Certificate (AOC). This was the culmination of nearly two years of hard work, and I want to thank our dedicated airport staff for everything they did to get us across the finish line.

The AOC represents an important milestone for the Airport as we prepare for the start of commercial airline service.

New Air Traffic Control Tower

The Airport recently received \$26 million in grant funding for our new Air Traffic Control Tower.

This is a major investment in the future of Washington Manassas Regional Airport and will be one of several significant projects underway over the coming year. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2027.



OPERATIONS

Airport Operations personnel are on the airport **seven days a week. Monday – Friday hours 6:30am to 10:30pm, Saturday and Sunday hours 8:30am to 7pm**, to assist tenants, users, and visitors.

If you have a question or concern about airport operations, please don't hesitate to contact the Operations team.



PROJECTS

Runway 16L-34R Rehabilitation and Taxiway B Widening Projects

Spring 2027 will be a busy time at the Airport.

In addition to the ATC Tower project, we will begin:

- **Rehabilitation of Runway 16L/34R**
- **Widening of Taxiway B from 40 feet to 50 feet**

With so much construction activity planned, we encourage all airport users to stay up to date on **NOTAMs** and to contact Airport Operations anytime you have questions or concerns.

RTR Replacement

Due to the height of the new ATC Tower, the Remote Transmitter Receiver (RTR), which is a facility used to extend communication range for air traffic control specialists and pilots, will have to be relocated to the north west corner of the Airport. This project was not anticipated, therefore the Airport staff is working with RS&H Engineers to design the project and move forward with construction sometime in 2027 prior to the commissioning of the new ATC Tower.

Fuel Farm Upgrades

The Airport received a Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) grant for the Fuel Farm Upgrades' Study project and has issued RS&H a Purchase Order to begin work. This project will assess the future needs of the fuel farm and will lead to an update in the future.

Safety Management System — SMS

Airport staff has been working with the FAA to determine the requirements and timeline for implementation of the Airport's Safety Management System (SMS) Plan. The Airport must move forward with its SMS Implementation Plan by March 2027.

No funding has currently been identified for the project. The Airport may be able to utilize its Non-Primary Entitlements (NPE) to begin the process, the approximately \$150,000 available would not cover the full cost of developing and implementing the plan.

Observation Road Relocation

This project has been completed and now allows the airport tenants and FAA personnel to get to the west side of the airport when the intersection of Observation Road and Piper Lane floods without having to drive onto the west ramp. This road was renamed to Aviator Ave and the tenants on this road have updated their address'.





Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station Renovation

Project Status: COMPLETE Washington Manassas Regional Airport has been approved for Index C ARFF capability.

Our ARFF personnel are on the airport seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The ARFF Station renovation has been completed, and ARFF personnel have officially moved into their new building.

We are also pleased to announce that the ARFF team has officially received its non-transport Emergency Medical Services (EMS) license, allowing the team to provide medical care at the Emergency Medical Technician level. This is another important enhancement to the safety and emergency response capabilities available at HEF.



SECURITY & SAFETY

Security Camera Installation

Three security cameras are currently on order for the newly renovated ARFF Station. Installation will take place once the equipment is received.

Airport Security is testing out a new system on the gates called Click2Enter. This system was installed on Gate A. Tenants should not notice a change in use. This system is for our first responders entering the airport during an emergency.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance has moved to a new location. They will be operating out of the hanger at 10678 Aviation Lane.

They have recently experienced an uptick in maintenance issues involving hangar doors. If you experience a problem with your hangar door, please contact the Maintenance Hotline number listed on the back of your Airport ID Badge. Please do not attempt to troubleshoot, repair, or adjust the door yourself. Allowing our Maintenance team to address the issue helps ensure the door is serviced safely and properly.

ENVIRONMENTAL & STORMWATER PLANNING

SWPPP & SPCC Plan Updates

Delta Airport Consultants is updating the Airport's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan in support of the Airport's New Individual Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducted a site visit on June 3, 2026, as part of the permitting process.

The Airport anticipates receiving a draft VPDES permit in November, with the SWPPP and SPCC plans to be finalized following issuance of the new permit.

AIRPORT FINANCIAL & AIR SERVICE PLANNING

The Airport Director continues to work with Frasca and Associates, LLC on the development of an Airport Landing fee methodology and an Airline Service Incentive Plan (ASIP). Ultimately, both documents will have to be approved by the City Council. Key provision of the draft Landing Fee methodology is no landing fees will be charged for : 1) Any aircraft based at HEF 2) Any transient aircraft that weighs less than 12,500 pounds 3) An aircraft that departs from the airport for another destination and is forced to return 4) An aircraft that lands at the airport because of meteorological conditions, mechanical or operating causes or for any similar emergency or precautionary reason 5) Any aircraft owned and operated by the United States government and its agencies 6) Non-commercial aircraft owned and operated by foreign governments on a flight authorized by the Department of State, or commercial aircraft on a flight dedicated to carrying foreign heads of state and not operating as a commercial flight, and 7) Non-revenue, test flights approved by the Airport Director that may be required to meet operational safety or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification requirements.

AIRPORT TEAM

Fully Staffed!

All Airport divisions are currently fully staffed.

The Airport's newest Airfield Electrician started on September 21, 2026. Welcome aboard, Oscar!



SAVE THE DATE

AIRPORT TOWN HALL

November 10, 2026 • 6:00 PM

10678 Aviation Lane
Manassas, Virginia



Join us for an Airport Town Hall and learn more about what's happening at Washington Manassas Airport, upcoming projects, and the Airport's continued growth.

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LOOKING AHEAD

There is a lot happening at Washington Manassas Airport, and next year promises to be one of our busiest yet. As we prepare for airline service and move forward with several major capital projects, we want to make sure our aviation community stays informed. We hope you find these monthly updates helpful. As always, if you need additional information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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