

AIRPORT BEACON REPORT

Smith Reynolds Airport
June 2021 - September 2021



The Airport Beacon Report is published three times a year to improve the communication between the airport and its tenants with the community around it.

Employment Opportunities

North State Aviation in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for experienced licensed **A&P Mechanics** and other positions. Please visit our website at nsamro.com for more details or email us at HR@nsamro.com.

EPES Transport is hiring truck drivers and other positions for regional opportunities. Visit epestransport.com for details.

Piedmont Propulsion in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for various positions. Please visit our website at piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/ for more details.

Love kids? Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools is now hiring. **Full-time, Part-time & Substitute School Bus Drivers.** Visit wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/1188 for more info.

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month

May 2020/1 Month 2,540
May 2021/1 Month 4,454

12 month

May 2020/12 Months 40,737
May 2021/12 Months 41,858

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training

"Most Experienced Flight School in North Carolina"
Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.com

Other County Resources in Your Area

Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, offers a variety of programs and resources. For more information, visit forsyth.cc/library/Carver.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Forsyth County Center, 1450 Fairchild Road, offers resources and workshops related to farming, gardening and the 4-H youth program. Visit forsyth.cc/CES/ for details.

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Smith Reynolds Airport receives \$4.45 million CARES Act grant

Smith Reynolds Airport has been awarded a \$4.45 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to help preserve and create hundreds of jobs and offset additional economic adversity caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA). This grant will be matched with \$1.6 million in local county investment. It's expected to create 200 jobs, retain 100 jobs, and generate \$2.5 million in private investment. The grant will be used to repair a facility used by North State Aviation, an aircraft Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) service provider.

"This grant will go a long way to ensure the infrastructure at the Airport can continue to support and create jobs," said Smith Reynolds Airport Director Mark Davidson. "The funds will go directly to a facility that is over 50 years old and is home to hundreds of valuable and highly trained employees in the MRO industry,"

This project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the EDA-funded Piedmont Triad Regional Council, which brings together the public and private sectors to strengthen the regional economy. The county's Community

and Economic Development Department was instrumental in applying for the grant.

"The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners have identified Smith Reynolds Airport as a key economic asset and the Community & Economic Development team is excited to continue to leverage funding to support it," said Community and Economic Development Director Kyle Haney. "In applying for this grant, we worked closely with staff from Smith Reynolds,

County General Services, Piedmont Triad Regional Council, and the US Economic Development Administration. We look forward to continuing these partnerships and seeking additional opportunities to assist Smith Reynolds and surrounding businesses."

County Commissioner Dave Plyler praised the

grant, saying the commissioners and the Airport Board are always looking for ways to enhance the airport's growth.

"This will really help, especially when you add jobs to the area," said Plyler. "This will make a big difference."

This project is funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provided EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.



2 - Stop Illegal Dumping

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2 - Taxiway Q

We are no longer considering the purchase of homes on Teresa Ave.

3 - Advanced Air Mobility

Our goal is to create a national model for advanced air mobility.

Working Together to Stop Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping also known as “fly dumping”, “midnight dumping” or “wildcat dumping” is a major problem in many communities including our neighborhood. It raises significant concerns regarding public health and safety, property values, and quality of life. The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical (protruding nails or sharp edges) and chemical hazards posed by waste. In addition, dump sites serve as magnets for additional dumping and other criminal activities. As a result of illegal dumping, property values decrease and the community becomes unattractive to commercial and residential buyers.

In an effort to make our neighborhood surrounding Smith Reynolds Airport in the Northeast Ward better, please report any illegal dumping you may observe to the proper authorities. If you observe dumping in progress, please contact the Winston Salem Police Department at 336-773-7700.

For your own unwanted household items, there are options for proper disposal. The City of Winston-Salem provides once a year curbside collection of bulky items that may be too large to fit in your household garbage container. A list of items that can be placed out for bulky item pickup as well as the dates the City will be in your area are listed on the City’s website. Common household items that may contain hazardous chemicals such as



paint, pesticides, automotive fluids or old cleaning products, as well as old televisions and other unwanted electronics, can be taken to the 3RC Envirostation Recycling Center located at 1401 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. To inquire about the items they accept as well as their hours of operation, please call (336) 784-4300 or visit the City’s website. The solid waste facility located at 325 N. Hanes Mill Road is also an easy and convenient, low cost option for disposal of large quantities of unwanted materials. For their hours of operation, rates and additional information, please call CityLink at (336) 727-8000 or 311.

Let’s all work together to improve and maintain the safety and appearance of our community.

FAA Conditionally Approves Plan for Taxiway Alpha



As reported in the last Airport Beacon Report, the FAA has informed the County that they are no longer considering a project that would require the purchase of 16 homes on Teresa Avenue. The FAA District Office in Memphis is only considering reconstruction options for the existing Taxiway which is on the other side of the runway. On March 16, 2021, the County received a letter from the FAA that conditionally

approved the Modification to Standard Request, which was required in order to move forward with the reconstruction options for the existing Taxiway. Preliminary plans reviewed by the FAA, depicts portions of the Taxiway Alpha relocated approximately 120 feet, while other portions move approximately 30 feet. This is being done to improve safety at the Airport for all users and to minimize any impacts to the community. As mentioned before in many meetings, it is our goal to keep the lines of communication open and to do what we can to keep you informed.

Advanced Air Mobility Strategies for UAS Industry in Forsyth County

Last year, the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Greater Winston-Salem Inc. to complete and implement a strategy that would focus on Forsyth County as the center of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) industry in North Carolina. The goal is to create a national model for advanced air mobility in an urban setting that underpins and propels the region’s economy.

In January, the report was finalized by Hovecon and provides great insight for our community. The report touches upon how drones will transform the way we deliver last mile packages for e-commerce and high-value cargo between businesses. Amazon and Google are currently approved to use drones to deliver packages and right here in Forsyth County, missions are flown by UPS Flight Forward across the Wake Forest Baptist Hospital campus to deliver medical packages.

As we move forward, Smith Reynolds Airport may play a part in the development of the UAS industry, as long as it is safely integrated. The FAA estimates that in 40 years, over 40 percent of air cargo will be transported by UAS. A lot of development is required in the UAS industry, but since Smith Reynolds Airport has controlled airspace without airline traffic and it is located adjacent to an urban center, the facility may become a catalyst for development and job growth in the new emerging industry.



AeroX: First in Flight to Next in Flight

A Strategic Plan for Propelling Forsyth County's Economy Through Advanced Air Mobility | January 2021

Prepared by Hovecon LLC for Greater Winston-Salem Inc.



Thanks to Roger Spatcher!

We want to thank Roger Spatcher, who retired on May 31, for his 32 years of service working for the Airport Commission and Forsyth County at Smith Reynolds. Roger started back in 1989 as an Airfield Maintenance Technician. He will be sorely missed by his coworkers at the Airport.

