

FIRST ALERT 81°
 FAIR
 WIND: S 5 MPH
 FEELS LIKE: 83°



Reconstruction Will Leave Airport with Single Runway for 60 Days

By George Ford, Reporter



A United Airlines 737 jet airliner taking off from a runway at the Eastern Iowa Airport.

- EMAIL THIS ARTICLE
- Tweet
- DIGG
- PRINT THIS ARTICLE
- 1 COMMENTS
- Recommend Confirm



Story Created: Jun 28, 2012 at 2:49 PM CDT
 (Story Updated: Jun 28, 2012 at 2:49 PM CDT)

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — The secondary runway at The Eastern Iowa Airport will be shut down for 60 days beginning July 4, leaving the regional airport with a single runway available to general and commercial aircraft.

Airport Operations Director Sara Mau said the 6,199-foot runway will be shut down to accommodate reconstruction.

The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission in March awarded Metro Pavers of Iowa City a \$6.3 million contract for the work. The project includes reconstruction of Taxiway C, which is adjacent to the runway.

The taxiway work, involving some of the oldest pavement at the airport, will be completed before the runway is shut down to provide access to the main runway for airplanes stored in nearby hangars.

Reconstruction of the southern section of the runway will involve removal of 1,700 feet of existing pavement and replacement with new concrete. The northern portion of the same runway is scheduled for a similar project in fiscal year 2014, along with construction of a new taxiway.

The runway and taxiway projects are eligible for federal Airport Improvement Program entitlement funding. While owned by the City of Cedar Rapids, The Eastern Iowa Airport is a self-sustaining entity that does not receive any city or county property tax revenue.

The airport will cover its share of the projects with passenger facility charge revenue. Passenger facility charges are included with air fares paid by travelers using the airport.

Mau said Taxiway A, which was converted to an auxiliary runway during the reconstruction of the airport's 8,600-foot main runway in the summer of 2010, cannot be used as a backup runway. She

Local Directory Your Search, Found.

- Waterloo, IA »
- Cedar Rapids, IA »
- Iowa City, IA »
- Dubuque, IA »

POWERED BY LOCAL.COM

Most Popular >>

1. More Than 30 People Arrested Following Prostitution Sting in Linn County
2. Police Seek Tips in Burglary/Forgery Case
3. Bicyclist Injured After Being Hit By Vehicle

said conversion of the 7,700-foot taxiway would require lengthy FAA review as well as application and removal of about \$5,000 worth of runway marker paint.

As the runway and taxiway reconstruction projects are beginning, a \$7.2 million passenger terminal remodeling and expansion project is rapidly moving toward completion, according to Airport Director Tim Bradshaw.

A new \$4.4 million baggage-handling system will remove the federal Transportation Security Administration's baggage screening process from the terminal lobby in August, where it was installed after 9/11. Airline personnel will place baggage on a moving conveyor belt that will carry it to screening machines in a secure area of the terminal.

The TSA is picking up the \$2.9 million tab for the security-related portion of the bag inspection system, and the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission is covering the remaining \$1.5 million. A 10,000-square-foot addition to the terminal houses a central baggage makeup area with a carousel similar to those used by passengers to retrieve their luggage at their destination.

Mau said all of the airlines serving the airport have moved into new ticket counters in the west end of the terminal. When the project is completed this fall, passengers will experience a return to air travel as it was before the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"They will see the old days of aviation when they would take their bag to the ticket counter and leave it there, rather than having to take it to another area for inspection," Mau said.

Bradshaw and Mau said removing the baggage inspection machines will create additional space and lower the noise level in the terminal. Bradshaw said a long-range plan under development to guide the airport over the next 25 years will likely include recommendations for additional uses of terminal space.

- 4. [Man Found Guilty of Attempting to Hire Hit on Mt. Vernon Police Chief](#)
- 5. [High Court Upholds President Obama Health Law by 5-4 Vote](#) 

Seeking A Job? >>

- 1. [Financial Service Representative \(Teller\)](#)
IA-Iowa City | University of Iowa Community Credit Union
- 2. [KCELT Program Assistant](#)
IA-Cedar Rapids | Kirkwood Community College
- 3. [Fundraising Director](#)
IA-Cedar Rapids | American Heart Association

GO




more job listings [»](#)

Previous Article

[House Votes to Hold US Attorney General in Contempt](#)

Next Article

[City Hall Critic Charged with Assaulting City Manager's Assistant](#)

FEATURED ARTICLES from KCRG.com



[Convicted Killer Sentenced to 50 Years in Prison](#)



["Honest mistake" by City of Cedar Rapids Leads to ...](#)



[Head-on Crash Leaves Cedar Rapids Man in Critical ...](#)



[Mom Arrested After Baby Left in Van](#)

CONVERSATION GUIDELINES

Be Kind

Don't use abusive, offensive, threatening, racist, vulgar or sexually-oriented language. Don't attack someone personally. Keep it civil and be responsible.

Share Knowledge

Be truthful. Share what you know and what you are passionate about. What more do you want to learn? Keep it simple.

Stay focused

Promote lively and healthy debate. Stay on topic. Ask questions and give feedback on the story's topic.

Report Trouble

Help us maintain a quality comment section by reporting comments that are offensive. If you see a comment that is offensive, or you feel violates our guidelines, simply click on the "x" to the far right of the comment to report it.

[read the full guidelines here](#) »

Commenting will be disabled on stories dealing with the following subject matter: Crime, sexual abuse, property fires, automobile accidents, Amber Alerts, Operation Quickfinds and suicides.



Post to Facebook



Chris Cargin

A return to the old days of air travel...and their example is checking a bag. lol...checking a bag today costs as much as the ticket did on 9/10/01.

Reply · Like · 16 hours ago



KCRG A-List see winners at hooplanow.com/alist



BEST Musical Instruments



BEST Italian



BEST Casino



BEST Candy Store

More Good Stuff

[Home](#) [News](#) [Weather](#) [Cancellations](#) [Sports](#) [KCRG 9.2](#) [Show You Care](#) [YouNews](#) [Classifieds](#) [Autos](#) [Homes](#) [Jobs](#) [Deals](#)

KCRG.com • online@kcrg.com

[EEO Public File Report](#)

[Sitemap](#) [Gameroom](#) [Tools & Widgets](#) [Advertising](#) [Policies](#) [Contact Us](#)

All content Copyright 2012 Cedar Rapids

Television Company,

Powered by [Broadcast Interactive Media](#).