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**TORRANCE AIRPORT COMMISSION AGENDA  
APRIL 13, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**AIRPORT COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members: Cohen, De Rago, Gong, Marshall, Seferian, Witherill,  
Chair O'Brien.

**2. FLAG SALUTE:**

**3. REPORT OF THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday April 6, 2023.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15 minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment, but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 9, 2023**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. Accept and File Monthly Update of Aeronautical Operational Information Under the Purview of the General Services Department.**

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**9A.** Adjournment of Airport Commission Meeting to Thursday May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE AIRPORT COMMISSION AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Airport Commission Agenda convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023, in the West Annex Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Cohen, De Rago, Gong, Marshall, Seferian, Witherill, and Chair O'Brien

Absent: None.

Also Present: City of Torrance Airport Manager Rafael Herrera and Facility Operations Manager Gerry Pinela, Lieutenant Farley, Transit Department Senior Business Manager David Mach, Mr. William Tymczyszyn

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Witherill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Facility Operations Manager Pinela reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Friday, March 3, 2023.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Facility Operations Manager Pinela reported a Supplemental Item for Item 7D.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Andy Porkchop spoke on airplane noise.

A member of the public stated the 1-minute timeframe for individuals during public comment was unreasonable. Commissioner De Rago encouraged the member of the public to write a letter to City Council expressing his concerns.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 12, 2023**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes as amended. Commissioner Seferian seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the September 8, 2022 minutes as amended. Commissioner De Rago seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY UPDATE OF AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera reported a monthly update of aeronautical operational information under the purview of the General Services Department:

- 2 hangars and 47 tie downs are vacant.
- Staff continues to meet with AWOS specialist, FAA, contractors, airport engineering, and LEAN Corporation, making progress with the AWOS project.
- Initial design phase is 60% completed with the design element anticipated to be completed, April 2023. Project is expected to go to bid mid-Summer 2023 with construction anticipated to begin Fall 2023 and end Spring 2024 (soft dates).
- Hangar waitlist continues to grow with a 3-4 week wait time.
- January 2023, there were 12,384 operations with (1) incident that did not require Torrance Fire Department.
- There is a downward trend of flight operations compared to January 2022.

Members of the public spoken; Commissioners and staff addressed the comments.

**MOTION:** Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file Item 7A, the Monthly Update of Aeronautical Operational Information report. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR AIRCRAFT FUEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ARMED FORCES DAY FLYOVER**

Lieutenant Farley requested the Commission approve a maximum \$20,000.00 be spent out of the Airport Aeronautical Fund balance to support flyovers at the Armed Forces Day Parade scheduled May 20, 2023.

Facility Operations Manager Pinela stated that if the Commission approved the request, the recommendation would be taken to City Council for approval.

A member of the public spoke, the Commission addressed the comment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cohen moved to make a recommendation to accept the funding, which will go to City Council for final approval. Commissioner Witherill seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7C. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY TORRANCE TRANSIT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY C-LINE EXTENSION**

Transit Department Senior Business Manager Mach presented the C-Line Extension Project:

- LA Metro C-Line Extension is a 4.5-mile passenger light rail extension that begins at the Redondo Beach Marine Station and will travel through Lawndale and Redondo to the Torrance Regional Transit Center.
- The project will be funded through Measure R and Measure M.
- Torrance City Council has voted to support the Proposed Project Right-Of-Way with an elevated and at-grade option.
- Project looks to minimize traffic and greenhouse gas emissions and make alternative means of transportation a viable option in the region.
- Three options for the project include: (1) Proposed Project (Elevated/At-Grade), (2) Right-Of-Way/Trench, or (3) Elevated Hawthorne Boulevard.
- Mailers on the project have been provided to residents of the City of Torrance to submit comments; March 27, 2023, will be the final date for comments to be submitted.
- Support for the project can be submitted to [greenlineextension@metro.net](mailto:greenlineextension@metro.net); general questions and comments can be directed to (310) 781-6294.

Commissioner De Rago inquired on completion dates for the C-Line Extension. Transit Department Senior Business Manager David Mach stated that the first option has a scheduled completion date of 2030 – 2033.

Members of the public spoke.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Seferian moved to accept and file the Presentation by Torrance Transit, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority regarding the C-Line Extension. Commissioner De Rago seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7D. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY TORRANCE AIRPORT ASSOCIATION (TAA)**

Mr. William Tymczyszyn gave a presentation, “What’s Happening with Torrance Airport Noise?”

- The way that pilots fly in and out of the Torrance Airport matters and can make a difference in noise and annoyance.
- A main issue with airplane noise involves the involvement of turning too early at full power; pilots are not high enough over houses, causing excessive noise.
- The FAA Tower does not work for the City and do not enforce Torrance Municipal Codes; the FAA Tower only enforces the Federal Aviation Regulations and ensure aircraft separation and safety.
- Mr. Tymczyszyn performed his own flight tests and concluded that turning crosswind at 1100’ and low power downwind leg, reduces noise by 75%.

- Mr. Tymczyszyn encouraged to spread the word on his studies. The Torrance Airport Association have shared new noise recommendations with pilots through meetings and communications and conducted training seminars with flight schools, but more needs to be done on the Torrance Noise Abatement recommended procedures.
- Mr. Tymczyszyn stated that the Torrance Noise Abatement information needs to be updated on all platforms; the Camarillo Airport Fly Friendly Program brochure was presented as an example.
- Torrance Noise Abatement signs must be updated as this is the last thing pilots see before takeoff.
- Mr. Tymczyszyn stated that the CASPER system is being misused regarding the noise issues.
- TAA has updated pre-runway signs and have posted them in the private hangar areas of the Torrance airport, held pilot meetings discussing quiet procedures, and met with ATC Tower Personnel to discuss proposed procedures.
- All flight schools in Torrance have stopped using the south pattern and Sling has staggered departures and sent trainings to other airports; pilots that are using the south pattern have been visitors with no “fly friendly” information provided by the city.

Members of the public spoke.

**MOTION:** Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file the report on the presentation made by the TAA and moved to make a request that Mr. William Tymczyszyn present his presentation in a future City Council agenda Item. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

## 8. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair O’Brien spoke.

Commissioner De Rago inquired if the TAA would consider presenting a series like what the Torrance Police Department does through Partners in Policing that would help neighbors gain a better understanding of flight operations and what they entail.

Commissioner Seferian requested the percentage of Torrance Airport revenue that is attributable to flight schools/Sling Academy be available to the Commission. Facility Operations Manager Pinela and City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera acknowledged the request and will investigate.

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 9:36 p.m. Commissioner De Rago moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, April 13, 2023. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Commission meeting of  
**APRIL 13, 2023**

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the Airport Commission

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Aeronautical Operational Information under the Purview of  
the General Services Department for the Months of **FEBRUARY 2023**

The General Services Department acts as both the landlord for the city-owned facilities  
at the airport and as business manager for the airport. As such, the department is  
providing the following informational reports for review by the commission:

Report #1: Hangar and Tie down Rental Status

Report #2: Ongoing Projects

Report #3: Meeting Room Calendar

Report #4: Hangar Waiting List

Report #5: Events Requiring Emergency Response

Report #6: Airfield Operations Status

For any questions about this transmittal, please call Rafael Herrera at  
(310) 784-7900.

**Item 7A**

REPORT 1

ZAMPERINI FIELD

HANGAR AND TIEDOWN INFORMATION

Total Number of City-Owned Hangars	341
Total Number of Hangar Vacancies	1
Total Number of Airport Tiedowns	181
Total Number of Tiedowns Available	42

The 341 hangars owned by the City are broken down into three size categories: small, medium, and executive. Of 341 total hangars, 74 were built by the City, while 267 hangars were funded by several private contractors. At time of construction, these hangars were built with individual preferences in mind and were not standardized according to size. Here are approximate sizes of small, medium and executive hangars.

Small Type A: Under 40' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Small Type B: 40'-41' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Medium: 52'-54' Door Opening Width	1,200-2,200 sq. ft.
Executive: 57'-61' Door Opening Width	2,200-3,200 sq. ft.

Current rates for hangars are: \$0.670/sq. ft. per month for Torrance Residents.  
\$0.751/sq. ft. per month for Non-Residents.

Current rates for Tiedowns are: Single Engine \$133.00  
Twin Engine \$147.00

Current rates for Transient (Overnight) are: Single Engine \$11.00  
Twin Engine \$17.00  
Jet Engine \$23.00



## REPORT 2

### ONGOING PROJECTS

April 13, 2023

## Automated Weather

### Observing System (AWOS) –

We have met with AWOS specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, an electrical contractor, airport engineering consulting firms to structure a plan for this project. This is a multi-component project that involves location, weather equipment, installation, and implementation. We have met with Lean Corporation staff and will continue to meet with them in the next several months' in the survey and design phase of this project. Lean has vast experience with numerous aviation projects throughout the county and they are locally based. We have with Lean Corp. to review all the technical information to thoroughly project and analyze this at every step of the way. We will have monthly updates as we progress throughout this development.

- Initial design phase 60% completed by March 2023.
- Design phase 100% complete by April 2023.
- Project out to bid by early Summer 2023
- Construction to begin late Fall 2023.
- Construction completion Spring 2024.
- Operational by Summer 2024.

**NON-  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Capital Projects**

	<u>FEAP #</u>	<u>PRIMARY FUNDING</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)	FEAP – 00722	AIRPORT	\$352,000
Remodel General Aviation Center and East “T” Restrooms	FEAP – 00719	AIRPORT	\$275,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$627,000.00</b>



## HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Schmidt, O.	01/17/12	MEDIUM
2	Bohner, R.	08/21/12	EXEC
3	Freitag, D.	11/05/12	EXEC
4	Striplin, D.	04/17/13	EXEC
5	Myronowicz, C.	05/01/13	MED/EXEC
6	Dwoskin, D.	07/12/13	EXEC
7	Deaver R.	10/22/13	EXEC
8	Ellison, B.	11/05/13	EXEC
9	Adams, R.	01/10/14	EXEC
10	Grau, W.	01/31/14	MED/EXEC
11	Yarymovych, N.	05/05/14	MED/EXEC
12	Rietdyk, G.	11/26/14	MED/EXEC
13	Deal, J.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
14	Deal, B.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
15	Myers, L.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
16	Reisman, G.	08/20/15	MEDIUM
17	Garcia, D.	08/20/15	MED/EXEC
18	Hadley, L.	08/31/15	MED/EXEC
19	Schladen, M.	02/18/16	MED/EXEC
20	Robinson, A.	03/22/16	MEDIUM
21	Broen, P.	05/06/16	MED/EXEC
22	Macey, B.	08/02/16	MED/EXEC
23	Van De Velde, D.	09/26/16	MEDIUM
24	Woodside, D.	12/29/16	MED/EXEC
25	Ristevski, B.	01/09/17	MED/EXEC
26	Mabry, M.	01/24/17	MED/EXEC
27	Geiger, G.	02/06/17	EXEC
28	Adli, B.	02/22/17	EXEC
29	Constable, W.	03/23/17	EXEC
30	Stewart, D.	04/07/17	EXEC
31	Regan, K.	05/24/17	MEDIUM
32	Gerts, I.	06/27/17	MEDIUM
33	Armstrong, S.	11/14/17	MED/EXEC
34	Levine, M.	01/26/18	MED/EXEC
35	Bryson, Z.	03/22/18	EXEC
36	Badour, S.	09/24/18	MED/EXEC
37	Wachner, J.	10/02/18	MED/EXEC
38	Vartanian, J.	10/15/18	MED/EXEC
39	McNerney, R.	11/05/18	MED/EXEC
40	McKay, R.	03/28/19	MEDIUM
41	Burshtan, D.	06/24/19	MEDIUM
42	Ribitsch, R.	10/04/19	MEDIUM
43	Jenkins, R.	12/03/19	MEDIUM
44	Colton, J	06/03/20	MEDIUM
45	Ristevki, B.	10/02/20	MED/EXEC
46	Elminoufi, G.	01/08/21	MED/EXEC
47	McGivern, J.	05/14/21	MED/EXEC
48	Zimmer, C.	05/26/21	EXEC
49	Hong, D.	06/17/21	MED/EXEC
50	Henry, M.	09/28/21	MED/EXEC
51	Ford, W.	09/28/21 <sup>12</sup>	MEDIUM
52	Liu, A.	12/28/21	MED/EXEC

53	Blaire, W.	03/31/22	MED/EXEC
54	Holm, B.	06/09/22	MED/EXEC
55	Peterson, J.	07/11/22	MEDIUM
56	Au, J.	07/18/22	EXEC
57	Tary, J.	07/20/22	SMALL TYPE B
58	Ryan, J.	08/15/22	SMALL TYPE B/MED
59	Nosrati, D.	10/03/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
60	Cox, P.	11/02/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
61	Jimenez, R.	11/08/22	EXEC
62	Hernandez, H.	11/15/22	SMALL TYPE B/MED
63	Olson, D.	12/09/22	SMALL TYPE A, B OR EXEC
64	Shimomura, M.	1/17/23	SMALL TYPE A OR B
65	Williams, K.	2/14/23	SMALL TYPE A OR B
66	Rubasky, B.	2/15/23	SMALL TYPE A OR B
67	Gazsi, T.	2/21/23	SMALL TYPE A, B OR MED
68	Blackstone, M.	2/23/23	SMALL TYPE A OR B
69	Ye, M.	3/1/23	SMALL TYPE B
70	Ebrahim, S.	3/9/23	MED/EXEC
71	Osipov, Y.	3/16/23	MED/EXEC
72	Guerrero, D.	4/3/23	SMALL TYPE A OR B
73	Kanfoudi, K.	4/4/23	EXEC

# Summary of Changes to Hangar Waiting List

## Applicants From Waiting List Who Received Hangars

McCullough, R.	03/03/23	Small Type B
Morley, P.	03/27/23	Small Type A

## New Waiting List Applicants Added

Ebrahim, S.	03/09/23	Medium or Exec
Osipov, Y.	03/16/23	Medium or Exec
Guerrero, D.	04/03/23	Small Type A or B
Kanfoudi, K.	04/04/23	Executive

## Request For Refund/Removal From Hangar Waiting List

\*Hangars Received Through Advertisement (not from Waiting List)

### NON-AVIATION HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Brown, H.	05/09/22	SMALL
2	Pliska, A.	05/09/22	SMALL
3	Barry, J.	05/10/22	SMALL
4	McGivern, J.	05/13/22	SMALL
5	Kwan, T.	05/19/22	SMALL
6	Chang, M.	05/19/22	SMALL
7	McGrath, S.	05/26/22	SMALL
8	Schroff, G.	06/09/22	SMALL
9	Pudumjee, V.	06/24/22	SMALL
10	Rodriguez, M.	08/04/22	SMALL
11	Ahmed, J.	08/31/22	SMALL
12	Lindman, P.	09/06/22	SMALL
13	Lee, B.	09/15/22	SMALL
14	Kane, C.	09/26/22	SMALL
15	Walters, J..	10/10/22	SMALL
16	Valentino, A	10/24/22	SMALL
17	Tanaka, A.	11/21/22	SMALL
18	Juska, P.	11/23/22	SMALL
19	Aparicio, A.	02/09/23	SMALL
20	Flaig, F.	03/28/23	SMALL





## REPORT 5

### EVENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

OPERATIONS	-----TOTAL	12,618
INCIDENTS	-----	4
ACCIDENTS	-----	0
PERCENT OF OPERATIONS	-----	.03

#### **Airport Incidents:**

2/4/2023-11:50AM – Mobile 102 responded to a Cessna C-172 with a flat tire on 29R run-up area. Aircraft towed by South Bay Aviation and escorted by Mobile 102 to South Bay Aviation with no further incident. TFD was not required.

2/8/2023-11:30AM – Mobile 102 responded to a Cessna C-172 with a flat tire on taxiway Alpha & Hotel. Solano Aircraft Services called to remove wheel skirt and towed back to transient by Mobile 102 with no further incident. TFD was not required.

2/8/2023-14:45PM – Mobile 102 responded to a Sling aircraft disabled at Runway 29R and Taxiway Bravo. The aircraft was towed back to Sling with no further incident. TFD was not required.

2/19/2023-15:15PM-Mobile 102 responded to Vans RV12 with partial brake failure and came to stop at grass. Mobile 102 towed back to tenant's hangar with no further damages. TFD was not required.

#### Definitions:

**ACCIDENTS:** An occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft, which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage.

**SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE** means damage or failure which adversely affects the structural, strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and which would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairings or cowling, dented skin, small punctured holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wingtips are not considered "substantial damage".

**SERIOUS INJURY** means any injury which: (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle or tendon damage; (4) involves any internal organ; or (5) involves second or third degree burns; or any burns affecting more than 5% of the body surface.

**INCIDENT:** Any occurrence other than an accident associated with the operation of an aircraft, which affects or could affect the safety of operations.

**NOTE: Per the FAA, Airport Operations totals will no longer be reported for the previous month. Due to automation, the totals will now be reported two months after they occur.**

## REPORT 6

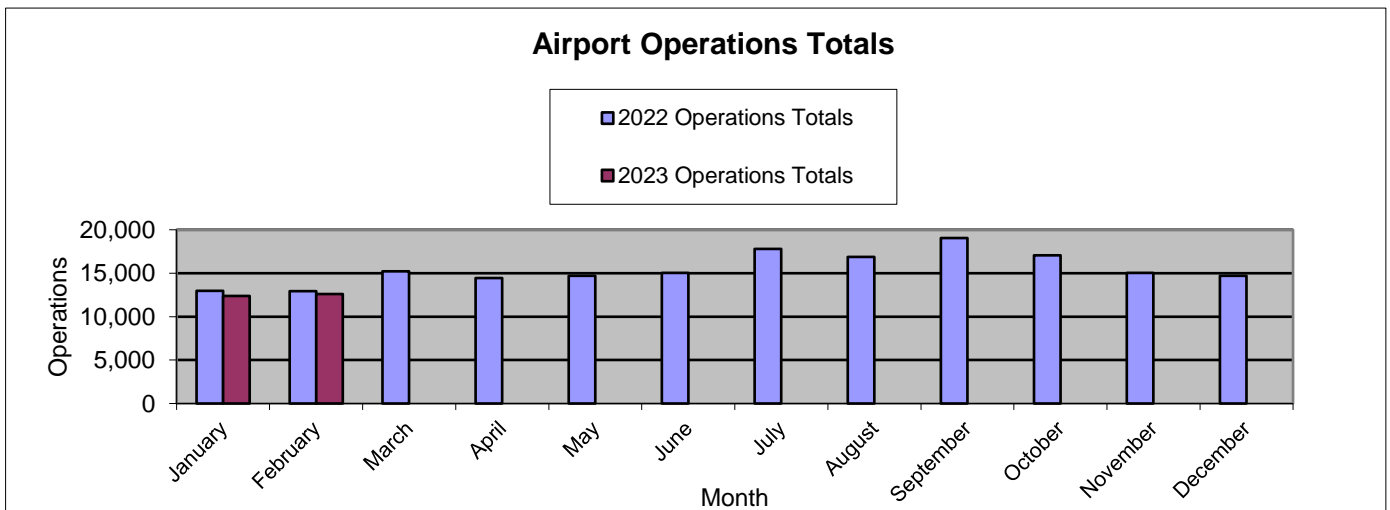
### **AIRFIELD OPERATIONS STATUS ZAMPERINI FIELD**

#### OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF **FEBRUARY 2023**

- Morning runway, taxiway, and hospital pad/lights checked for safety
- Foreign object debris checked on all runways and taxiways
- Storm water check done (for foreign object debris) for all drains, inlets, and outlets
- All runways, taxiways, and ramp areas vacuum swept
- Various hangars cleaned and prepared for rental
- All taxiway lights and signs sprayed for weeds
- All runways and taxiways swept
- Large items removed from trash bin area
- FOD removed from fence line

### **2022/2023 OPERATIONS TOTALS**

Month	Year	Operations		Month	Year	Operations
January	2023	12,389		January	2022	12,965
February	2023	12,618		February	2022	12,930
March	2023			March	2022	15,204
April	2023			April	2022	14,457
May	2023			May	2022	14,703
June	2023			June	2022	15,045
July	2023			July	2022	17,804
August	2023			August	2022	16,870
September	2023			September	2022	19,037
October	2023			October	2022	17,053
November	2023			November	2022	15,024
December	2023			December	2022	14,714



## 2008 - 2022 Airport Operations Totals

■ Total Operations

