



General Aviation

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Rehabilitation Work Continues at Tooele Valley Airport

For the first time in 20 years, Tooele Valley Airport (TVY) is undergoing a major rehabilitation project.

The Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) closed the airport on Sept. 26 to complete a partial depth profile milling and a 3-inch asphalt overlay over the entire length and width of Runway 17-35, Taxiway A and all connecting taxiways. The 6,100-ft by 100-ft runway and parallel taxiway were showing signs of distress and required this corrective action to avoid further deterioration. The brief, 15-day runway closure allowed crews to place approximately 12,000 tons of asphalt and have the runway reopened for use by the general aviation community and Skydive Utah on Oct. 15.

In addition to the pavement rehabilitation project, the SLCDA is also upgrading the airport's lighting by replacing the existing



incandescent runway and taxiway edge lights with new energy-efficient LED lights. The project also includes new airfield signs, electrical vault upgrades and new wind cones.

The \$3.4 million dollar construction project will be completed by Dec. 2022.

General Manager Transition at Signature Air

Mike Welch recently took the position of general manager at Signature at Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC). Welch assumed the role on Oct. 3, replacing Mike McCarty who is retiring after working at Salt Lake City International's east side for 41 years.

Welch started his career at TAC Air years ago as a Line Tech. From there, Welch became a supervisor and soon after was promoted to a duty manager. Before moving to Salt Lake, Welch held various positions with TAC-Air, including line manager and

McCarty worked for several different companies throughout his career at SLC including Key Air, Hudson General, Million Air, Tac-Air and Signature Aviation.

Throughout his career, McCarty has helped hundreds of individuals start their careers through job opportunities and by providing aviation students with employment to help them pay for their education. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports congratulates McCarty on his impressive career and wishes him the best in his retirement.

general manager at Denver Centennial Airport, and general manager at Hartford Bradley International.

Heavy General Aviation Traffic Projected for Presidents' Day Weekend

Presidents' Day is historically the busiest travel weekend for Salt Lake City as skiers take to the slopes. However, Presidents' Day weekend, Feb. 17-21, 2023, will be even busier than usual with Salt Lake City hosting the NBA All-Star game. Previous All-Star games generated a more than 50 percent increase in general aviation traffic at host cities. To accommodate this demand, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports' Airfield Operations and FBO management started preparations for the event in October 2022. Plans for aircraft parking and de-icing over the coming months are underway and will be published well in advance of the event.

Angel Flight West to Operate Santa Flight in December

Angel Flight West will operate its annual Santa Flight – which flies donations to a Title 1 school in Utah – out of South Valley Regional Airport on Dec. 8. This year's recipient is Parowan Elementary School.

Supplies will be dropped off at South Valley Regional Airport on Dec. 3 and will be sorted and set aside for the event on Dec. 8. About 25 aircraft fly the Santa Flight mission each year. Please direct questions about the event to Steve Bollinger at 801-455-4009 or steveb@tvsoec.com.

Backcountry Santa Mission Coming

The Backcountry Pilots Association will hold its annual Santa Mission on Dec. 16. About 50 aircraft will fly supplies from Utah and Colorado airports to the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Nation. The first flight stops in Monument Valley and then disperses supplies to numerous paved and dirt airstrips around the two nations. Visit [Backcountry's website](#) for more information.

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