

Los Alamos County Airport

Update to Transportation Board

Airport

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Mission

The Airport Division is responsible for operating and maintaining the Los Alamos County Airport and delivering a safe air transportation hub *and vibrant economic engine* for airport tenants, citizens, LANL, and local businesses.



History

The airport was built in 1947 by the Atomic Energy Commission as part of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. It was a 3,500 foot gravel runway for emergency taxi service, air carrier service and a “landing field for important visiting personages.” The airport was transferred to the County in October 2008.



History Continued

Los Alamos has seen airline service to Albuquerque since the airport opened in 1947.

- Carco Airlines operated Beechcraft Bonanzas through 1969
- Ross Aviation flew DeHavilland Twin Otters through 1995
- Peacock Air provided flights in late 1995 using Metroliners
- Mesa Airlines flew in 1997 with Beechcraft 1900D
- Rio Grande Air served the route in 1999 using Cessna 208
- New Mexico Airlines, using Cessna 208, served 2013 to 2015
- Boutique Air operated 2015 to 2016 using Pilatus PC-12s



Today

Los Alamos County Airport

- National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
 - Non-primary Airport – General Aviation
 - Eligible for FAA Grant Funding
- 6,000 foot paved runway
- Passenger terminal building
- 54 Aircraft hangars
- 80 Acres
- Staff of one but a team of many.



Community Value

- Economic Impact
 - Employment: Supports 85 fulltime jobs
 - Output: \$7.9M direct/indirect impact
- Tenants
 - 60 Aircraft – with 15 waiting
 - Enterprise Rental Car
 - Civil Air Patrol
 - EAA
 - National Weather Service
- Transportation Hub
 - 120,000 aircraft operations per year
 - Life flight
 - US Forest Service
 - LANL

Airport Master Plan

- 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan
 - Based on current and future use
- Approved by Council in 2013
- Basis for:
 - 2 Year CIP for budget development
 - 5 Year CIP for FAA and NMDOT Grants
- Airport Strategic Business Plan in FY19

Airport Projects

- Hangars
- Perimeter Fence



Attachment A

Questions

