

## PLEASE NOTE

In an effort to gather additional comments and suggestions during the 2040 Long Range Transportation Planning process the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is making the working draft sections of the plan available to the public.

Additional data collection and analysis is still being conducted and this information will be included in the next draft which is to be released mid April 2013.

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# AIRPORTS

Maybe a map that shows the intermodal assets (airports, greyhound, harbor, nhs system, principle arterials, county primary roads-federal aid system)

## I. MICHIGAN

### SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT (BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN)

The Southwest Michigan Regional Airport (SWMRA) is the largest airport in Berrien County, and the only all-weather airport in Berrien, Cass, and Van-Buren Counties. Additionally, it is one of only twenty Michigan airports to have a full Instrument Landing System (ILS). *The ILS is an internationally normalized system for navigation of aircrafts upon the final approach for landing. It was accepted as a standard system by the International Civil Aviation Organization in 1947.*

Founded in 1934, the airport is overseen by the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport Authority formed in 1997. The Authority is responsible for the overall operations of the airport, and its board of directors is composed of representatives from the cities of Benton Harbor and Saint Joseph, townships of Benton Charter, Lincoln Charter, Royalton, and Saint Joseph.

The airport is located in northeast Benton Harbor at an elevation of 643 feet above sea level. There are 66 aircraft based on-site and more than 400 US and Canadian companies use the facility annually. Total aircraft operations for 2007 were 36,372.

There are three runways. The first is 2,498 feet by 100 feet; the second is 3,661 feet by 100 feet; and the third is 5,107 feet by 100 feet. A runway of at least 4,500 feet in length qualifies an airport to be a transport facility, which means jet aircraft can be handled.

Scheduled airline service is not currently available. The Authority is currently involved in land acquisition for Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements to lengthen the main runway, and provide 1,000 feet safety areas at each end with an overall length of 6,000 feet. The SWMRA has on-site parking available for airport users in a completely fenced-in area. Avis and Enterprise offer car rental services at the airport with advance notice. Other operations: Coast Guard activity; Just-In-Time (JIT) delivery; air courier delivery (UPS); and executive travel by local and visiting companies.

In 2007, approximately 510,000 gallons of jet, and aviation fuel were sold at the airfield. Additionally, the airport is used as a logistical base for medical emergencies and search and rescue operations. The majority of airport revenue is derived from fuel sales, hangar leases (both T-hangar and corporate hangars), and millages from participating jurisdictions. The success of the SWMRA provides primary and secondary economic benefits to the community at large. The economic impact (according to the Bureau of Transportation Planning, Twin Cities Area Transportation Study 2009-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan 91 Intermodal Section of MDOT) of the SWMRA to the community is estimated at slightly below \$10 million as of January 2004. Additionally, the airport is directly linked to 101 full and part-time jobs. (asking Lee to check on some of these numbers)



Southwest Michigan Regional Airport

Table 4.3 represents Southwest Michigan Regional Airport 2009-2013 five year plans (APPENDIX ITEMS)

## JERRY TYLER MEMORIAL AIRPORT (NILES, MICHIGAN)

Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport is a general utility airport, owned and operated by the City of Niles. The airport serves general aviation needs in the Michigan and Indiana areas. Situated on the northeast side of the city at 2018 Lake St., the airport features a NW/SE 4,100 foot paved runway and a NE/SW 3,300 paved runway. Approximately 35 aircraft are based at the airport.

The airport provides both corporate and recreational flyers with a conveniently located facility, offering an alternative to the more congested South Bend Regional Airport nearby. Hangar rentals and ground and tie-down leases are available for both private and corporate aircraft. The airport provides both corporate and recreational flyers with a conveniently located facility, thus relieving added congestion at nearby South Bend Regional Airport in South Bend. Joe Ray, the City's Public Works Director, also serves as the Michigan state-licensed Airport Manager.

A seven member airport advisory board assists with airport operations issues. The board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm at the airport administration building.

<http://www.ci.niles.mi.us/DeptsAndServices/DPW/JerryTylerMemorialAirport.htm>



## II. INDIANA

### SOUTH BEND REGIONAL AIRPORT (SOUTH BEND, INDIANA)

The airport offers commercial and freight service, and also offers aircraft fueling, servicing, storage and charter services from Atlantic Aviation. The airport is governed by the St. Joseph County Port Authority, which is a municipality in the State of Indiana. Its four bipartisan board members are appointed by the St. Joseph County Commissioners. The Airport Authority employs approximately 60 staff members. The mission of the St. Joseph County Airport Authority as defined is "to maximize the safety, service, efficiency and effectiveness of South Bend Airport for the traveling public, and to promote the value of the airport to the community." In addition to serving our commercial passengers, South Bend Airport also offers services and amenities to small, private aircraft. Passenger air travel is offered by Allegiant, Frontier, Delta, and United. Map \_\_\_\_ highlights the vast passenger connectivity that the airport provides throughout the country.

Map \_\_\_\_ South Bend Regional Airport Flight Locations



## FREIGHT SERVICE

The South Bend Regional Airport is North Central Indiana's major airport handling airfreight. Three main carriers, FedEx, Airborne Express, and UPS, handle airfreight at the Airport. There are two other minor carriers of airfreight at the airport as well, Ameriflight and Mountain Air. Some of the passenger airlines also carry freight. These carriers include American Connection, ACA-Delta Connection, ASA-Delta, Air Wisconsin, Air Wisconsin ACA, US Trans State, Comair, Northwest, Pinnacle, Mesaba and PSA. As a true multi-modal facility the South Bend Regional Airport provides passenger service via inter- (ex: Greyhound) and intra-city (Transpo-South Bend city bus service) buses, and the Chicago South Shore and South Bend interurban commuter railroads.

### III. ISSUES

Passenger Air Service	Freight Service
Public transit service from planning area to South Bend is not consistent for varied passenger air travel.	MPO has limited freight information regarding air transport from South Bend Regional Airport is transported into the study area.
No train service from Amtrak's Blue Water or Wolverine connecting to South Bend Regional Airport.	

Sources:

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