

Naples Municipal Airport runway closes for construction

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Starting today, the longer of two runways at Naples Municipal Airport is closed while paving is added to both ends.

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According to the City of Naples Airport Authority:

The affected runway, 5/23, will stay closed during the construction, which is scheduled to be completed before year-end.

Aircraft continue to use the airport's second runway.

The Federal Aviation Administration found no significant environmental impact from the project. That cleared the way for paving the safety areas at both ends of the main runway.

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"The timing of approval allows us to complete the runway work when the airport is less busy," said Ted Soliday, airport authority executive director.

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Work is under way to add pavement that will extend the runway's declared takeoff distance from 5,000 to 5,800 feet. The landing distance will remain the same. The extra length will help mitigate noise by allowing aircraft to achieve higher altitudes before leaving the airport, reducing sound under the ight path.

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The airport authority also said that extra runway length improves safety by providing more room for aborted takeoffs and other emergencies.

The airport authority, which receives no city or county tax dollars, is paying the entire \$3.2 million cost of the project. Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. serves as general contractor, and Kimley-Horn and Associates is providing engineering services.