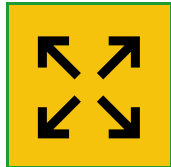


# Columbus Municipal Airport

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## BY THE NUMBERS



**2,750**  
Acres of Property



**2**  
Movies at "Boxcar Cinema 119"



**156**  
Units of Blood Collected at the Airport Blood Drive



**4th**  
Busiest Towered Airport in the State



**1,750**  
Feet of New Wiring on Charlie 119



**52,766**  
Sq. Ft. of New Airfield Paint



**55,303**  
Total Operations in 2022



**152**  
Leases Managed



**5**  
Events Held by the Airport



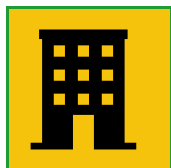
**80**  
Based Aircraft



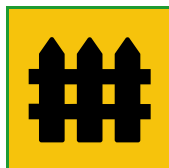
**11**  
New Hangars Built



**\$600,000**  
In New Asphalt on South Apron



**23**  
Airport Owned Buildings



**20,909**  
Linear Feet of New Fence



**86,788**  
Meals Served at Hangar 5

## GOALS

- RESTAURANT KITCHEN REMODEL
- START WOMEN IN AVIATION CHAPTER
- AVIATION DAY - INSPIRE TO GO HIGHER
- AIRPARK ROAD EXPANSION
- BRANDED CROSSWALK MARKINGS
- RFP FOR RETAIL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
- HANGAR ACCESS ROAD
- FENCING PROJECT PHASE 2
- AIRCRAFT/VEHICLE ELECTRICAL CHARGING STATION

## ABOUT US

The Columbus Municipal Airport is truly one of Columbus' greatest assets. With capabilities to land nearly any business, military, or personal aircraft flying today and remaining off the property tax rolls to the citizens of Columbus, the Airport remains a business driver with an estimated annual economic impact of \$650 million.

Boasting the 4th busiest airport in the State, the Columbus Municipal Airport continually invests in infrastructure and improvements to meet the needs of the community and flying public.

Our small staff of 7 full-time, 1 part-time and a number of interns from aviation higher education institutes maintain and manage close to 20 percent of the City's acreage, over 150 land and hangar leases, and work hard every day to make Columbus the Unexpected and Unforgettable community that we all enjoy.

**Mission:** To maximize safe, efficient, high quality access to the global airspace system for the betterment of Columbus and south central Indiana.

**Vision:** To be the airport that provides the greatest possible benefit for all users while enhancing business and educational opportunities for Columbus and south central Indiana.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This past year has been one of both change and growth across the Airport and AirPark. We were sad to see two great employees leave but very happy with their transition to important roles across our community and abroad. With that departure, along with a new full time maintenance employee, we were able to secure brilliant new faces bringing varied backgrounds to our staff.

Our team of 8 full and part time employees, along with numerous interns throughout the year, accomplished many great things in 2022 including hosting the 'Take Flight Series'. This series brought 5 FREE opportunities for members of both the aviation community and the AirPark together to celebrate Columbus. Some were fantastic hits and others ... could use some tweaks. What is unique to Columbus is that we never stop trying to innovate and create opportunities for people to see and experience what we offer. From disc golf to historic aircraft to a high quality food dining option while watching aircraft out the window, we have it all right here.

The 'BAK to School Splash Bash' was a resounding hit and brought our community together for water bounce houses and free ice cream thanks to local donors. The 'Boxcar Cinema 119' celebrated the ribbon cutting of 'Charlie', our C119 aircraft from the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum, and showcased two free movies featuring a C119 along with free popcorn, cotton candy, and soda.

We welcomed many new airside tenants including a new Citation Latitude who is basing in the transient hangar. 'Hangar' was a popular term this year as we welcome 4 new private hangar developments, the most of any single year ever, and a new 7 unit single engine condo hangar in May of 2022. We have increased based aircraft which has led to more operations than ANY other year in the history of this facility by nearly 10%.

Flight training helped lead the way in operations as FBO Jet Access continues to invest into rental aircraft and flight instruction. Higher Education partner Ivy Tech announced mid-2022 a partnership with Lift Academy of Indianapolis and we are very excited to see how that will play out in future years. At no time in the past have students had such a great opportunity to get into the aviation industry and now a direct pipeline to Republic Airways will lead that charge through Ivy Tech.

Thanks to many FAA investments, the Airport wrapped up several projects including Phase 1 of the fence and access road project as well as improvements to pavement around the T-hangars and Southwest apron. Those two investments, totaling over \$4M, continue to support the safety, security, and access to our global airspace system. We look forward to Phase 2 of the fencing project which will happen in late 2023.

Due to the great FAA investments into new safer access roads, our private hangar development has taken off in a record pace which has given us an opportunity to expand upon that concept utilizing BIL funds in mid-2023. The Airport Master Plan, a 20 year document outlining future projects with the FAA, will be completed in late 2023 as well. It is clear that growth is always on the mindset at Columbus.

Local investments into our airside continue to make strides as we invested heavily into new tie downs on the ramp for 2022 and continuing that into 2023. We have also placed heavy funding into the preservation and utilization of our oldest hangar, a 1942 "round top" hangar, which will house the new Lift program in 2023. Crack sealing, airfield painting, and quality self-fuel with record breaking numbers are just a few items that we completed utilizing Airport employees along with superior snow and ice control. New for the 2022/2023 snow season will be a pre-treating spray system which will bring better ice control on the runway surface.

AirPark development didn't let up as we welcomed two new government units in January of 2022 and the brand new \$32M Ivy Tech Moravac Hall as well as a newly imagined Columbus Learning Center space for the betterment of higher education students. IUPUC also welcomed student athletes onto campus which have taken advantage of our onsite student housing. Great things are happening on campus and new sports teams are being announced for 2023 so be on the lookout!

A new venture to innovate and create also exists now on the AirPark! Columbus Propeller is a new Makerspace where you can try your hand at woodworking, metal art, or 3D printing. Join one of the many members or volunteers and make a memorable experience for your whole family.

The Columbus Airport and dedicated staff continue to serve the community in so many ways. Governed by the 5 member Board of Aviation Commissioners and fully supported by Mayor Jim Lienhoop, our staff looks forward to a great 2023 and beyond!



Brian J. Payne  
Airport Director

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Brian J. Payne <i>Airport Director</i>	Kurt Engelking <i>Maintenance Manager</i>
Matthew Brown <i>Assistant Manager</i>	Ryan Hilbert <i>Maintenance Technician</i>
Regina Jessie <i>Office Manager</i>	Keith Huff <i>Maintenance Technician</i>
Allison Williams <i>Operations Specialist</i>	Dennis Carr <i>Maintenance Technician</i>

## BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS

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