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Originally constructed as the Naples Army Airfield in 1943, the Naples Airport serviced over 113,000 flights in the last fiscal year and is among the busiest in the nation for private air travel. A recent survey of passengers showed that 82% either own property in Collier County or were coming to purchase property. The airport is also home to numerous public services, including Fire/Rescue, EMS MedFlight, Mosquito Control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit, Civil Air Patrol and the Humane Society.

All funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or state and federal aviation grants. The airport receives no local tax dollars. In 2019, the Florida Department of Transportation estimated the airport's annual economic impact to the community at more than \$440 million.

COVID-19 Impacts

COVID-19 had a profound effect on private air travel. With the exception of April 2020, demand for private air travel nationwide has increased dramatically, resulting in a nearly 60% increase in activity at the Naples Airport since 2019.

Master Plan

This year the Naples Airport Authority (NAA) is finalizing a Master Plan Update, a 20-year development plan that outlines how the NAA will maintain a safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly airport that meets the current and future needs of the community.

No changes to runways are planned and with little available land remaining, the Master Plan Update focused on highest and best use of airport property, which is expected to continue to serve general aviation activity. The study was a collaborative process that included nearly two dozen public meetings over the past four years.

Part 150 Noise Study

In 2019, the NAA initiated a Part 150 Noise Study due to increased jet activity over the past several years. Phase 1 of the study—the Noise Exposure Map (NEM) Report—is nearly complete. Phase 2, the Noise Compatibility Plan (NCP), is now underway.

The NCP will evaluate and recommend potential noise abatement strategies such as preferred runway use, flight procedures and compatible zoning to address community feedback. These considerations must be balanced with the obligation to maintain a safe and efficient airport. The FAA maintains jurisdiction over airspace and flight procedures.

Recognizing the Airport's role as an advocate for the community, a series of public meetings will commence in January 2022, and the final draft recommendations are expected to be submitted to the FAA in late 2022. Additional information may be found at <https://www.flynapples.com/noisestudy/>.