e-Link is a quarterly newsletter for our tenants, vendors and business partners to stay linked in with the projects, accomplishments and development at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field.

July 2019

- Sun Country Airlines inaugurated new seasonal service between Fort Myers and Gulfport, Miss. on July 19, 2019.

August 2019

- The Lee County Port Authority, Board of Port Commissioners, county officials, business partners and other state and federal representatives held a groundbreaking ceremony marking the official start of the construction phase for a new Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility at Southwest Florida International Airport. The new ATCT is an $80 million project that will replace the current tower, built in 1982, with a state-of-the-art-facility located next to the airport’s Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Station. The construction phase of the ATCT will support more than 300 jobs and operation of the tower is planned for summer 2022.

- LCPA was the recipient of the 2019 Florida Airports Council Environmental Award for its RSW Hazardous Wildlife Remediation Project. This award is given annually to a Florida airport that undertakes initiatives having a positive impact on the environment and the Florida airport system. The RSW project involved reducing the wildlife attractiveness of ponds and drainage systems in and around the RSW runway by dredging and steepening the side slopes of water bodies and clearing heavily wooded areas directly adjacent to the runway. This effort, which took more than five years and $21 million to complete, has resulted in a 78 percent reduction in wading birds in and around aircraft taking off and landing at RSW. These actions make our airport safer while protecting our environment.

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed its ‘A’ long-term rating on the outstanding airport revenue bonds issued on behalf of Southwest Florida International Airport. The rating outlook on all of the bonds is stable. The rating reflects RSW’s well-balanced mix of major carriers serving a leisure-focused service area with an enplanement base that has demonstrated positive growth over the past several years. In addition, the rating reflects solid financial metrics with competitive cost-per-enplanement levels and robust liquidity compared with its peers within the rating category.
September 2019

- J.D. Power released its 2019 North America Airport Satisfaction Study and Southwest Florida International Airport ranked fourth in the medium airport category. The study, in its 14th year, measures overall traveler satisfaction with North American airports in the areas of terminal facilities, airport accessibility, security check, baggage claim, check-in/baggage check and food, beverage and retail. RSW had a score of 823, which was much higher than the average scores in the mega, large and medium airport categories and we ranked sixth of the 62 airports that were part of the study.

- Following months of increased traffic, RSW reported 9,970,290 passengers for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2019, breaking all records in the 36-year history of the airport.