



**City of Venice
Interoffice Memorandum**

DATE: August 2, 2013
TO: Lori Stelzer, City Clerk
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FROM: Chris Rozansky, C.M., Airport Administrator *CR*
SUBJECT: 2013 FDOT General Aviation Airport Project of the Year

The Florida Department of Transportation awarded the 2013 General Aviation Airport Project of the Year to the Venice Municipal Airport for the Runway 4-22, Taxiway E and RSA/ROFA Improvements project. A summary of this project is below:

- The project included the rehabilitation of the 70 year old, underutilized noise mitigation runway, realignment of Taxiway E, installation of LED lighting, relocation of the golf course driving range and modification of 7 holes, removal of two abandoned wastewater treatment ponds that became wildlife attractants, obstruction removal, installation of wildlife deterrent fence, refurbishment of the airports rotating beacon/electrical vault and establishment of instrument approach procedures;
- The \$8.4 million project was funded by a \$7.2 million grant from the FAA, a \$400,000 grant from FDOT, \$400,000 from the City of Venice Utilities Department and \$400,000 from the Airport. The project was completed on time and under budget;
- LED lights were installed on Runway 5-23 and Taxiway E and are expected to reduce energy costs by about 30%;
- Recycling the existing asphalt pavement for use as a base material resulted in \$470,000 in cost savings, a 40% reduction in construction time, reduced need for natural resources and eliminated 2,800 trucks from traveling to/from the project site.

This project resulted in significant improvements to aviation safety, community relations, environmental sustainability and operational efficiency. It is also consistent with the 2013 Strategic plan objective to maintain the airport as a top-notch general aviation facility.

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