

Neighborhood UPDATE

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First Project AMP Initiative Launches in West Charlotte

Amazon Robotic Facility Expected to Create 1,500 Jobs

Principal construction is complete on the new Amazon Robotic Fulfillment Center near the intersection of Tuckaseegee Road and Wilkinson Boulevard that is expected to bring 1,500 jobs to west Charlotte. The initiative is the first completed project under Charlotte Douglas International Airport's Project AMP, the Airport Master Plan. The Airport sold the land to Amazon, which selected the contractor to build the facility.

Project AMP was launched in spring 2017. It followed the Airport Area Strategic Development Plan, which examined opportunities for compatible development in the airport environment that could further help Charlotte Douglas be financially self sufficient.

To accommodate the fulfillment center, several roadway improvements were necessary on Wilkinson Boulevard and surrounding roads. Road work coordinated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation is wrapping up, which will allow for future development in the corridor.

Crews realigned Tuckaseegee Road adding a new traffic circle intersection for better future land use opportunities and built a

new road with the name Todd Road. The new Todd Road is open between Wilkinson Boulevard and the realigned Tuckaseegee Road, connecting at the traffic circle.

A new bridge is the final piece of construction over Ticer Branch to accommodate the realigned Tuckaseegee Road. The bridge's first section is expected to open this fall with the entire bridge opening by the end of the year.

The improvements to Wilkinson Boulevard provide commuters with better connectivity to Interstate 485 and points west to the Airport and Uptown. A new, modernized traffic signal configuration was installed in August that allows better traffic flow during peak driving times.

Amazon began construction of the 2.4 million-square-foot Amazon facility in mid-2018. It is located on more than 90 acres and includes a state-of-the-art sorting warehouse and distribution center with robotics, conveyors and inventory.

Future Project AMP initiatives are in the works. Over the next 20 years, Project AMP is expected to redefine west Charlotte, sparking new development and creating more than 29,000 jobs.

Runway 18L/36R Closes Nightly For Rehabilitation Work

Charlotte Douglas International Airport is conducting scheduled rehabilitation work to Runway 18L/36R nightly from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. The work on this runway, which runs parallel to the terminal on its east side, includes removing Taxiway C7 and rehabbing asphalt taxiways.

During the closure hours, the FAA will reroute air traffic to the Airport's other runways. Those neighbors may experience additional overhead flights between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The work will halt during the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas travel season and then resume in March for runway repaving.

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LITTLE LIBRARIES OFFER EASY ACCESS TO BOOKS

The Aviation Department and Airport Community Partnerships (ACP) installed Little Libraries in local parks and recreation facilities this summer.

In May, a book drive collected more than 500 books to fill the libraries, which can be found at Revolution Park Sports Academy, Dorothy Doores Waddy Pavilion, Wingate Park and Reid Neighborhood Park.

Students may visit those sites and select a

book to take home to keep or to exchange on a return visit.

A wide variety of reading selections are available from fiction to nonfiction. There's a book to fit anyone's interest.

The community-outreach initiative helps support students living in the West Boulevard Corridor by providing easy access to books during the summer, while also encouraging reading all year long.



CLT Creates \$23 Billion Economic Impact

Charlotte Douglas International Airport leads the state as the top economic engine among North Carolina airports, according to a report by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division of Aviation.

The report, North Carolina: The State of Aviation, shows CLT contributes \$23 billion in annual economic output, \$1.1 billion in state and local taxes, 132,330 jobs for N.C. residents and \$5.7 billion in personal income.

Reaching far past the region, the report also shows the Airport makes up nearly half of the state's economic input (44 percent), 53 percent in state and local



taxes, 43 percent of jobs and 46 percent of personal income related to North Carolina's airports.

Read the full report at ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation.

Food Trucks Provide Great Eats at Overlook

Now in its second year, the food truck program at the Airport Overlook has grown steady in sales and popularity.

Offered on weekends, the food trucks began with just two choices each day. Due to popular demand, the program has grown to three trucks, culminating with an event on the last Saturday of every month that features three trucks during the lunchtime period.

The food trucks have given the legions of aviation enthusiasts, and others looking for a unique night out, a fun and popular place to hang out in the Queen City.

Charlotte Aviation Academy Welcomes Third Class

The third class of the Charlotte Aviation Academy began August 29. The annual program provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to better understand the inner workings of Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) and its impact on our economy, transportation system and community.

Academy participants gain behind the scenes access to current operations and future CLT planning efforts. Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) provides

administrative support for the academy, including managing all registrations and sponsorships.

Participants are selected in a rigorous application and admissions process.

Airport Academy participants get access that includes tours of the airfield and terminal, Wilson Air Center, Charlotte Fire Station 41, American Airlines Training Center, American Airlines Base Maintenance Hangar and the current FAA Air Traffic Control Tower.



The five-week academy concludes in October with a celebration dinner.