

# CARRABELLE-THOMPSON AIRPORT

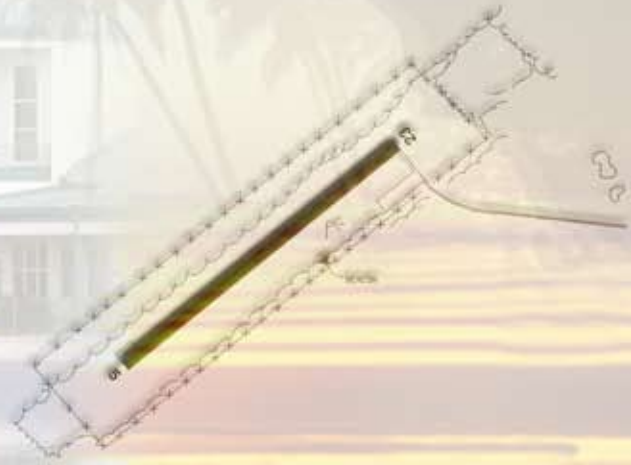
CARRABELLE  
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT



## AIRPORT LOCATION



Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is located in Franklin County, approximately three miles west of Carrabelle.



## Existing Facilities

Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is served by one runway, Runway 05/23, 4,000 feet long by 75 feet wide. The runway is asphalt and has medium intensity runway lighting. There is no displaced threshold and no taxiway. There are no navigational aids and the overall pavement condition is good.

The airport has no general aviation terminal building to serve pilots and passengers. There are 10 on-airport auto parking spaces to serve the airport. There are currently five tie-down spaces and 6 T-hangars. The airport received funding for three additional hangars and construction will be complete in 2009. There is fuel available at the airport.

## Current and Forecast Demand

### GENERAL AVIATION

The largest aircraft that use the airport on a regular basis are single-engine aircraft. The current Airport Reference Code (ARC) as defined by the FAA Circular 150/5300-13 for the airport is B-I. General aviation constitutes all of the airport's activity. The airport currently reports 6 based aircraft. The current FDOT work plan for Carrabelle-Thompson Airport does not show plans to develop additional covered storage spaces.

The airport has no aviation training programs that are connected with any of the local colleges, universities, or technical schools. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Carrabelle-Thompson Airport follows:

Carrabelle-Thompson Airport	2008	2013	2018	2028
Based Aircraft	6	6	7	8
General Aviation Operations	524	537	551	579
Commercial Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enplanements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: FDOT Aviation Office.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

In its contemporary role, the airport focuses primarily on serving general aviation aircraft. The airport currently focuses on recreational activity. The airport could support Very Light Jet (VLJ) related air taxi operations. The airport's future role is to increase as both a recreational and business airport. The airport does not report any impediments to expansion as a result of community relations, environmental or man-made factors, or financial constraints. Additionally, the airport sees itself growing modestly in the future.

Flight training is not a component of this airport's general aviation activity. General aviation operations related to corporate and business users do occur on a limited basis. The airport also attracts a number of transient general aviation aircraft. Visiting businesses that fly into the airport make up the highest percentage of annual operations. Visiting businesses include motel/hotel and tourist companies. The airport does not support an industrial park at the present time. The airport does not have any based military aircraft and does not accommodate transient military operations.

## OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

The airport's last master plan was completed in 1996. The airport had an airport layout plan update in 1999 as well as a business plan for the airport. The airport has constructed a six unit T-hangar and rehabilitated the airport lighting.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to low acreage, socioeconomic and approaches indices, the airport was evaluated low in most service categories. Due to the location of the airport and lack of facilities (landside and airside), it is possible that the type of activity occurring is a mixture of primarily recreational/sport and business/recreational service. It is assumed that the airport will continue in this fashion. It should be noted that the airport is trying to put together a MP as well as attract an FBO with the upcoming construction of hangars and airfield lighting. It is plausible that these planned facilities/services will help to attract corporate users. The airport is well situated to take advantage of tourism, should the proper facilities (intermodal connectivity, etc) be in place.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE ROLE	<u>Current Service</u>	<u>Future Service</u>
Tourism		
Business		
Air Cargo		
International		
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT ROLE		
Flight Training		
Corporate		
Tourism		X
Recreational / Sport	X	X
Business / Recreational		