

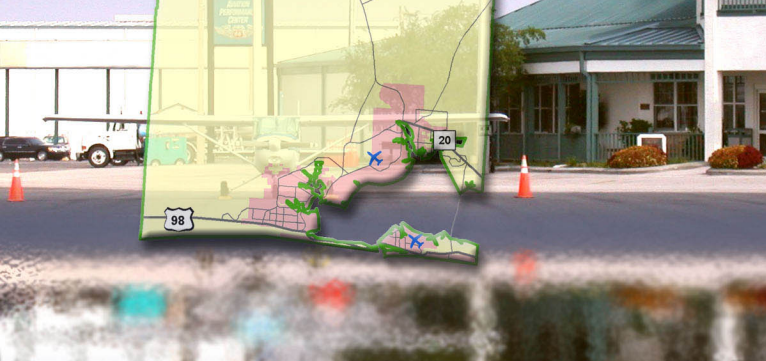
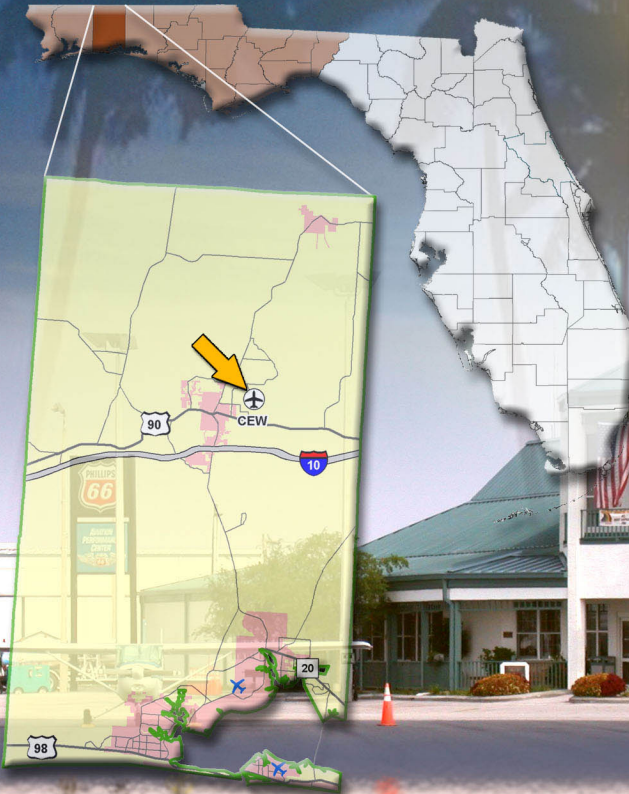
# BOB SIKES AIRPORT

CRESTVIEW  
COMMUNITY AIRPORT



## AIRPORT LOCATION

Bob Sikes Airport is located in Okaloosa County, approximately three miles northeast of the city.



## Existing Facilities

Bob Sikes Airport is served by one runway, Runway 17/35, 8,005 feet long by 150 feet wide. This runway is asphalt and is in good condition. Runway 17/35 has a VASI and is equipped with medium intensity runway lights. The airport has ILS, VOR, NDB and, a published GPS approach.

## Current and Forecast Demand

### GENERAL AVIATION

The largest plane using the airport on a non-routine basis is a U.S. Air Force Boeing C-17, used to deliver helicopters for maintenance at Crestview Aerospace Corporation. Military aviation traffic on the airport is significant as the airport has an ILS, and military aviators take full advantage of the uncontrolled airfield to sharpen their skills. General aviation constitutes a considerable portion of the airport's annual activity. The airport currently reports **52** based general aviation aircraft.

The airport has no programs in place that are connected with any of the local colleges, universities, or technical schools. However, Crestview Aerospace Corporation, an L-3 Company, in association with the Okaloosa County Board of Education has developed an Apprenticeship Program. There are classrooms on site servicing over 100 high school students in developing skills in the aviation industry. Historic and forecasted FDOT aviation activity information on file for the airport is as follows:

Bob Sikes Airport	2004	2009	2014	2024
Based Aircraft	49	52	56	63
General Aviation Operations	48,600	52,614	56,960	66,759
Commercial Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enplanements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Airport records and FASP 2004.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

In its current role, Bob Sikes Airport focuses primarily on serving general aviation and the military industrial needs of U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy C-130 aircraft. The airport serves recreational activity, flight training, and business needs, and is developing increased levels of each activity. The airport's future role is unrestricted as commercial Intermodal transportation is the focus of development. The airport's Department of Defense contractor elements are experiencing significant growth into aircraft modifications for C-130's, helicopter and electronic warfare systems for unmanned aircraft. The airport's vision for the future is to better serve the community through development of infrastructure on the airport in order to support development of high-paying jobs within aviation related industries.

General aviation operations by corporate and business users are common at the airport. The airport estimates that **40 percent** of its annual general aviation operations are business related. Local companies that use the airport's general aviation facilities include military industrial contractors. The airport also attracts a number of transient general aviation aircraft. The airport supports an industrial park that is contiguous to the airport that supports aviation related industries. The industrial park is not completely developed to capacity, as approximately 300 acres remain for development. While the airport has no based military aircraft, it does accommodate routine transient military activity as the airport has an ILS.

## OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

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As part of its process to plan for near term and longer-term development needs, the airport has the following projects in progress:

- **In Progress:** Airport Master Planning. The airport had its most recent master plan completed in 1998.
- **Under Construction:** Executive Hangar Site layout and Taxi-lanes connectors
- **In Design:** 86,000 sq. ft. aircraft maintenance hangar.
- **In Design:** Runway Rehabilitation 17/35, milling with a 4 inch overlay, Runway lighting system, and all airfield signage.
- **Complete:** Taxiway "Foxtrot" to service a new complex of as many as five, aircraft maintenance hangars
- **Complete:** Installation of a new Airfield Taxiway Lighting system.
- **Complete:** A 58,000 sq. ft. aircraft maintenance hangar
- **Complete:** A 17,203 sq. ft. fire station to service the many aviation related industrial activities on the airport.

Commercial activities in the airports Industrial Park have necessitated expansion of the phase II development with business from beyond this Community.

- **In Design:** Seger, Inc., is in design and phased construction of multiple aircraft engine test facilities of over 140,000 square feet.
- **Under Construction:** Crestview Warehousing, Inc., Distribution Center with over 76,756 square feet of available space.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

The facility is in a location that is well suited to accommodate/encourage heavy and light industrial uses. It should also be noted that Intermodal air cargo transport is being pursued as a primary service objective, as well as military related aircraft modifications for US and NATO aircraft. With an 8,000 foot runway, proximity to the Technical Industry within the Eglin/FWB complex, and sufficient available industrial development capacity at Bob Sikes, the airport could easily support both the heavy touch and go (military) operations and related simulator activity. Additionally, proximity to Florida's Emerald Coast recreation areas and beaches makes Bob Sikes attractive to potential simulator candidates, in addition to attracting tourists.

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