

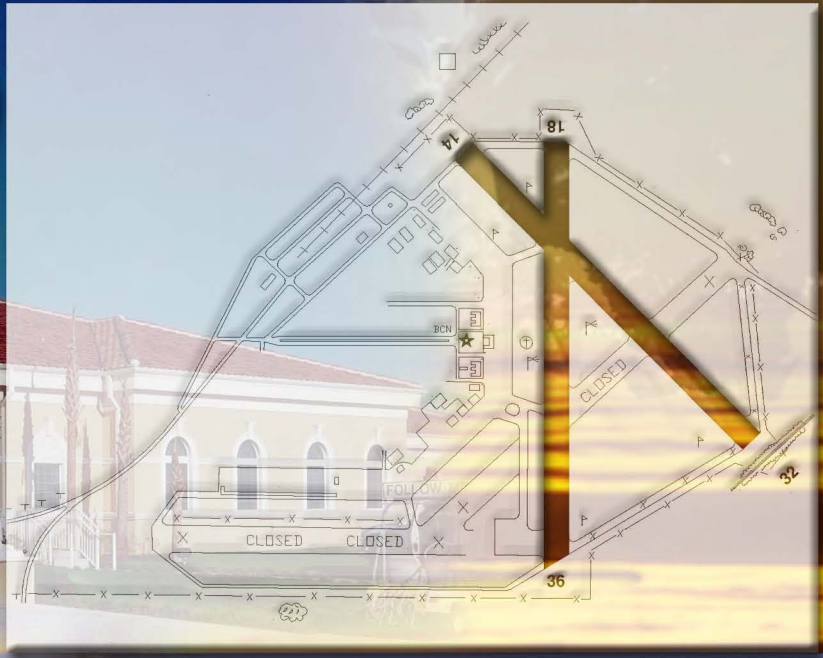
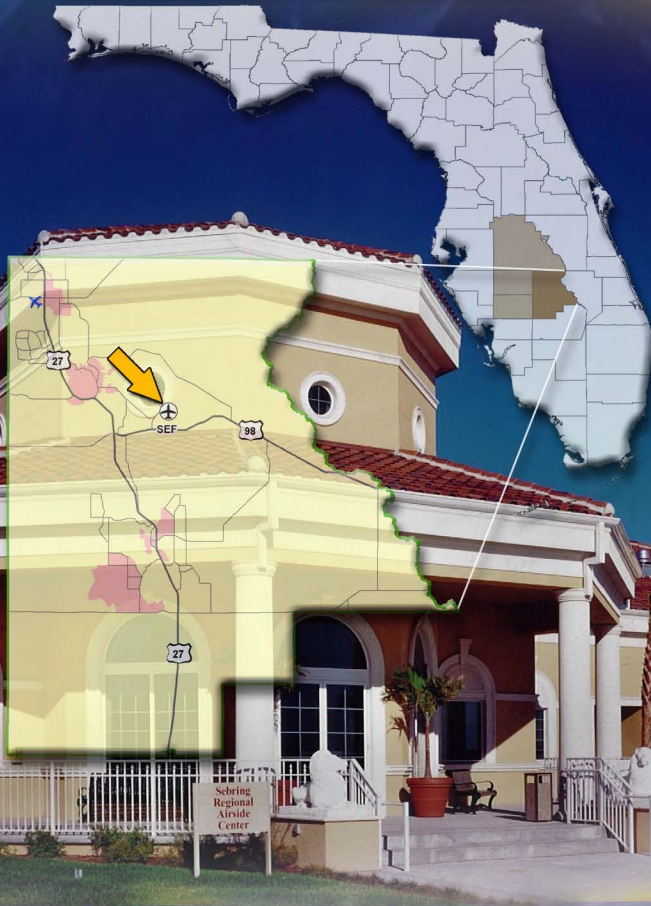
SEBRING REGIONAL AIRPORT



Sebring Regional Airport

AIRPORT LOCATION

Sebring Regional Airport is located in Highlands County in south central Florida, approximately 85 miles east of Bradenton and 90 miles west of Port Saint Lucie. The primary highway access from the north and south is US Routes 17 and 27, from the east is US Route 98, and State Route 66 from the west.



Existing Facilities

Sebring Regional Airport and Commerce Park, owned and operated by Sebring Airport Authority (SAA), is served by two intersecting runways; Runway 14/32, which is 5,190 feet long by 100 feet wide, concrete, with a 640 foot displaced threshold and in fair condition; Runway 18/36 is 5,190 feet long by 100 feet wide, asphalt, in good condition, and is supported by a partial taxiway (50 feet wide) with MIRL.

Sebring Regional (SEF) has an 18,450-square foot general aviation terminal building, which includes airport administration offices. There are 100 automobile parking spaces to serve the terminal building. There are currently several tie-downs for general aviation aircraft, as well as nine (9) commercial hangar bays with 80 T-hangar facilities on the airfield.

SEF has identified several initiatives as necessary to serve levels of demand in the near term, including the rehabilitation of Runway 14/32, improvement of Taxiway A-4, and the development of our commerce park. SEF had its most recent master plan completed in 2004. SEF is one of Florida's SATS Lab test sites. SEF desires to be one of Florida's high-tech aviation education and research centers, and is hopeful that it will help bring millions of dollars of aviation infrastructure and vehicle technologies to Florida. In addition, by providing a center for SATS experimentation, SEF believes it is helping Florida get a 3-5 year head start in the benefits of Small Aircraft Transportation Systems. SEF also has a contract with the Department of Defense for aircraft refueling, one of two civilian groups in the country trained to "hot fuel" helicopters (fueling while under power).

Current and Forecast Demand

GENERAL AVIATION

The largest plane that uses SEF on a regular basis is a Gulfstream IV. The current Airport Reference Code (ARC) as defined by the FAA Circular 150/5300-13 for the airport is a D-II. General aviation aircraft constitutes a considerable portion of SEF's owned and based aircraft. FDOT inspection records show that there are 52 based general aviation aircraft. The airport reports there are currently 60 based aircraft. Of this total, approximately one percent of the based aircraft are stored on paved tie-downs, and 99 percent are in T-hangars or commercial hangars. The current FDOT Work Program for Sebring Regional Airport shows additional storage spaces.

Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for the airport follows:

Sebring Regional Airport	2006	2011	2016	2026
Based Aircraft	52	56	60	70
General Aviation Operations	103,487	111,484	120,100	139,381
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 current role, Sebring Airport Authority (SAA) focuses primarily on serving the community and generating economic activity.

SAA has determined that it is a real estate development that contains an airport.

By focusing on economic development, SAA sees all types of commercial aeronautical activity and landside commerce happening. SEF could support Very Light Jet (VLJ) related air taxi operations. SAA has a positive outlook for the future role of the airport and does not see the airport limited by many constraints. SAA is not trying to create a recreational facility, but it would encourage the activity. SAA does support flight training and sees itself serving increased levels of flight training, air taxi operations, and recreational flying, and does not see itself being restricted by manmade or environmental factors, poor community relations, or financial shortfalls.

Flight training is a component of SEF's general aviation activity. Roughly 10 percent of the annual operations are related to flight training. There is one flight training business located on the airport. This business employs two flight instructors and has three based aircraft dedicated to flight training. General aviation operations by corporate and business users are also common at the airport. SAA estimates that 60 percent of its annual general aviation operations are business-related. Approximately 10 percent of SEF's based aircraft are owned by local businesses. Local companies that use the airport's general aviation facilities include medical, aeronautical, racing, real estate, agricultural, and manufacturing businesses. SEF also attracts a number of transient or visiting general aviation aircraft. Visiting businesses that fly into SEF include service, government, medical, and professional companies. Approximately 60 percent of all visiting general aviation aircraft fall into the business jet category.

OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

Sebring Regional Airport supports a commerce park, located within the airport proper, of 1,300 acres with 30 percent of the land developed. While SEF does not have any based military aircraft, it does accommodate transient military operations. Sebring Regional Airport receives about 5,000 military operations a year from C-130's, AH-65's, and Chinook's.

CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

SEF provides Flight Training, Corporate, Recreational/Sport, and Business/Recreational (military, medical flights) services. SAA plans to expand flight training, recreational, and charter operations, and is a testbed for SATS. The analysis indicates that the airport is best suited for providing future services of Flight Training, Recreational/Sport, and Tourism (CA). It had marginal quotients for Corporate and Business/Recreational Services, mainly because of a lack of an air traffic control tower (Corporate), and its low Socioeconomic index.

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