

PLANT CITY AIRPORT

PCM



Airport: Plant City Airport (PCM)

City: Plant City, Florida

County: Hillsborough

Sponsor: Hillsborough County Aviation Authority

Role: General Aviation (Local)

CFASPP Region: West Central ([cfaspp.com](https://www.cfaspp.com))

FDOT District: 7

Website: [Plant City](https://www.plantcity.com)



PHOTO SOURCE: GOOGLE - 2022.

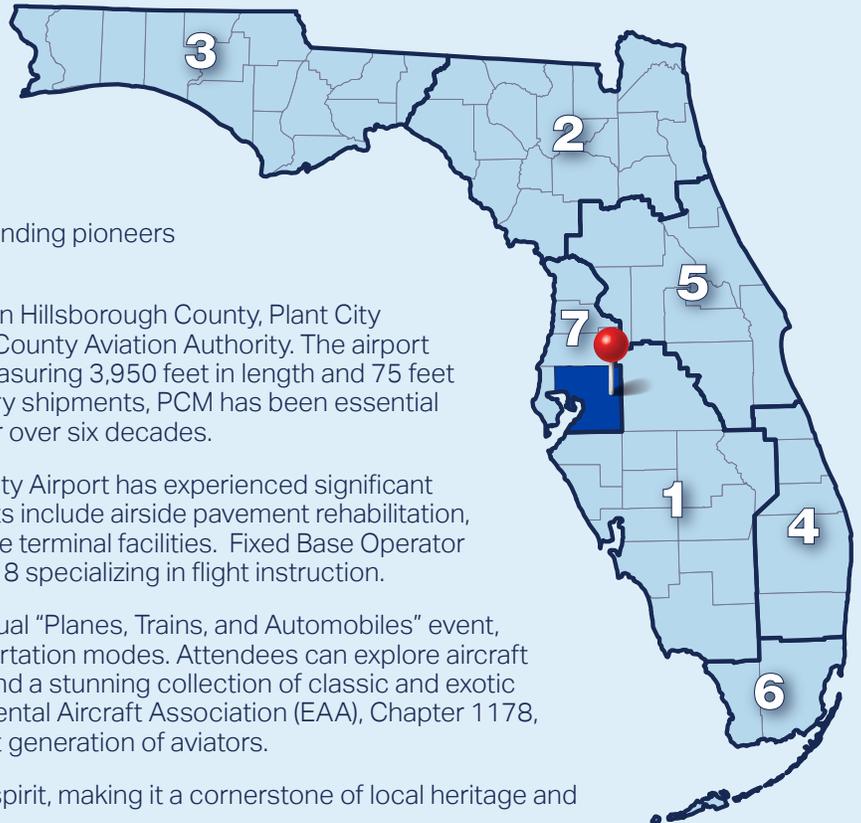
Nestled within the vibrant and close-knit community of Plant City – approximately two miles southwest of the bustling central business district – Plant City Airport (PCM) is a pivotal economic asset for this charming municipality of 40,837 residents. Rich in heritage and characterized by a warm, small-town atmosphere, Plant City is a unique blend of long-standing pioneers and enthusiastic newcomers.

Strategically located about 18 miles east of Tampa in Hillsborough County, Plant City Airport is owned and operated by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. The airport features a single paved runway (Runway 10-28), measuring 3,950 feet in length and 75 feet in width. Originally established to facilitate strawberry shipments, PCM has been essential in supporting the local economy and community for over six decades.

In response to increasing aviation demands, Plant City Airport has experienced significant growth in recent years. Recent airport enhancements include airside pavement rehabilitation, new tie-downs and fencing, and improvements to the terminal facilities. Fixed Base Operator (FBO), Atlas Aviation, has been on the field since 2018 specializing in flight instruction.

One of the highlights of Plant City Airport is the annual “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” event, a captivating exhibition showcasing diverse transportation modes. Attendees can explore aircraft displays, train exhibits, remote-controlled aircraft, and a stunning collection of classic and exotic vehicles. The airport’s local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Chapter 1178, also provides Young Eagles flights inspiring the next generation of aviators.

At Plant City Airport, innovation meets community spirit, making it a cornerstone of local heritage and future growth in aviation.



ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$27.4M
ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)



\$14.8M
VALUE ADDED



\$9.5M
PAYROLL



214
JOBS



Source: Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study.

GENERAL AVIATION ROLES



FLIGHT
TRAINING



CORPORATE



TOURISM



RECREATIONAL /
SPORT



BUSINESS /
RECREATIONAL

Source: FASP 2043 Update.

For more information on airport roles, please refer to the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).



ACTIVITY FORECASTS

OPERATIONS

91,849

2043

50,640

2023

BASED AIRCRAFT

82

2043

69

2023



Source: FASP 2043 Update.

AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

- 1** Host to Annual Festivals
- 2** Initially Founded in 1948 to Ship Strawberries
- 3** Home to 80+ Based Aircraft

RUNWAY INFORMATION (1)

Runway 10-28: 3,950' x 75'



Overview of the FASP 2043 Update:

Per Florida statute, the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) is periodically updated to summarize the airport and aviation needs in Florida while remaining consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP). The FASP 2043 Update focuses on reviewing the applicability of the various goals, objectives, and performance measures to support two primary goals: 1) provide for more efficiency in decision making within FDOT to support funding and development decisions, and 2) provide airports within the system with recommendations for development that support their individual missions while contributing to the overall strength and health of the Florida airport system.

