

Runway 9/27 Reconstruction Duluth International Airport (DLH)

Project Update

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Introduction:

This is the 18th weekly newsletter for the Runway 9/27 Reconstruction project at the Duluth International Airport (DLH) and the third of 2018. The purpose of these weekly newsletters is to provide updates throughout the project regarding construction impacts, runway closures, temporary runway conditions, and other information as needed. Earlier versions of the newsletter are available upon request.

Runway 9/27 Construction Progress (May 21 – 27)

Construction Progress

The week began with the final lift of concrete for the east arresting system being poured on Monday. For the west system, the final pour took place Thursday afternoon. The blast pad and portions of the shoulder have been milled and mostly shaped, with paving for the blast pad scheduled to begin on Friday, May 25, with completion after the holiday weekend. Throughout the week, joint sealing and sawcut grooving have continued. In addition, three cracked panels were excavated and reconstructed.

Arresting gear work (Left photo is the east system, right photo is the west):



Blast pad and shoulder paving preparation:



Sawcut grooving and joint sealing:



Runway Operations

RUNWAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE: Runway 9/27 is expected to remain closed until June 9.

Taxiway closures consist of Taxiway A west of the Cirrus Production Ramp and connecting Taxiways A1, A3, and A5. (Taxiway A between Taxiway A1 and the Cirrus Production Ramp will be open for helicopter operations only.) On the east end of the airfield, Taxiways E1, E2, the East Runup Area, and the Runway 27 Approach Taxiway are also closed. Taxiway A2/B will be closed, but available with advanced notice for taxiing operations.

Runway 3/21 and Taxiway C will be used exclusively during this time.

Next Week (May 28 – June 3): Runway 9/27 Closed

All concrete work on the arresting gear systems is complete, and the 148th Fighter Wing will begin installing mechanical and electrical components. Sawcut grooving and joint sealing is scheduled to continue into late next week. The bituminous blast pad is expected to be completed, as are the bituminous shoulders, weather permitting. Punchlist items will continue to be addressed, such as batch plant area restoration and site clean up.

Schedule Updates:

Work has progressed well through two weeks of construction, with no unforeseen conditions. Therefore, the schedule remains as planned with a four week construction duration. Construction work may extend into the evening hours and on Saturdays and Sundays until the work is substantially complete.

Project updates and photos will continue to be provided on a weekly basis using this newsletter format. In addition to these newsletters, project updates will be given at the weekly tenant meetings in the Terminal Building, Second Floor Conference Room, on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM.