

Buchanan Field Airport
Runway 01L/19R Construction Project Q&A
(Updated May 25, 2012)

- How long will the project last?
The project will begin on Monday, June 4, 2012 and is scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, July 11, 2012.
- Will Buchanan Field Airport be closed when the ATC Tower is open (7:00 am to 10:00 pm)?
Although several of the runways will be closed during the project, at least one runway will remain open while ATC Tower is operational.
- Will Buchanan Field Airport be closed at night (10:00 pm to 7:00 am)?
Since the Airport is home to two air ambulance operators (Calstar and REACH) the Airport is scheduled to remain open 24/7 to aircraft operations. Runway 14L/32R will be open to night operations, except from June 18th until June 28th. During this period, June 18th until June 28th, all runways will be closed at night.
- Will the Runway 19R Localizer be active during the construction project?
Due to possible interference by the construction equipment operating in and near the Localizer Critical Area, the Runway 19R Localizer will be out of service during the entire construction period (anticipated June 4th until July 11th)
- Will practice instrument approaches be allowed during the construction project?
VOR and GPS approaches will be operational and Air Traffic Control personnel may approve VFR practice approaches workload permitting.
- How will pilots know if the project closure dates change and what would cause that to happen?
Pilots should monitor ATIS, NOTAM, Airport emails, and the Airport website for updated information. As with all construction projects, the design consultants, contractor and County staff have invested an enormous amount of time planning and preparing for this project. However, most projects encounter unexpected equipment, material, supply, and weather issues. Any one of these items could result in a schedule change.
- Are jet aircraft or aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds allowed to operate on runway 01R/19L?
No.
- What are the expected aircraft taxi routes?
Aircraft taxiing from the east to west side and vice versa should expect to taxi around the approach end of Runway 01L (southern). The alternate taxi route will be around the approach end of 19R (northern).
- Will the closure of Buchanan Field Airport conflict with the closure of the main runway at Livermore Airport?
Livermore Airport has agreed to push the start of their runway project to the middle of July to mitigate simultaneous runway closures at both airports.

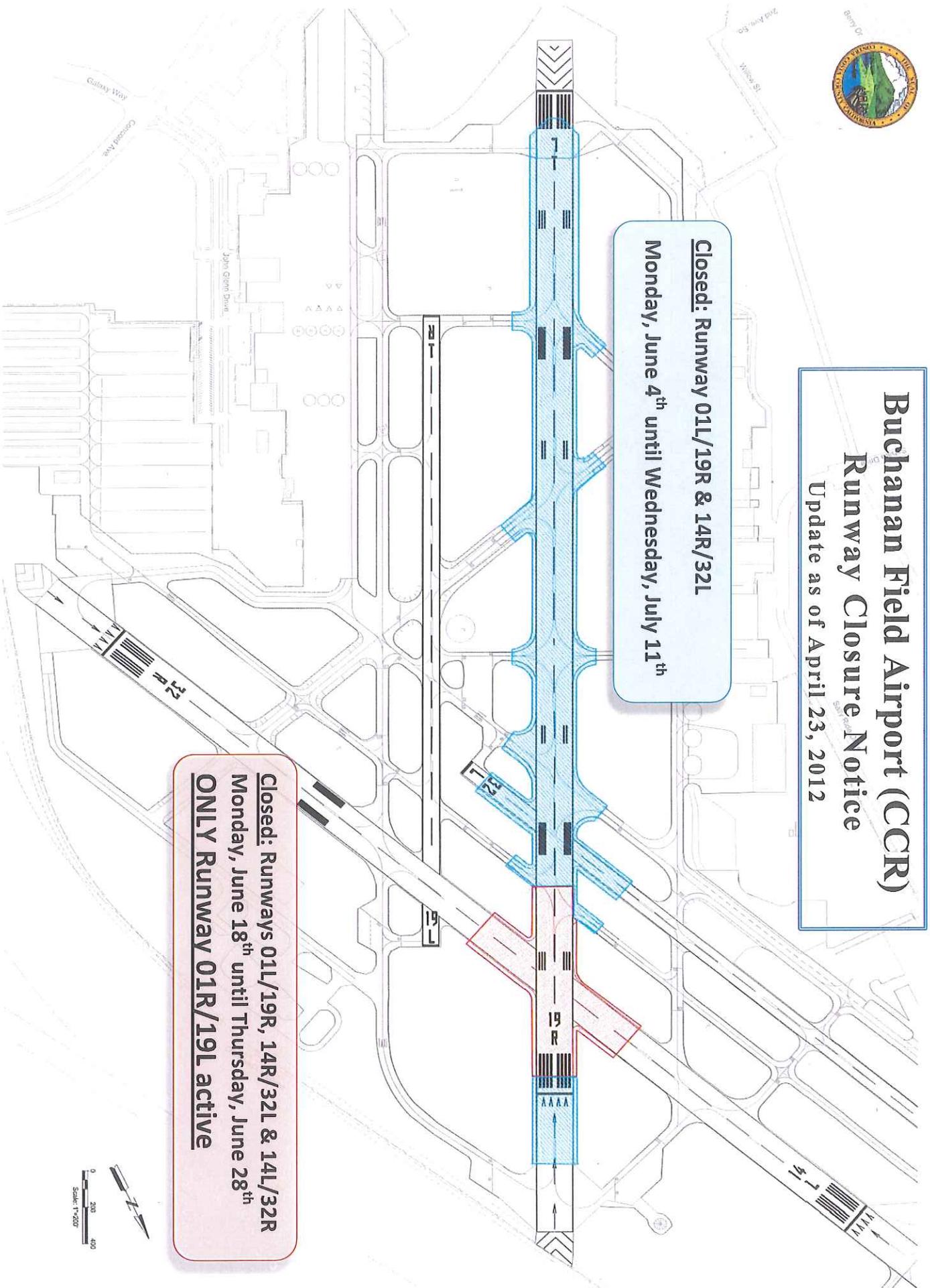


Buchanan Field Airport (CCR) Runway Closure Notice

Update as of April 23, 2012

Closed: Runway 01L/19R & 14R/32L
Monday, June 4th until Wednesday, July 11th

Closed: Runways 01L/19R, 14R/32L & 14L/32R
Monday, June 18th until Thursday, June 28th
ONLY Runway 01R/19L active



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Concord Airport Traffic Control Tower
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CONCORD AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT) LETTER TO AIRMEN
NO. 12-1

SUBJECT: Runway 19 Right Rehabilitation Project in Summer 2012

CANCELLATION: August 31, 2012

Buchanan Field Airport (CCR) will commence a project to rehabilitate Runway 19 Right (1L/19R) on June 4, 2012. The project will resurface the entire length of 1L/19R and be implemented in phases during the summer months. Since 1L/19R intercepts runways 14R/32L and 14L/32R there will be significant impact on the flow of traffic operating on and in the vicinity of the airport. ATC may need to limit practice approaches during periods of peak traffic or workload. It is essential that pilots be alert and continuously scan for other aircraft, surface vehicles and foreign objects on taxiways and runways adjacent to the construction zones.

During the phase of construction that 1L/19R and 14R/32L are closed; ATC will use runways 14L/32R or 1R/19L. As a result fixed-wing aircraft can expect one active runway designated on the Automated Terminal Information System (ATIS) which will be the runway deemed to be nearly aligned with the wind. ATC will not offer a choice of runways. Pilots are urged to monitor the ATIS broadcast or call (925) 685-4567 prior to initial contact. If a pilot prefers to use a different runway than the one nearly aligned with the wind the pilot is expected to inform ATC accordingly. Pilot requests for the inactive runway may result in an interruption in the sequence of arrivals and departures.

During the phase of construction that 1L/19R, 14R/32L and 14L/32R are closed; the unlighted runway, 1R/19L, will be in use from sunrise until sunset. The declared distances available for runway 1R/19L are published in the Airport/Facility Directory (A/FD) and should not be calculated independently. In the interest of safety the pilots of jets or aircraft weighing 12,500 pounds or more are urged to contact the Contra Costa County airport operator at (925) 646-5722 to determine if the runway falls within their operating limitations before accepting that runway for takeoff or landing.

The taxi routes will be adjusted for the avoidance of construction activities. The designated crossings of 1L/19R will be at the approach ends. It may be necessary to issue progressive taxi instructions which include step-by-step routing directions.

In summary, ATC will not issue any clearances for takeoff and landing on runways closed by the airport operator; however no significant impact is anticipated with helicopter operations. Pilots must be alert and avoid other aircraft, surface vehicles and foreign objects. Pilots are expected to cooperate so as to preclude disrupting traffic flows and use a runway within their operating limitations. For the most current Notices to Airmen pilots are encouraged to contact Flight Service Station at (800) 992-7433.

It is our goal to provide safe and efficient service to our customers, please do not hesitate to call my staff or me for assistance at (925) 685-5743.



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