



# ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGER

This edition of the *Newsletter* is being published a bit late this month. I was waiting until I got some information to give everyone on the upcoming Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project. I will discuss this further in this edition and will put out periodic “supplements” to the *Newsletter* as new information becomes available.

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## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

I am thrilled to announce that Addison Tower has two employees that have been selected for positions at higher level facilities in the FAA.

Jason S. has been selected for a controller position at Little Rock, Arkansas (LIT) Tower/TRACON, effective on September 23. He will continue to utilize the skills he acquired at Addison Tower in the LIT Tower and will learn new skills while training and working in the LIT Approach Control portion of the facility.

Mathew Z. has been selected to fill a Front Line Manager (FLM) position at Baton Rouge, Louisiana (BTR) Tower/TRACON. Mat was a controller at Midland, TX (MAF) Tower/TRACON prior to becoming a FLM here at Addison. He will utilize the training from both facilities in this new position.

Please join me in congratulating Jason and Mat on their accomplishments here at Addison, and wishing them well in their future career endeavors.

## TAXIWAY ALPHA REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Town of Addison and the Addison Airport have received the required funding and are prepared to begin work on the Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation Project. This construction project will completely rebuild, or refurbish, all portions of Taxiway Alpha including the “north run-up area” and a new “south run-up area”. The project will take many months to complete, with no definite end date set as of this time. A lot of this will depend upon weather and the ability, or lack thereof, to install asphalt due to the temperatures.



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The first phase of the project will begin on Monday, September 24, 2012. In this phase they plan to remove and rebuild the “north run-up area” at the north end of Taxiway Alpha and Taxiway Alpha south to Taxiway Juliet. The geometry of the area will be changed to provide greater efficiency of the operations at that end of the runway and more “standard” taxiway markings.

This first phase will require a closure of Taxiway Alpha, north of Taxiway Juliet for the duration of this portion of the project. Aircraft will have to utilize Taxiway Juliet as the northernmost entry/exit point for the runway, providing 6850 feet for takeoff and possibly resulting in some delays to the operations. There are three scenarios in which such delays could occur.

- 1) Upon request, the 500 foot taxi from Juliet to the end of the runway will be approved for a “full length takeoff”. More spacing will have to be provided between the requesting departure and any landing aircraft to allow the extra taxi time required.
- 2) Also, most aircraft routinely exit the runway at, or before, Taxiway Juliet when operating on Runway 33. Any aircraft that cannot make the exit at Juliet will be required to turn around on the runway and taxi back for exit at Juliet. This will require extra spacing with a trailing landing aircraft, or a longer wait for a departing aircraft.
- 3) The lack of a second access close to the full length of the runway will require all aircraft to wait until they are at the “head of the line” and number one for takeoff to receive such a clearance. Taxiway Hotel will be the second available intersection for a Runway 15 departure, should anyone desire to utilize it. This intersection provides 5150 feet for takeoff.

There will be many trucks, tractors, personnel, and other vehicles utilizing the service road that extends the length of Taxiway Alpha during this and all other subsequent phases of this project. These vehicles will not be communicating with air traffic control on the non-movement areas and service roads. All vehicle operators and pilots should maintain even greater awareness than usual of where they are and what is happening around them during these times. Aircraft always have the “right-of-way” on the airport, but pilots should make sure they can maneuver safely before moving in these areas.

The plan for the first phase of construction will also require a portion of the north end of Runway 15 to be closed and the threshold to be displaced on a couple of weekends during this phase of work. These weekend dates have not yet been determined, but I will forward them to everyone as soon as I hear them. The Runway 15 ILS, Runway 33 ILS, Runway 15 MALSR and Runway 15 PAPI systems will be unusable during these weekends due the displacements and people working in the critical areas. Pilots should check the



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Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) regularly for updated information on such closures and resultant equipment outages.

This first phase is scheduled for completion within about 60 days. This places completion right at the Thanksgiving Holiday time period. I have not received word on exactly when the second phase of the project will commence (again, it all depends upon the weather), but will include any new information in future *Newsletter* supplements and regular editions.

Stay tuned for further updates.

## ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC COUNTS

The month of August showed continued improvements in the traffic counts over those of 2011. The increase has been consistent over the past few months, which is a good sign for the future.

August Total traffic was up 9.6% from the same month in 2011  
 August IFR traffic was up 8.9% from the same month in 2011.  
 August VFR traffic was up 10.0% from the same month in 2011.  
 August Itinerant count was up 10.6% from the same month in 2011.  
 August Local operations were up 21.4% from the same month in 2011.  
 August Over-flight count was up 0.4% from the same month in 2011.

## JANUARY COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	16	690	2353	2	0	274	4362	28	7725	465	0	465	156	57	126	5	0	52	646	11	1053	9243

ADS '12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	5	722	2143	8	0	213	3957	13	7061	417	0	417	289	122	245	3	0	38	554	6	1257	8735



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## FEBRUARY COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops					
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total				
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total		
Total	22	793	2358	20	0	221	3074	9	6497	347	4	351	207	74	171	0	0	0	52	578	5	1087	7935

ADS '12	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops				
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total			
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	
Total	3	787	2295	9	0	156	3831	19	7100	701	4	705	267	116	216	7	0	59	472	94	1231	9036

## MARCH COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops				
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total			
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	
Total	22	787	2709	21	2	257	4434	29	8261	609	0	609	324	106	244	1	0	57	762	12	1506	10376

ADS '12	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops				
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total			
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	
Total	4	814	2431	8	0	210	4155	19	7641	555	0	555	464	185	336	4	0	125	547	92	1753	9949

## APRIL COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops				
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total			
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	
Total	6	575	2134	8	1	247	3687	33	6691	570	0	570	294	93	208	5	0	60	725	5	1390	8651

ADS '12	Itinerant								Local	Overflight								Total Ops				
	IFR				VFR					Total	IFR				VFR				Total			
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total	
Total	7	676	2547	20	0	241	4019	20	7530	480	0	480	309	164	241	7	0	199	559	5	1484	9494



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## MAY COUNTS 2011 and 2012

ADS `11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	6	521	1680	7	0	220	3593	32	6059	411	0	411	393	139	355	4	1	64	713	10	1679	8149

ADS `12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	11	697	2441	8	0	232	4394	19	7802	457	0	457	313	155	262	4	0	301	669	5	1709	9968

## JUNE COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS `11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	7	512	1453	14	0	299	4330	32	6647	620	0	620	409	194	422	5	0	70	864	14	1978	9245

ADS `12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	11	638	2165	5	0	237	4896	30	7982	450	0	450	344	194	272	6	0	289	604	5	1714	10146

## JULY COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS `11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	3	498	1652	10	0	234	4655	26	7078	635	0	635	273	134	227	7	0	47	776	18	1482	9195

ADS `12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					Total				IFR				VFR				Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	3	653	2082	16	0	274	4868	20	7916	648	0	648	325	149	269	2	0	265	471	4	1485	10049



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## AUGUST COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	1	605	1867	10	0	322	4257	15	7077	583	0	583	284	167	292	5	0	55	644	5	1452	9112

ADS '12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	5	725	2184	10	0	300	4586	15	7825	708	0	708	247	136	209	6	0	259	590	11	1458	9991

## SEPTEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	13	804	2571	7	0	239	3892	25	7551	610	0	610	230	59	193	1	0	37	378	9	907	9068

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	6	611	2065	6	0	362	4531	32	7613	593	0	593	147	70	149	0	0	48	645	2	1061	9267

## OCTOBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	12	760	2527	8	0	299	5462	45	9113	532	2	534	253	73	186	3	0	37	518	6	1076	10723

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight									Total Ops
	IFR			VFR			Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR			VFR			Total					
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT					GA	MI				AC		AT	GA	MI	AC	AT
Total	2	594	2290	16	0	318	4668	30	7918	597	0	597	215	137	242	9	0	113	687	8	1411	9926



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## NOVEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	30	909	2566	7	0	255	4357	35	8159	639	0	639	190	69	194	3	0	34	528	7	1025	9823

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	18	696	2211	15	0	263	3559	23	6785	660	2	662	286	122	258	6	0	65	488	11	1236	8683

## DECEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	33	962	2351	10	0	299	4328	32	8015	445	0	445	232	72	143	5	0	32	708	10	1202	9662

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	15	860	2139	17	0	186	3387	11	6615	428	0	428	196	85	180	3	0	54	503	3	1024	8067

Itinerant = Aircraft that land/take off from ADS airport.

Local = Aircraft operating in the local traffic pattern (touch-and-goes, low-approaches, etc.).

Overflight = Aircraft that enter/exit the ADS Class Delta Airspace from points other than ADS airport.

AC = Air Carrier

AT = Air Taxi

GA = General Aviation

MI = Military



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## ADDISON IFR TRAFFIC COUNTS

<b>Month</b>	<b>Count</b>
01/12	3335
02/12	3700
03/12	4248
04/12	3970
05/12	3891
06/12	3635
07/12	3498
08/12	3520
09/11	3054
10/11	3505
11/11	3612
12/11	3495
<b>Total</b>	43463