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# Palm Beach County Department of Airports

Council Meeting

Town of Palm Beach

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**Palm Beach County Department of Airports**





# Overview of the Airport System

# Palm Beach County's Airport System

**Palm Beach International Airport**

Commercial Service and General Aviation

**PBI**

**North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport**

Reliever, General Aviation

**F45**



**Palm Beach County Park Airport (Lantana)**

Reliever, General Aviation

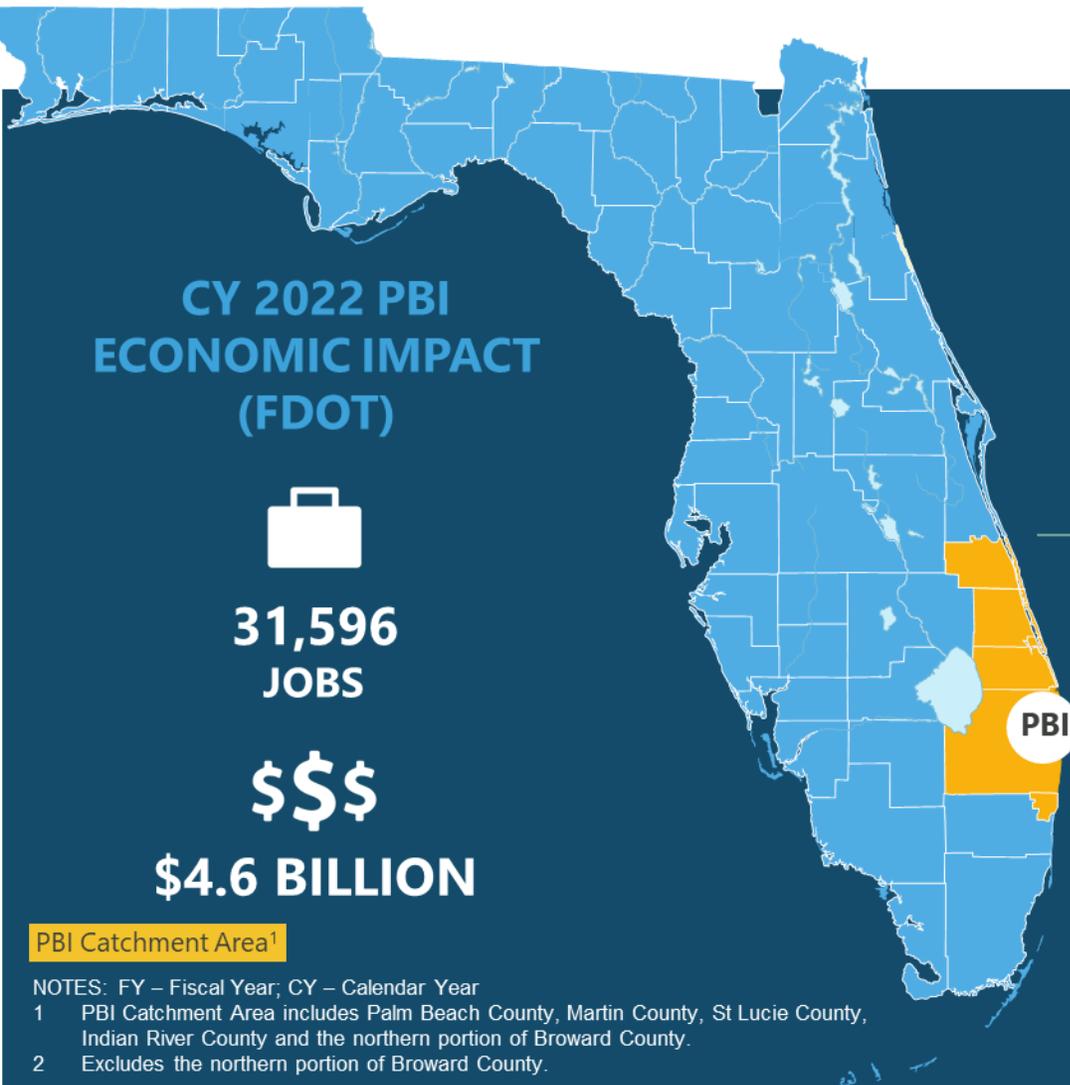
**LNA**

**Palm Beach County Glades Airport (Pahokee)**

General Aviation

**PHK**

# Palm Beach County Airport System By the Numbers



## KEY ACTIVITY METRICS

**PASSENGERS**  
**8.5 M**  
 As of March 2025

**14 PASSENGER SERVICE AIRLINES**  
 As of April 2025

**NONSTOP SERVICE TO 40 DESTINATIONS**  
 As of April 2025

## SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS<sup>2</sup> (PBI CATCHMENT AREA)

**TOTAL POPULATION**  
**2.2M → 2.4M**  
 FY 2023 FY 2030

**TOTAL EARNINGS**  
**\$74.3B → \$90.6B**  
 FY 2023 FY 2030

**TOTAL PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**  
**\$81,330 → \$90,595**  
 FY 2023 FY 2030

**CY 2022 GA Airports Economic Impact**

**F45**

**467 Jobs**  
**\$77.3 Million**

**LNA**

**772 Jobs**  
**\$144 Million**

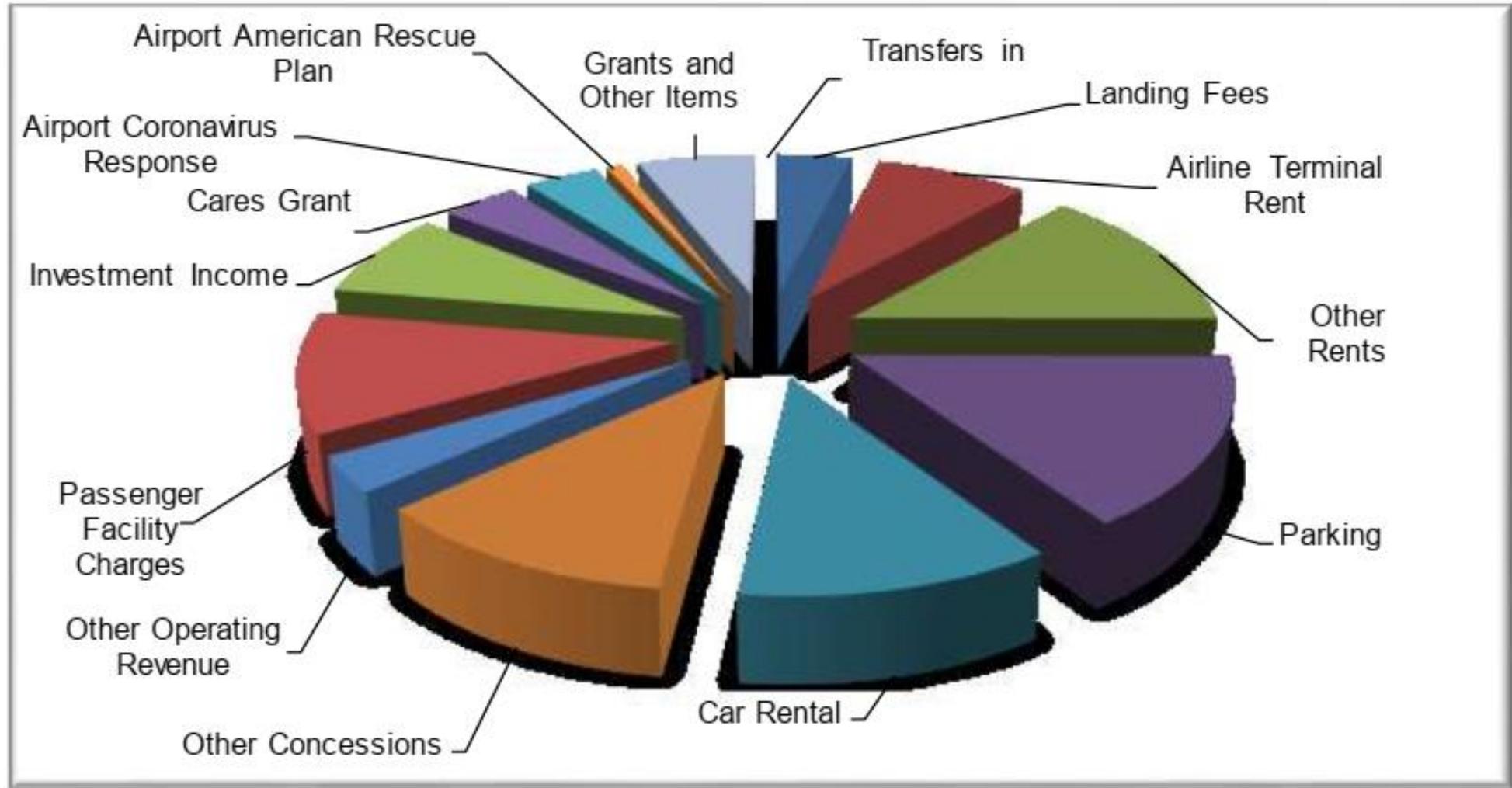
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**33 Jobs**  
**\$5.7 Million**

# Airport System Governance & Funding

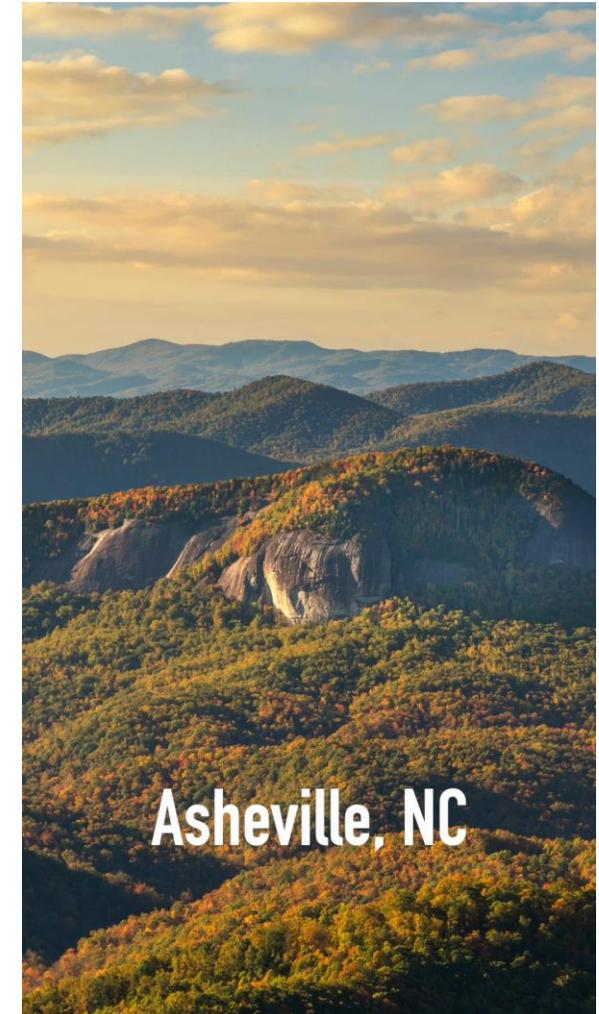
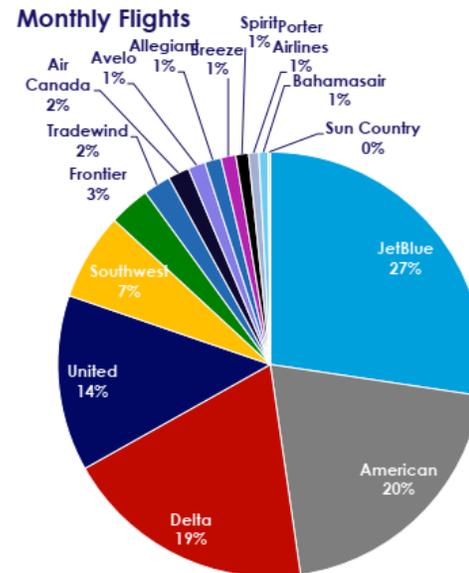
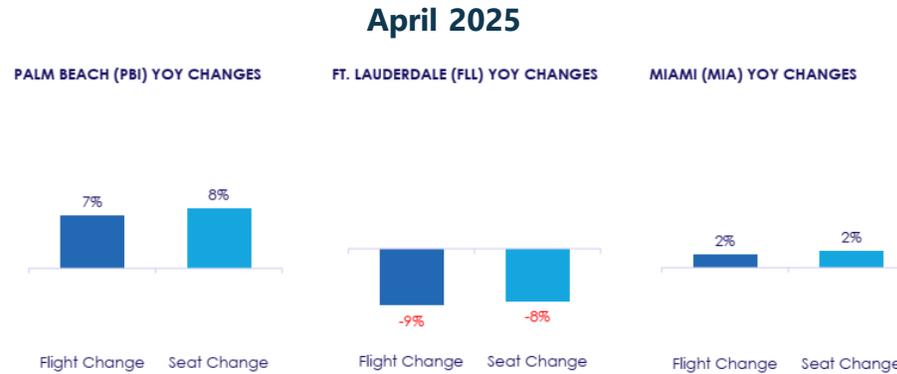
- The County's Airports System is operated and managed by the Palm Beach County Department of Airports
- Policy is established by the Board of County Commissioners
- Operates as an enterprise fund, **no ad valorem tax support**
  - Operations and maintenance are funded by user fees to airlines, businesses and passengers
  - Construction is funded by Federal and State grants, Passenger Facility Charges (PFC), revenue bonds and airport revenues
  - Airport revenues may only be used for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the County's Airport System

# Airport Funding by Category

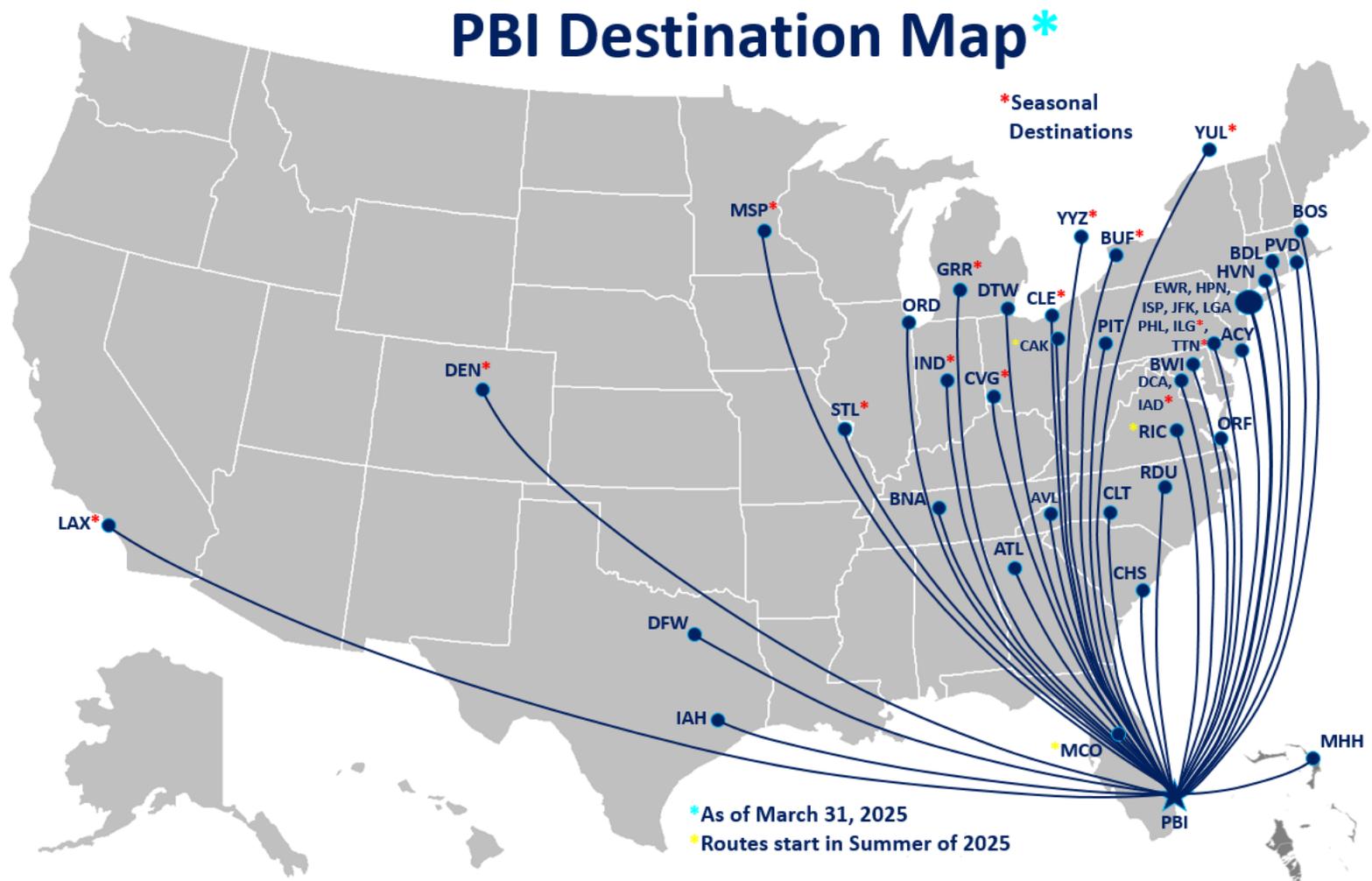


# Palm Beach International Airport

- Continued Growth YOY
- New Non-Stop Service
  - Nashville (Southwest)
  - Buffalo (JetBlue)
- Extended Summer Service
  - Houston (United)
  - Charleston/Raleigh Durham (Breeze)
- Nationally Recognized
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Best Airport in the US  
*Conde' Nast Traveler*
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Best Medium Airport  
*J.D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Survey*
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Domestic Airport  
*Travel & Leisure*



# PBI Destination Map





# Upcoming/Continuing Projects

Concourse Expansion

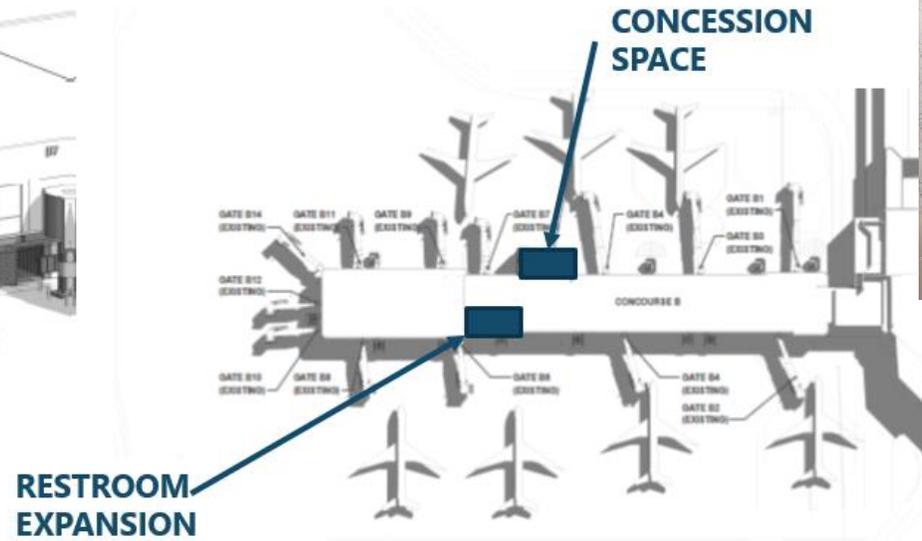
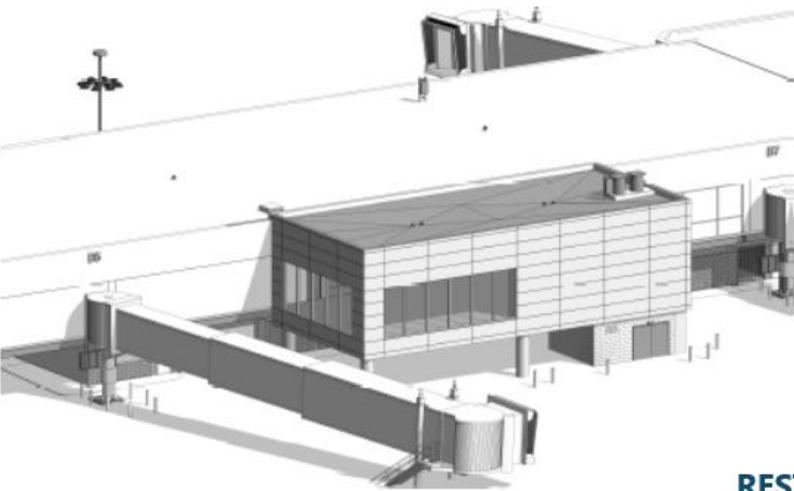
Updated Concessions Program

Consolidated Rental Car Facility Development

Long-term Planning for Airfield Improvements

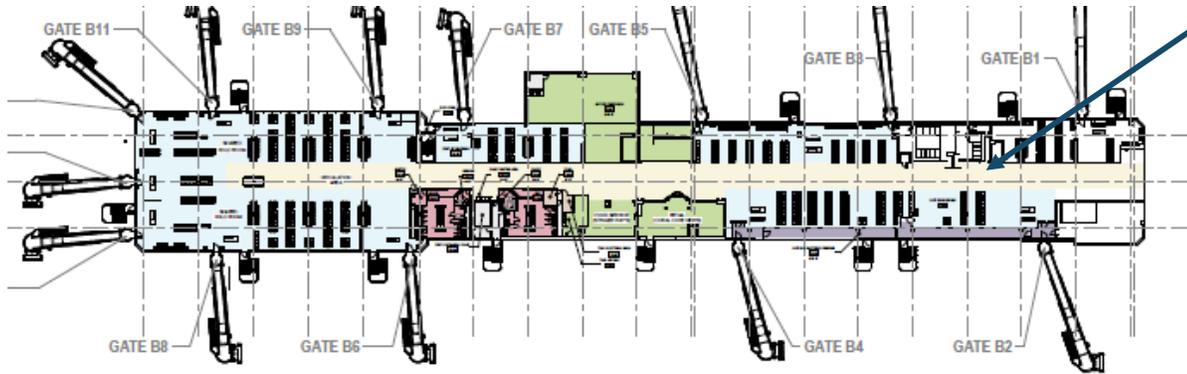
# Concourse B Expansion

- **Phase I** - expansion of restroom facilities and construction of approximately 3,000 square feet of new shell space for a future sit down restaurant between Gates B5 and B7 (Spring 2025)
- **Phase II** – Interior renovations of existing concourse and water line relocation (Fall 2025)

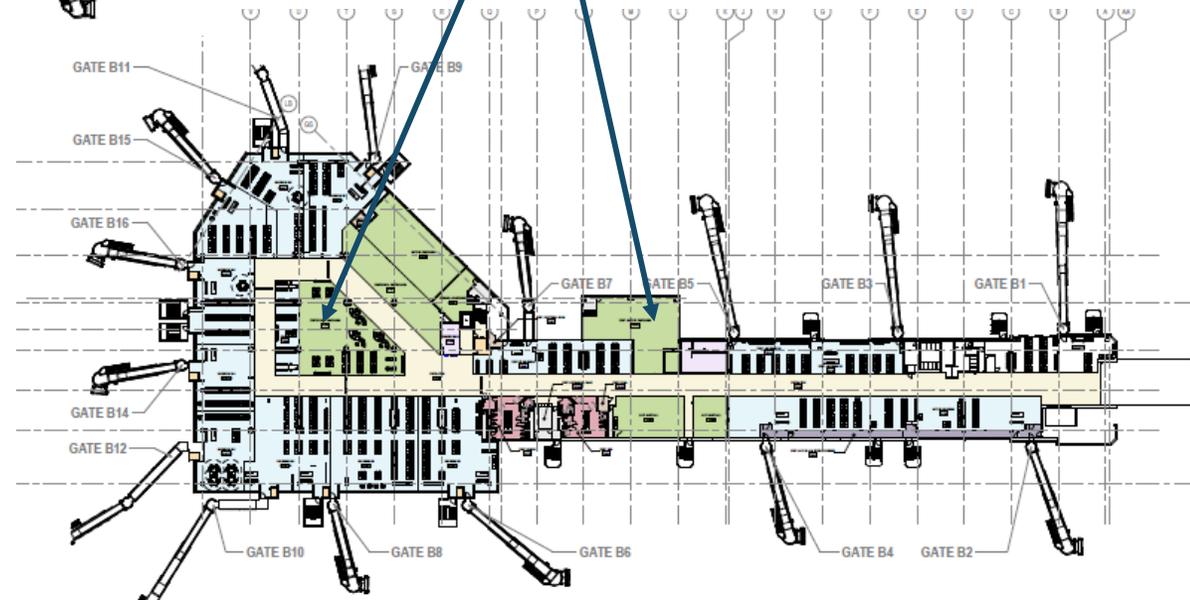


# Final Phase of Concourse B Expansion

Current Condition



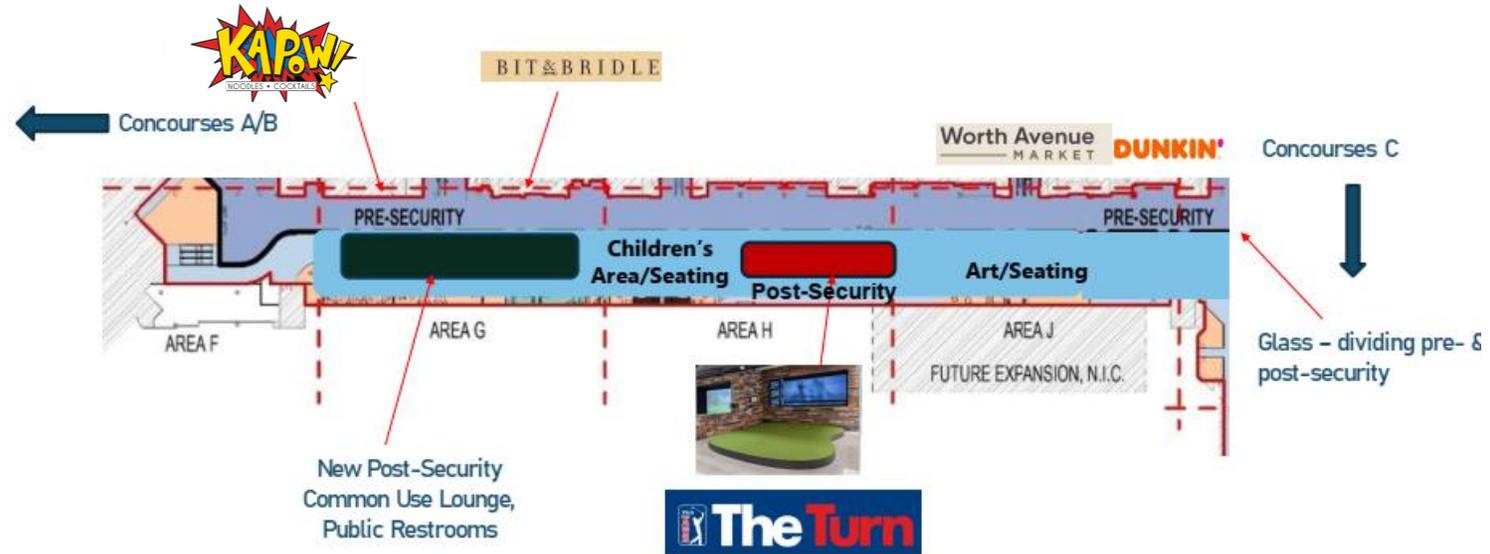
Expanded Concourse



- Additional 56,000 sq. ft.
- Overall Refresh
- Expanded Seating
- Expanded Restrooms
- Elevated Ceiling Heights
- Electrochromic Glass (Key Locations)
- New Restaurant Spaces
- Integrated Nursing Suite
- Two (2) New Passenger Loading Bridges

# Main Terminal Modernization - Post-Security Connector

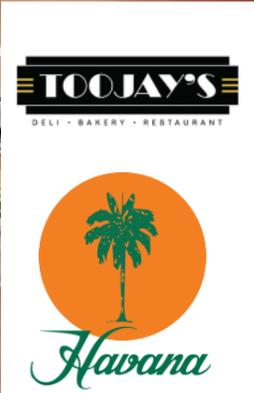
- Connecting Concourses A/B and C through new post-security space
- Replacing the existing skylight
- New terrazzo flooring
- Expanding security checkpoints
- New lounge space & restaurant/entertainment space
- Art Program/Children's Area



# New Restaurants & Shops



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SMOOTHIE

# PBI Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility

## ■ Program Goals

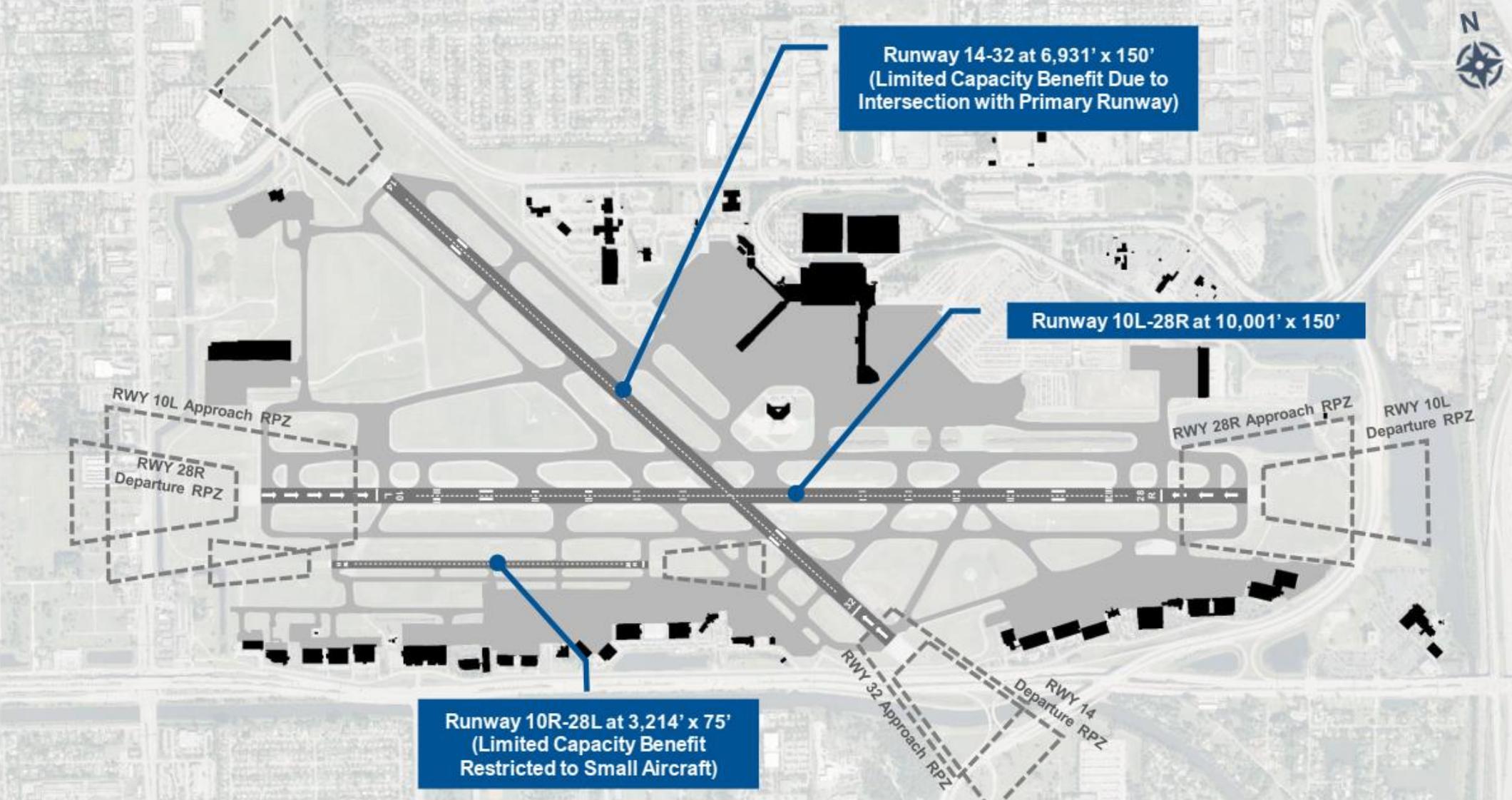
- Consolidating all rental car operations in a single location adjacent to the PBI Terminal Area
- Enabling existing sites to be redeveloped to alternative uses
- Consolidating bus operations (with eventual connection to main terminal)
- Reducing congestion at terminal curbs and emissions
- Improving the passenger experience

## ■ Next Steps

- Establishment of a Customer Facility Charge (CFC)
- Property Acquisition
- Issuance of CFC Bonds
- Design/Development

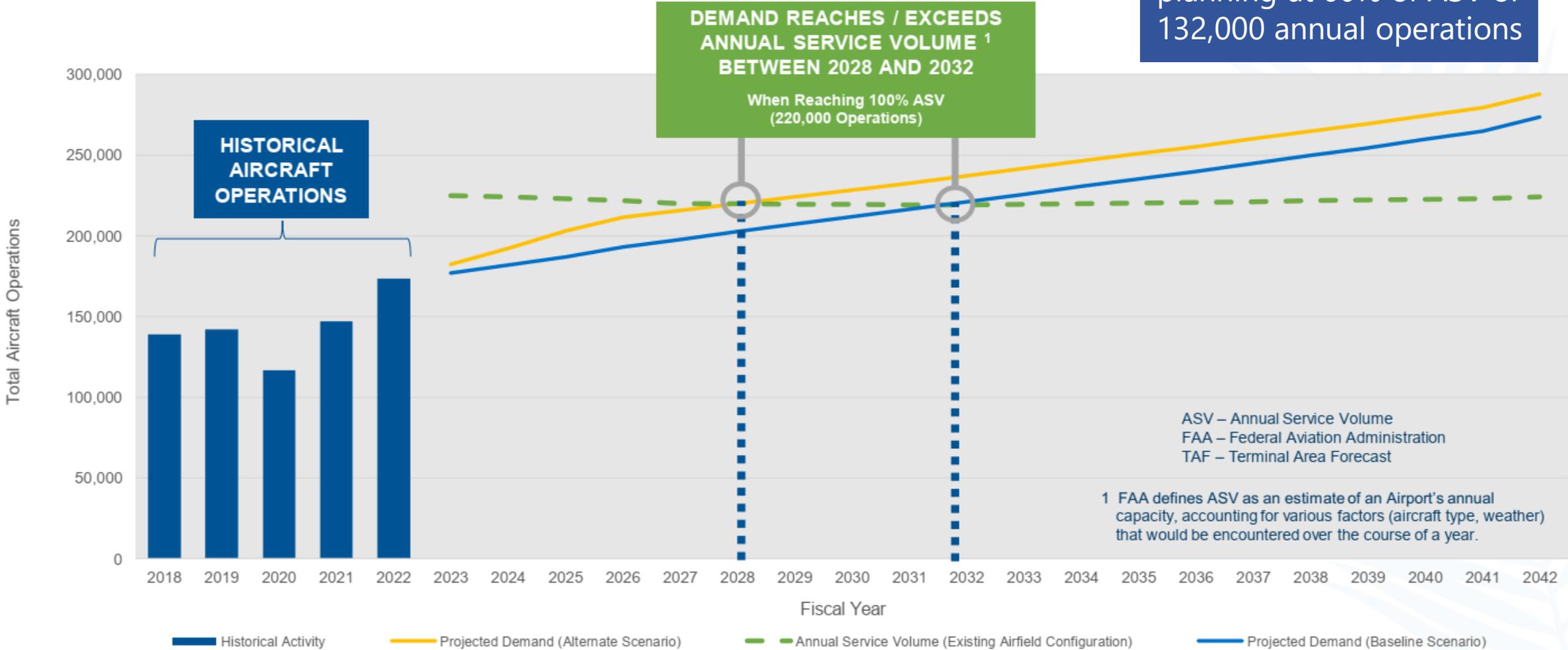


# PBI Existing Airfield Limitations and Constraints



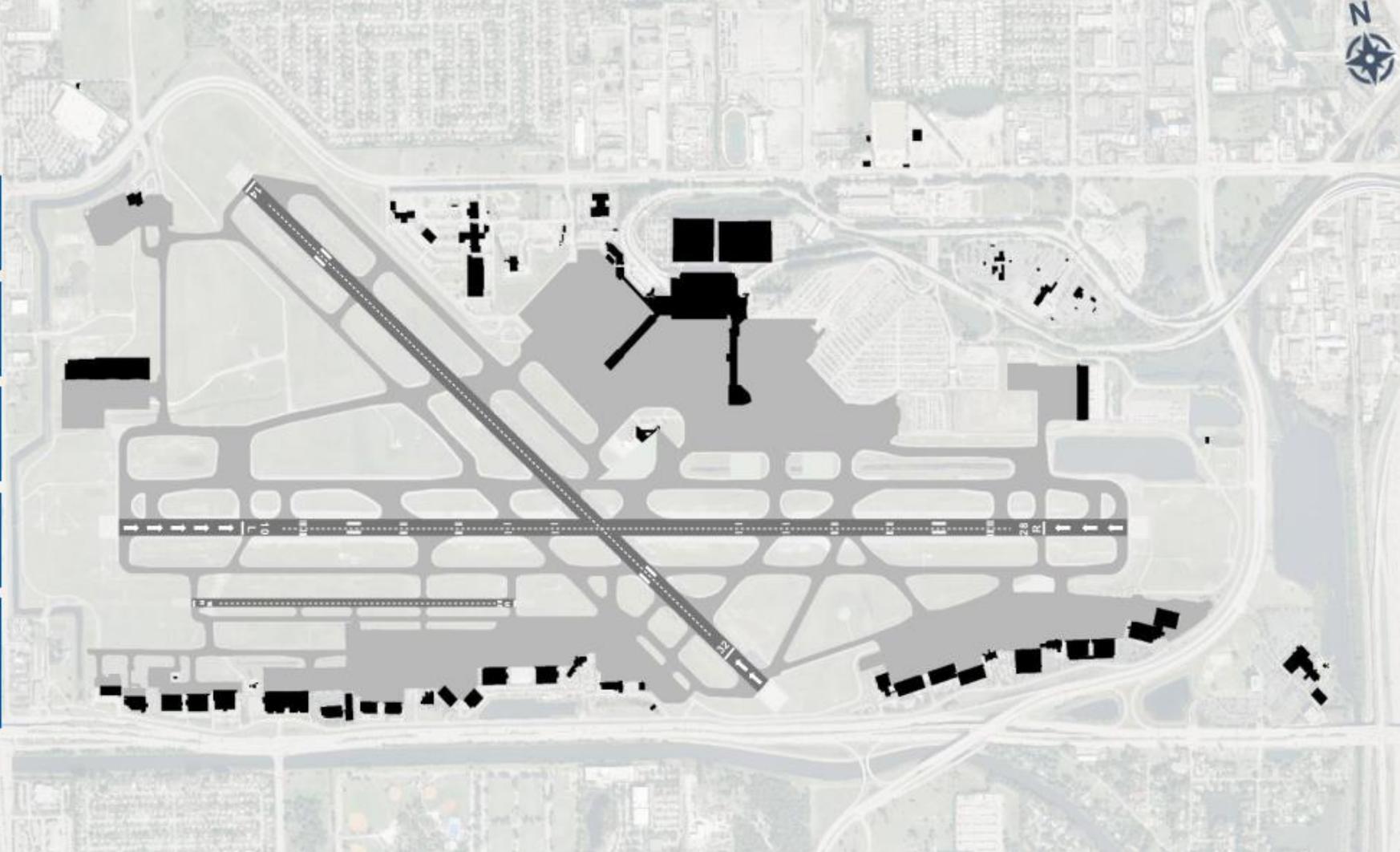
# Current Demand Projections

FAA recommends starting planning at 60% of ASV or 132,000 annual operations

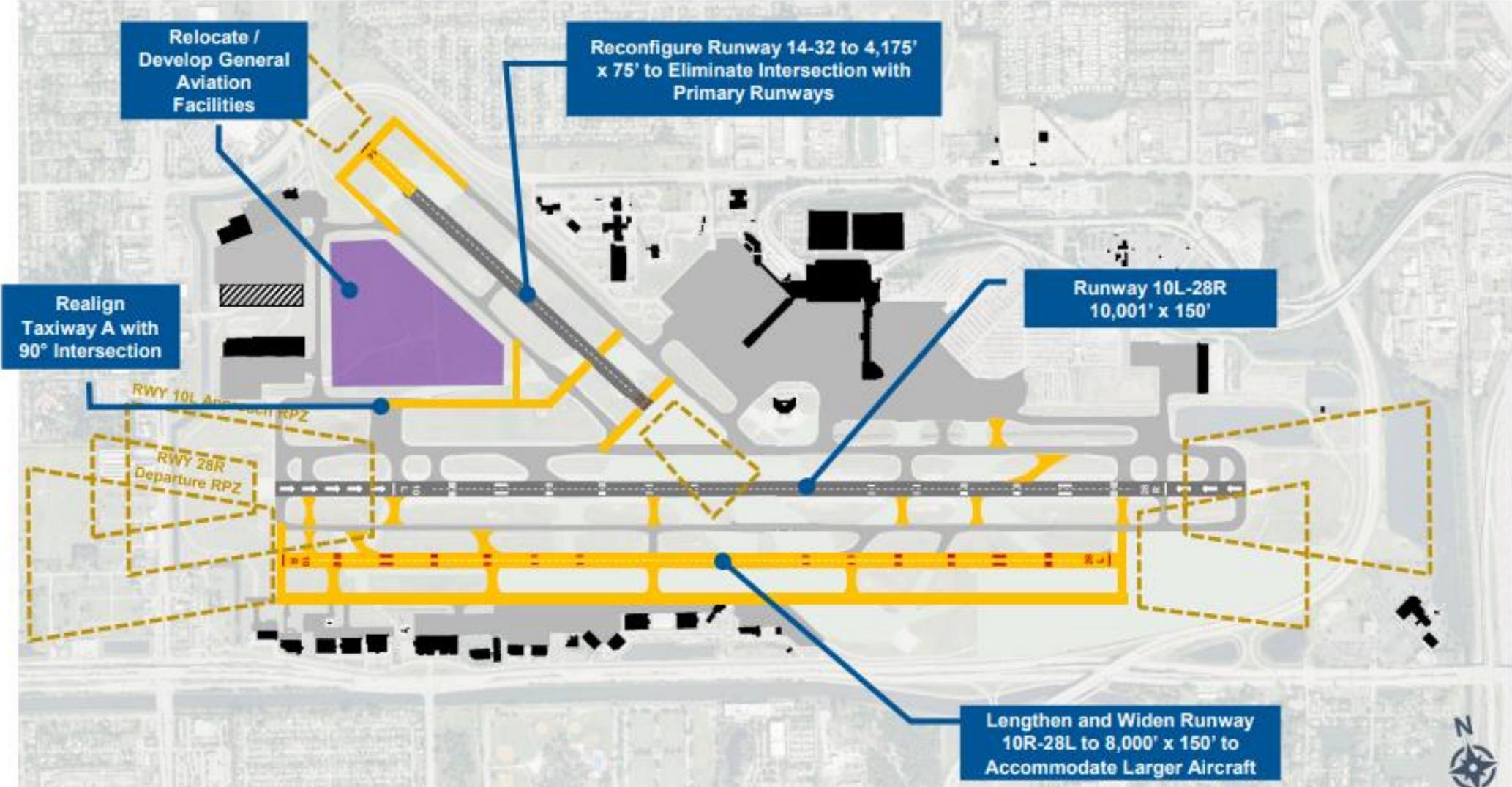


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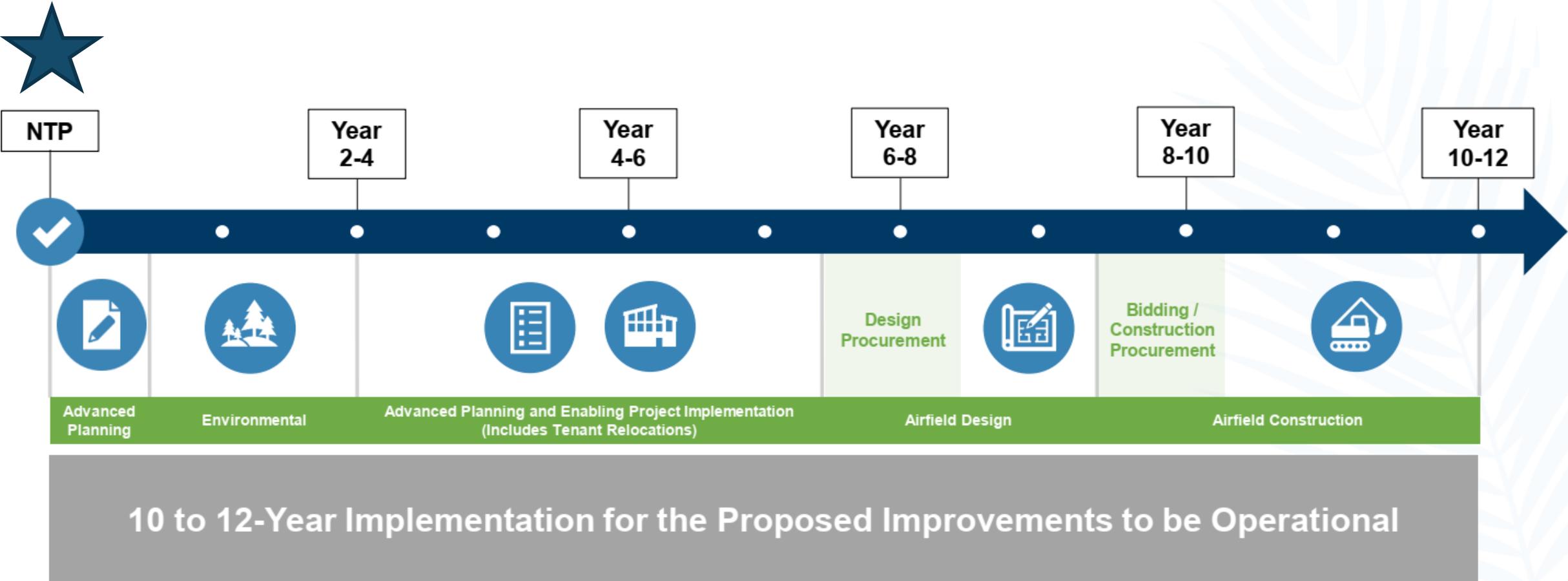
- Increased delays
- Reduced commercial air service
- Economic impacts
- Increased aircraft emissions
- Increased frequency of alternative headings (fanning)



# Preliminary Airfield Improvement Project



# Projected Timeline for Implementation



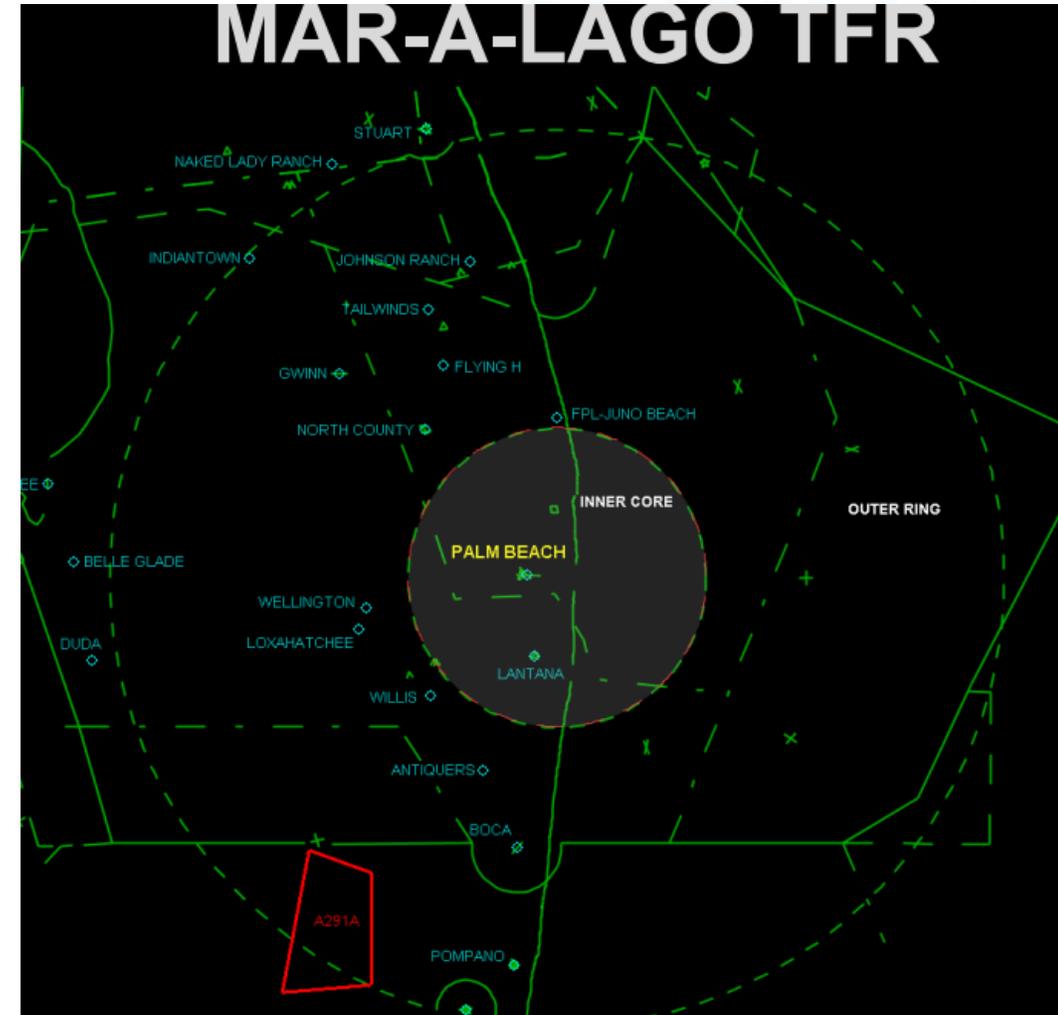
NTP – Notice to Proceed



## Temporary Flight Restrictions

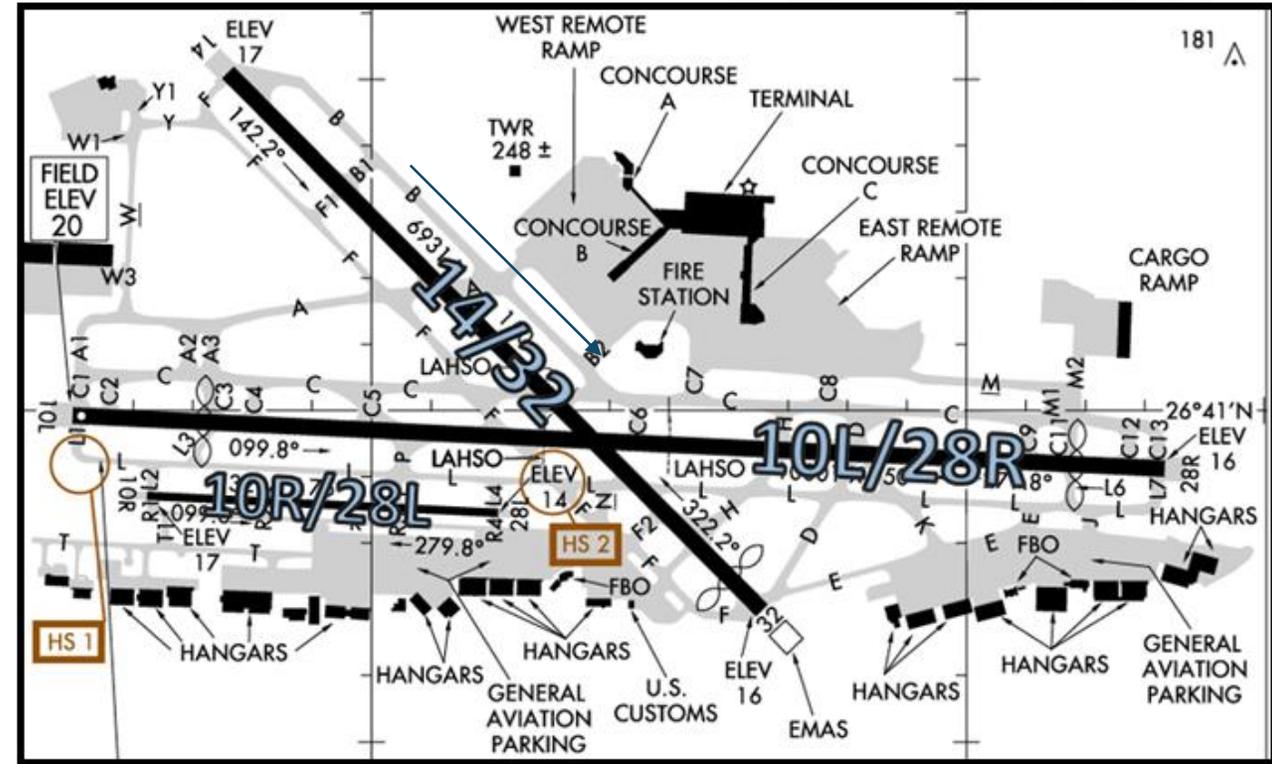
# Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Overview

- Implemented when President is in Palm Beach County
- Restrictions vary by location
  - 10 NM Inner Core
    - All aircraft operations are prohibited, except:
      - ➔ Certain military aircraft
      - ➔ Approved law enforcement, air ambulance & firefighting operations
      - ➔ Regularly scheduled commercial service/cargo
      - ➔ Gateway operations
  - 10 – 30 NM Outer Core
    - Aircraft can arrive/depart airfields in the outer core, subject to certain requirements
    - No loitering permitted – list of restrictions available on PBI website: <https://www.pbia.org/business/temporary-flight-restrictions/>



# What Happens at PBI during a TFR

- Temporary road closures
- Short pause in aircraft operations on arrival/departure
- No direct overflights over Mar-a-Lago
  - Increased use of Runway 14/32
  - Flight paths change for Runway 10L/28R
    - Requires deviation from traditional departure path to the east
    - Aircraft will depart to the north, or south, of Mar-a-Lago
- GA aircraft must depart through a gateway for TSA screening
- Increased GA aircraft arrivals before, and after, the TFR
  - Increased traffic may result in fanning



# Thank you!

