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IMPORTANT NOTICE

September 25, 2026

TO: Oakland/Southwest Airport Users

RE: **Upcoming Project: New Hudson Drain Clean-Out Project and Airport Culvert Replacement**

The New Hudson Drain Clean-Out Project and Airport Culvert Replacement is preparing to begin construction the first week of October and will impact airport operations **beginning October 26, 2026.**

The project requires the airport to be *closed* October 26, 2026 through mid-to late January 2027, weather permitting, to allow construction activities to take place in the safety zones, including heavy construction equipment and cranes. The New Hudson Drain intersects the airport, parallel to the runway/taxiway, from Milford Road to Martindale Road. Additionally, the culvert situated under the north/south taxiway, will be removed and replaced with a box culvert.

- **The Airport is scheduled to reopen mid-to late January 2027** with temporary pavement over the new culvert until asphalt paving can resume in the spring.

- The north/south taxilane between the T-hangar buildings will then be milled and repaved around May 1, 2027, once the asphalt plants reopen for the paving season. Plan for a secondary airport closure at that time for a duration of approximately 7-10 days. A notice will be emailed ahead of the second closure to allow ample time to relocate your aircraft, if needed

- Timing and progress will be updated throughout the project.

- This project will enhance the flow of water in the drain itself, remove many years of brush and debris blocking waterflow, direct stormwater off airport property, and greatly improve the pavement condition of the north/south taxilane.

Aircraft Relocation Options:

To help minimize disruptions during construction, temporary aircraft relocation options are available at the other airports operated by Oakland County. Available T-hangar and tie-down spaces will be provided **at no additional cost** and assigned on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Tenants utilizing tie-down spaces are responsible for providing their own tie-down equipment.

Oakland/Troy Airport (VLL)

- A limited number of 42' × 32', T-hangars are available.
- Tie-down spaces are also available.

Oakland County International Airport (PTK)

- A limited number of 40' × 30' and 42' × 32', T-hangars are available.
- Terminal ramp tie-down space is also available.

How to Request Relocation:

If you anticipate the need to fly your aircraft during the closure period, temporary relocation options are available. Please **contact Michelle Stover no later than Friday, October 16**, to coordinate arrangements. **Requests should be submitted via email to: ocia@oaklandcountymi.gov** *Be sure to include your name, phone number, aircraft type and T-hangar unit number in your email.*

Because relocation space is limited and assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage you to respond as soon as possible. ***All aircraft must be relocated no later than Sunday, October 25. Once construction begins aircraft relocation will no longer be possible.***

We apologize in advance for any disruption to your flight operations. Access to your hangar will be maintained throughout most of the project, although some accommodations may be necessary during certain phases of the work.

Please contact Micah DeMeyer or Airport Administration if you have any questions or concerns and as always, continue to check NOTAM's for the most current information.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work with the Water Resources Commission and Lyon Township to complete these improvements. This project will enhance the safety, functionality, and long-term usability of the airport and improve overall airport conditions.

Sincerely,



Cheryl L. Bush
Director of Aviation