

DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



5 Year Vision
2017 - 2022

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Davenport Municipal Airport serves as the aviation gateway to Eastern Iowa, Davenport, and the greater Quad City area continually seeking to provide quality cargo and visitor facilities for its general aviation and business customers. The airport also recognizes its role as an integral asset in the growth and support of the local and regional economies and pledges to fully cooperate and assist in the economic development of the region.

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STRATEGIC GOALS

The Davenport Municipal Airport has developed the following Vision.

- Continue to maintain and effectively manage and communicate with City Council and City Administration on all issues in its Strategic Plan.
- All decision making is focused on increasing the usefulness and attractiveness of the airport, continued economic development, and job creation.
- Increase the use of the airport for general and business aviation and other community uses (EAA Young Eagles Program, Civil Air Patrol, etc.).
- Develop and maintain consistent funding mechanisms for airport operations and improvements and increase revenues generated by airport operations.
- Continue to upgrade taxiways, runways, hangars (general aviation and business) and other important airport infrastructure.

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Economic Indicators Summary* (August 2012 DOT statistics)

	Direct/Indirect	Induced	Total
Employment			
On – Airport Activity	209	133	342
General Aviation Visitors	36	10	46
Total	245	143	388
Payroll			
On – Airport activity and General Aviation Visitors	\$7,698,800	\$3,787,100	\$11,485,900
Output			
On-Airport Activity and General Aviation visitors	\$12,176,800	\$8,093,700	\$20,270,500

* Davenport is 1 of 15 Enhanced Service Airports in the State of Iowa. Davenport Municipal Airport, compared to 5 like sized airports in Iowa, ranks 1st in three categories and 3rd in the 4th category, clearly establishing it as the number one top economic and revenue generating

Enhanced Service Airport in Iowa. 03 JUN 2011

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AIRPORT HISTORY

Davenport's first airport was Cram Field, located on Division Street near Duck Creek. In 1948, Cram Field was replaced by the Davenport Municipal Airport which was located closer to future interstate access north of the City of Davenport.

Originally, the airport had two sod runways and a terminal building which was constructed to accommodate increasing levels of general aviation and business air traffic. Over the years, commercial air traffic migrated to the Moline Airport (now the Quad City International Airport), while the Davenport terminal building was used less and less. A succession of Fixed Base Operators used the terminal and hangars north of the terminal building during these years.

The airport terminal building, primarily used for infrequent events such as the Quad City Air Show, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Airport Commission, and the Civil Air Patrol meetings, fell into disrepair. Significant changes were required to increase the vitality and viability of the terminal building as well as the airport. This significant change came when Carver Aero, the current Davenport Fixed Base Operator demolished the old terminal building and constructed its new aviation facility.

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Davenport Airport Terminal circa 1949



Private aircraft on the ramp of the Davenport Airport Terminal 1949

Davenport Airport Terminal with control tower

(Quad City Times June 1990)



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March 2010 - the Mayor of the City of Davenport invited the Davenport Airport Commission to present an update on the activities at the Davenport Municipal Airport to the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Director of Finance. At the conclusion of this meeting, the City Council requested that the planned activities of the airport be “fast tracked” to ensure that the economic momentum at and around the airport was not lost and that plans to continue the development of the airport continued.

At this meeting, the new full-time Airport Manager was introduced by the City Council as an indication of the commitment of the City of Davenport to continue to provide focused support for both management and marketing of the airport. Both roles were specified by the Airport Commission as critical to the continued improvement of the Airport as an integral part of the strategic economic development plan for the City.

Two City Council members were assigned by the Mayor to the Airport Commission to keep the City more closely involved in, and supportive of activities to improve the airport. This was proven to be very effective in efforts to improve both communications and decisions in support of the airport.

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Airport Improvements planned, completed or near completion

- * Hiring of a full time Airport Manager – March 2010
- * Demolition of the 60 year old airport terminal building – April 2010
- * Completion of new Carver FBO facility – October 2010
- * Completion of new airport entrance road – October 2010
- * Completion of six new box hangars and taxi lane – April 2011
- * Completion and submission of Airport Layout Plan
- * Completion of all planning / approvals for extension of a rail spur into the Davenport Municipal Airport area – 2010
- * Completion of a complete reconstruction of Runway 3/21 including new LED lighting systems – June 2014
 - * Planning for expansion of utilities to the south side of the current Carver hangars – (access road, electrical and sewer systems to support planning for and construction corporate aviation hangars in the near future)
- * Continuing to market the Davenport Municipal Airport as the “Gateway” to Davenport, Scott County, and the greater Quad Cities area with all Quad Cities economic development groups