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The Honorable Sherry Sullivan, Mayor
City of Fairhope
P.O. Box 429
Fairhope, Alabama 36533

Subject: Annual Inspection Report
H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport

Dear Mayor Sullivan:

An inspection of the H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on March 1, 2023. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report. As noted in the report, the airport **meets** the requirements for the issuance of an operating license. A signed license document will be mailed separately within a few weeks.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jason Hare with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 353-6223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Farmer'.

Frank Farmer
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

Copy: Mr. Rans Black, FAA/ADO
Mr. Derrick Owens, FAA/ADO
Mrs. Jordan Springfellow, Volkert, Inc.
Mr. Dave Friedel, Airport Manager

March 1, 2023



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**



**H.L. “SONNY” CALLAHAN AIRPORT
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA**

Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport was conducted by Mr. Jason Hare and Mr. Bennett Head with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on March 1, 2023.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
Approach & Departure Paths Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Primary Surface Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Runway Safety Area Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Airport Markings Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Some Taxiway markings are poor and need to be remarked. (Page 7)	N/A
Wind Direction Indicator Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Airport Lighting Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Repair lighting noted in the report. (Page 10)	Two threshold lights out on runway 19. Two runway lights out. REIL out on runway 19.
Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Remove and control vegetation from portions of taxiway noted in the report. (Page 12)	N/A
Fueling Area Requirements Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Replace fueling system grounding wire that is missing for the 100-LL fuel tank. (Page 14)	N/A
Prohibited Activities Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Additional Items	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Remove grass that is covering edges of pavement. (Page 16)	N/A

License Status—**COMPLIANCE**

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Approach/Departure Path—RUNWAY 19

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No obstructions located in the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path of Runway 19.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Approach/Departure Path—RUNWAY 1

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No obstructions located in the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path of Runway 1.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



Primary Surface **meets** state licensing standards.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



Runway Safety Area **meets** state licensing standards.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Markings—Runway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Runway markings are in **FAIR** condition. Centerline markings are beginning to fade in certain areas of the runway.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Markings—Taxiway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Taxiway markings are generally in **FAIR** condition. Some taxiway markings are in poor condition.

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Airport Markings—Apron

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Apron markings are in **FAIR** condition.

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Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **GOOD** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

Runway Lights	2 inoperable
Taxiway Lights	0 inoperable
Threshold Lights	2 inoperable
PAPI	0 inoperable
REIL	1 inoperable

MEETS State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Taxiway surface is generally in **FAIR** condition. There are portions of some taxiways in **POOR** condition. Taxiway surface in poor condition is experiencing moderate cracking and vegetation growth.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Apron surface is in **FAIR** condition.

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Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



The fueling area meets the requirements established by the Alabama Department of Transportation. However, the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture may have additional requirements for fueling systems that were not considered during this inspection.

Maintenance Required: Replace fuel grounding wire for the 100-LL fuel system.

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Prohibited Activities

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection.

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Additional Items



Maintenance Required: Remove grass growing over the pavement edges. Edge of pavement should be visible. Grass encroaching on pavement edges can potentially cause standing water leading to damage and deterioration of the pavement.

APPENDIX 1

Approach and Departure Path Dimensions			
Inner Width	Outer Width	Length	Acreage
250 Feet	450 Feet	1,000 Feet	8.04 Acres
Primary Surface Dimensions			
250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			
Runway Safety Area Dimensions			
120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			

