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The Honorable James Heigl, Mayor
City of Sylacauga
301 N Broadway Avenue
Sylacauga, Alabama 35150

Subject: Annual Inspection Report
Sylacauga Municipal Airport

Dear Mayor Heigl:

An inspection of the Sylacauga Municipal Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on May 26, 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 and the operating license is being **issued** with no restrictions. The operation license should be mailed within the next one to three weeks.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bennett Head with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6831.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

Copy: Mr. Rans Black, FAA/ADO
Mr. Lorn Whittaker, FAA/ADO
Mr. Keith Shippey, Barge Design Solutions
Mr. Wade Pruitt, Chairman, Sylacauga Airport Board

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 **Sylacauga Municipal Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Bennett Head** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **May 26, 2023**.

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

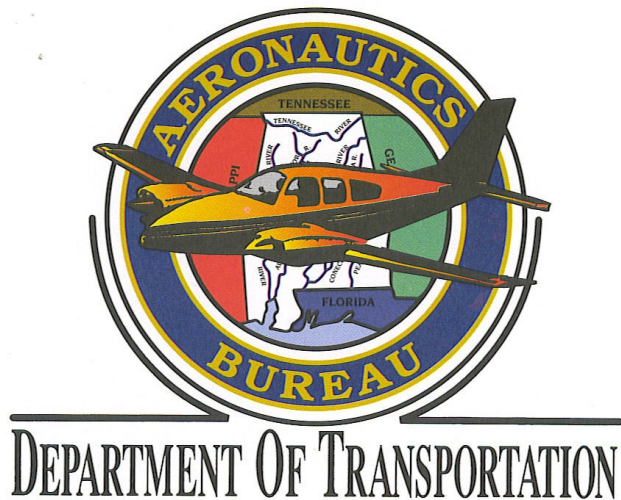
Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
Approach & Departure Paths Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	N/A	One penetration to the FAA Part 77 Surface.
Primary Surface Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>Maintenance</i>	Remove Brush that is starting to encroach into Primary Surface.	Brush/Trees cannot be within 125 feet of either side of the centerline.
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>	N/A	Taxiway Markings are in fair condition. Apron Markings are in fair to poor condition.
Wind Direction Indicator Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Wind Sock should be replaced soon.	Wind sock is in poor condition due to the fabric being faded and torn in several places.
Airport Lighting Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	N/A	One runway light out. One REIL on both Runway ends were inoperable.
Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	Taxiway pavement is in poor condition. Apron pavement is in fair condition.
Fueling Area Requirements Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	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>	Ensure Runway shoulder does not exceed 3 inches. The highest point was found in areas around Runway 9 threshold.	Certain areas along the runway shoulder are starting to reach the 3 inch limit above the ground. This will be a future violation if not mitigated.

*License Status—***IN 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.

May 26, 2023



**SYLACAUGA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA**

Sylacauga Municipal Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 9

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



No obstructions located in the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path of Runway 09. However, one penetration to the FAA Part 77 surface was found and should be noted. Please see Appendix 2 for more information.

Sylacauga Municipal Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 27

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



No obstructions located in the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path of Runway 27.

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Primary Surface

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



Maintenance: The Primary Surface **meets** state licensing standards. However, brush and the pond are continuing to encroach closer to the runway. This area should be monitored closely and measures put in place to prevent further encroachment. The Primary Surface extends out 125 feet from either side of the centerline. This could potentially cause wildlife hazards.

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Runway Safety Area

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



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

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Airport Markings—Runway

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



Runway markings are in **GOOD** condition.

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Airport Markings—Taxiway

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



Taxiway markings are in **FAIR** condition.

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Airport Markings—Apron

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



Apron markings are in **POOR** condition. In certain areas the markings are barely visible on the Apron surface.

May 26, 2023

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Wind Direction Indicator

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



Wind direction indicator is in **POOR** condition. Wind sock is faded and torn with several holes in the fabric. The wind sock should be replaced soon.

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Airport Lighting

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

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

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

MEETS State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

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Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

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



Runway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

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Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

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



Taxiway surface is in **POOR** condition.

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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



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.

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Prohibited Activities

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection.

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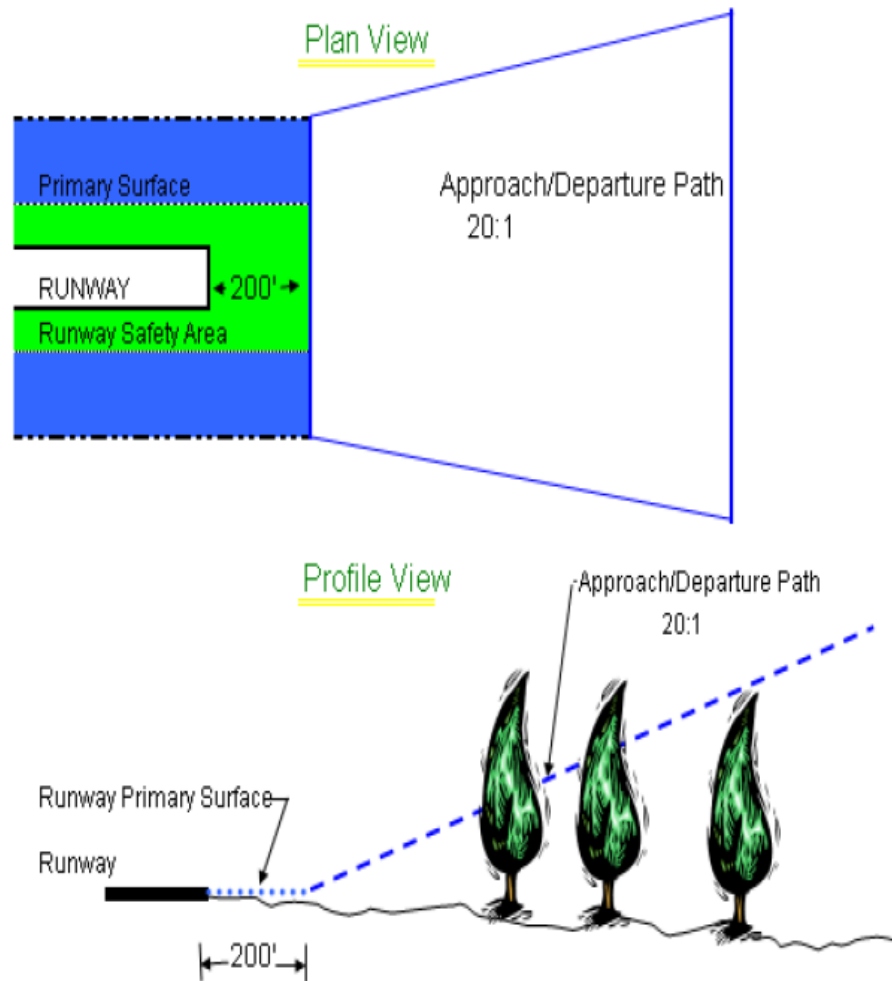
Additional Items



Maintenance Required: The shoulder near the Runway 9 threshold will exceed 3 inches in the near future if corrective actions are not taken. This should be noted as it will become a violation in the future if not addressed.

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			




SYLACAUGA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
SYLACAUGA, AL
MAY 26, 2023
RUNWAY 9 OBSTRUCTION EVALUATION


6. Tree 127' Abv. RWY
1,881' From RWY End
210' Left of CL
13:1 Obst. Clrnc

ALDOT APP/DEP PATH

FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE



 Penetrates FAA Part 77 Surface
But NOT an ALDOT Violation.

 Controlling Obstruction