

02/18/26 Advisory Board Meeting

Attendees

Name	Organization
Micah Risher	Airport Manager
Jeff Lankford	Airport Business Manager
Jane Warrington	Airport Office Manager
Jack Pettit	Airport Advisory Board - President
Rudy Strickland	Airport Advisory Board
Hugh Grunden	Airport Advisory Board
Charlie Daffin	Airport Advisory Board
Pete Griffin	Airport Advisory Board
Lynn Mielke	Talbot County Council Member
Jennifer Lutz	AECOM Airport Consultant
Derek Hollinger	AECOM Airport Consultant
Derek Staubb	AECOM Airport Consultant
Michelle Anstatt	Maryland Air
Tad Woodward	Trident Aviation
Stephen Rueter	MSP Aviation – Trooper 6
Derek Staub	AECOM
Joseph	WGMD News
Christopher Kirby	
Mike Detmer	Congressman Andy Harris' Office

Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Airport Operations Update
3. Community Outreach
4. Business Development
5. Maintenance Department Updates
6. Air Traffic Operations
7. Airport Projects, Modernization Program, & Other Updates
8. Fuel Operations
9. Public Comments



Airport Modernization Program

Construction Package 2 - 2025

- Prime contractor: Reynolds Excavating
- Project is behind schedule; Original completion date was 9/30/25
- Major work items remain:
 - Stream Relocation
 - Final grading
- Anticipating completion in Spring 2026
- Funding is in place; FAA & MAA grants executed

Airport Modernization Program

Construction Package 3

- David A. Bramble, Inc. Will be the prime contractor
- Planning for Construction is underway
- Electrical Infrastructure will be the primary focus (New Vault, Regulators, Duct banks)
- Runway 15/33 Rehab (crack fill, seal coat, paint)
- Funding is in place; FAA & MAA grants executed

Easton Airport



Work Area

Airport Modernization Program

Upcoming Airfield Closures

- Runway 15/33 Closed March 13 until April 3, 2026
- Full Airport Closure April 20 to April 23, 2026
(Back Up Dates April 24 to April 27, 2026)
Ramps will remain open for Helicopter operations
- Runway 4/22 Closed April 28 until May 28, 2026

Airport Modernization Program

Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) 2027 Update

Annual AIP/IIJA Funding

- Projected \$6.7 million in AIP/IIJA funding for FFY2026
- FAA grant funding to cover 95% of costs
- MAA matching funding to cover 2.5% of hard costs
- ESN to fund 2.5% of hard costs and 5% of construction administration
- Funding will be included in Talbot County FY2027 Budget

Congressional Community Project Funding

- Applying for full funding of Construction Package 3
- Approximately \$27 million remains unfunded

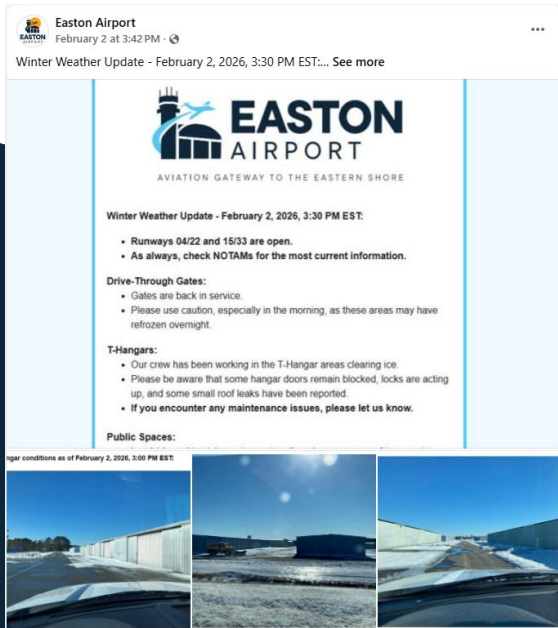
Terminal Building Upgrades

- **Modernization:** Phased upgrades to improve terminal accessibility and amenities.
- **Refreshment Lounge:** Seating, workspace, free Wi-Fi, and self-service refreshments.
- **24/7 Access:** Upcoming airside entry for round-the-clock pilot and passenger amenities.
- **Acknowledgements:** County and Airport-led renovation and special thanks to Rick Potter. Former kitchen space will remain unfinished with options under review.





Community and Business Outreach



Community Engagement, Comms, & Upcoming Events

- Winter Storm Impact Comms Received Positive Reaction.
- Sponsored Aviation Day – Feb 11
- Hosting Rotary Food Distribution Event in the ACE Hangar
- Trades Career Exploration Field Trip & Lunch at ESN in February
- Discover Easton sponsor 2026
 - *Support Fire & Ice, Outdoor Movie Night, and more*



Easton Airport User Survey Summary

Survey Snapshot – 45 Total Responses

- **Respondents included:** Pilots, aircraft owners, tenants, business owners, and general airport users
- **Recent activity:** Most respondents used the airport within the past month
- This feedback represents active users with experience across airport services and facilities.

Easton Airport User Survey

2025

We value your feedback! Your input can help us improve the airport.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions, providing us feedback regarding your experience.

Easton Airport User Survey Summary

What Users Value Most

Respondents rated many core services very highly, reinforcing Easton Airport's reputation for professionalism and safety:

- Air Traffic Control services – 4.78 / 5
- Overall airport safety – 4.73 / 5
- Overall services received – 4.69 / 5
- Airport Operations & Management – 4.62 / 5
- Airport communications & notifications – 4.60 / 5
- Airfield lighting, markings & guidance systems – 4.53 / 5

Easton Airport User Survey Summary

Facilities & Infrastructure

Users provided positive feedback on:

- Runways, taxiways, ramps, and airfield condition
- Airport appearance and general maintenance
- FBO and maintenance services

Feedback also highlighted opportunities to continue improving:

- Terminal amenities, flight planning facilities, and public space enhancements
- Additional maintenance services
- Pilot supplies, convenience, and F&B facilities
 - Survey responses showed strong interest and support for the F&B improvements. Several customers are excited for 24/7 user access, while others express the desire for hot prepared foods with sit-down services akin to the café experience.

Easton Airport User Survey Summary

2024 vs 2025 Comparisons: Opportunities & Future Actions

- Both years highlight requests for amenities, specifically regarding Food & Beverage.
 - Action: Phased renovations of former Café space.
- Cost Sensitivity: Fees and fuel pricing consistently rank lower (above average) than operational scores. (3.6 - 4.0 range)
 - Action: Continue to review fee structures for transparency and competitiveness.

Strategic Roadmap (Informed by both years):

- Informing of “unknown” amenities and reevaluate current offerings (i.e. wash areas, used oils receptacles, after hours services, F&B)
- Enhancing asphalt maintenance and user education.
- Finalizing terminal improvements and F&B solutions.
- Deepening community & tenant engagement.
- Ongoing review and transparency of fee structure.

Projects, Action Items, & 2026 Goals

Customer Relations

- Payment Processing Options – Awaiting news on new machine/process from County Finance
- Key Cards & Driving Training Online – Online model in place, testing successful
 - 2026 training and renewal set to start March 2026
- Noise Abatement Updates – Automation pricing high, exploring in house solutions, 24/7 hotline tie-in

Airport General

- Derelict/Older Aircraft – Working with tenants on older aircraft in hangars now
- Lot Development and Marketing – Market research, terminal advertising updates
- Fuel Farm SOP Updates
- F&B Options at the Terminal
- 24/7 Reporting Hotline

Maintenance Department Update



Chip Kennedy, Maintenance Director

Air Traffic Control Tower Update



Scott Stiefel, Air Traffic Manager

Fuel Operations

Comparison of Jet-A as of Jan 2026 (2026 Budget)				
Company	Jan Last Budget	Total 2026	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet	92110	115454	23344	25.3%
Flight Support Services	184294	198923	14629	7.9%
Trident	80935	66917	-14018	-17.3%
NexGen	92396	160169	67773	73.4%
Airport Jet Total	449735	541463	91728	20.4%
Comparison of Avgas as of Jan 2026 (2026 Budget)				
Company	Jan Last budget	Total 2026	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet Service	12262	11807	-455	-3.7%
Flight Support Services	8879	6296	-2583	-29.1%
Trident	22210	18094	-4116	-18.5%
NexGen	8622	12419	3797	44.0%
Airport Avgas Total	51973	48616	-3357	-6.5%
Combined Fuel Totals	501708	590079	88371	17.6%
10 Year Average	470243	590079	119836	25.48%
<i>The 10 Year Average included total annual gallons from 2015 through 2025. The average was 806,130 annually.</i>				

Public Comment

No Comments Received



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AVIATION GATEWAY TO THE EASTERN SHORE

Thank You!

Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 18 at 9 a.m.