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### **Air Traffic to Shift While Runway Repaired**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio State University Airport will begin a complete rehabilitation of its south runway on June 15, 2009. The runway will be closed for approximately 55 days.

The construction will significantly alter the traffic flow, moving most traffic to the north runway and occasionally to the crosswind runways. As a result, some residents might notice an increase or decrease in air traffic near their homes. The direction of traffic will depend on a variety of safety factors, including the specific location of construction activity, wind direction, and aircraft taxiing to and from the north runway.

“The south runway has not been completely overhauled since it was originally built in the 1940’s,” said Director Doug Hammon. “We have made minor repairs through the years, and poured overlays of asphalt, but we have not dug down to the base for a complete rebuild.” The runway will be the same size as it is today – 5,000 feet.

Lighting improvements will also be made during the summer construction period, including the installation of LED technology in certain lighting systems. The cost of the overall project is approximately \$7 million dollars, of which 95% is paid by the Federal Aviation Administration and 5% is paid by the Airport.

The Air Traffic Control tower will continue to provide full service during the project period. Pilots are encouraged to check the [www.osuairport.org](http://www.osuairport.org), and Flight Services when planning their flights.

This project is part of a multi-year capital improvements plan to improve the runways and taxiways, install new lighting, and add more security fences and gates.

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