

# **Temporary Closure of Runway 10-28 Scheduled at BWI Marshall Airport**

## **No significant affect on flights anticipated**

As part of a multi-year series of airfield improvements, Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) will close one of its primary runways on Sunday night, August 30. Runway 10-28 will be temporarily closed until late fall 2015 in order to complete pavement work, taxiway improvements, and installation of new navigational equipment. As with any major airfield project, scheduled construction dates are subject to change based on weather conditions or other variables. BWI Marshall has worked closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and airlines to coordinate the work.

The construction work is not expected to affect airline operations. Runway 15R-33L, BWI Marshall's other major commercial runway, will remain open and available during the airfield work. During the temporary closure of Runway 10-28, local residents may notice a change in airline flight patterns near BWI Marshall.

The scheduled work that will temporarily close Runway 10-28 is the final major phase of construction associated with the overall BWI Marshall airfield program. Since 2010, BWI Marshall has carried out a number of major airfield construction work, including Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements mandated by the U.S. Congress. RSAs are the surfaces surrounding airport runways that provide important safety margins for arriving and departing aircraft.

The approximately \$350 million overall airfield program includes: runway pavement reconstruction, grading, airfield lighting improvements, taxiway upgrades, installation of new navigational aids, and other associated projects. Funding for the program includes approximately \$230 million in Passenger Facility Charge (PRC) revenues, an anticipated \$95 million in federal funding, and \$25 million from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund..

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