

MEMBER MONDAY

Collier County Airport Authority



OVERVIEW

The Collier County Airport Authority (CCAA) offers “red-carpet” FBO service as a general aviation gateway to Florida’s Paradise Coast. Their airports are also home to flight schools, aircraft maintenance, Civil Air Patrol, a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ), and various manufacturers, with a heavy emphasis on the tourism and agriculture industries.

CCAA is a branch of the local government and is overseen by the Collier County Board of Commissioners. The Authority pursues environmentally compatible projects that will contribute to the safety of its airports and the economy of the community. Security and safety are their preeminent concerns in the management of their airports.

Mission

CCAA's mission is to operate and develop their valuable, publicly-owned airports for the benefit of the citizens and visitors of Collier County.





History

The Collier County Airport Authority was created in 1993 to oversee the development and management of three publicly owned general aviation airports that serve the air transportation needs of residents, businesses, and visitors to Collier County. Since its inception, the Airport Authority has transformed these airports into vibrant public use airports providing a diverse range of services, with each airport offering unique community benefits and opportunities.

The Marco Island Executive Airport provides "red carpet service" for tourists, clients, and residents flying privately into and out of Southwest Florida. The Immokalee Regional Airport is located within miles of Ave Maria University, and is home to the Florida Tradeport. It is a growing airport, strategically located between Miami and Naples in the center of southwest Florida, with two 5,000 foot runways. Everglades Airpark represents "eco-tourism," adjacent to the Everglades National Park, it provides sportsmen and tourists easy access to explore the Everglades.

Combined, these general aviation facilities play an integral role in the economic development and growth of the county.



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- Justin Lobb, Airports Manager, CCAA





On the Horizon

The Collier County Airport Authority is currently in the process of constructing a new, \$9.5 million terminal facility at their Marco Island Executive Airport. The new facility is scheduled to open in mid-2020, and, at over 16,000 square feet, will more than double the size of the existing terminal.

These new facilities are being built to withstand some of the strongest hurricanes,” said CCAA Airports Manager Justin Lobb about the projects planned and underway at MKY. They are also designed to mitigate the effects of flooding. MKY, which has a single, 5,000-foot-long runway, was originally opened as a private airport in 1976.



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