

Airport

Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Description

The Transportation Services Department strives to facilitate safe, convenient and economical operations that support general aviation and business aviation activity. The Airport Division supports the provision of safe, reliable operations and the advancement of the airport to stimulate aviation interest and development opportunities. Transportation Services staff man the operations advisory tower and provide weather and traffic advisories to support airport operations. The Department is charged with ensuring operations are in compliance with federal and state regulations and developing services and facilities that support customer interest. Department personnel oversee building and grounds responsibilities for airport facilities, which includes the airport terminal, hangars, and the airfield of the Danville Regional Airport.

Revenues/Expenditures

ACTUAL			ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues					
Revenue-Use Money/Property	\$171,800	\$196,580	\$185,860	\$196,610	\$10,750
Miscellaneous Revenue	—	\$33,701	—	—	\$0
Recovered Cost	\$4,800	\$4,868	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0
REVENUES TOTAL	\$176,600	\$235,148	\$190,660	\$201,410	\$10,750
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$360,033	\$363,932	\$386,161	\$411,810	\$25,649
Employee Benefits	\$36,671	\$38,924	\$44,513	\$49,880	\$5,367
Purchased Services	\$142,224	\$158,854	\$159,140	\$175,330	\$16,190
Internal Service	\$95,179	\$91,096	\$101,070	\$104,270	\$3,200
Other Operating Expense	\$86,516	\$86,243	\$90,050	\$91,860	\$1,810
Capital Expenses	\$28,135	\$4,989	\$0	\$0	\$0
Labor Expense Cross	\$3,081	\$3,504	\$3,700	\$4,300	\$600
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$751,839	\$747,542	\$784,634	\$837,450	\$52,816
Net Cost to City	\$575,240	\$512,394	\$593,974	\$636,040	—

Personnel

Twenty to thirty percent of the salaries and wages for four airport personnel is applied to the Mass Transit Fund. These personnel assist with building and grounds activities for Mass Transit and aid in the transportation of vehicles to outside repair facilities.

Position Title	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
FTEs				
AIRPORT MAINTEN/SECURTY TCH II	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
AIRPORT MNTNC/SECURITY TCH I	3.74	3.94	0.8	0.6
DIR OF TRANSPORTATION SRVCS	0.5	0.5	0.5	0
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SRVCS	0	0	0	0.5
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTNT	0.43	0.5	0.5	0.5
TRANSPORTATION BLD & GRDS SUPT	0.9	0.75	0.7	0.75
FTEs	7.47	7.19	4	3.85

Amtrak Operations

Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Description

The Transportation Services Department completes monthly ridership reports for Amtrak operations and oversees the security contract of the Amtrak facility at the Crossing at the Dan, including the Amtrak Lobby, all Buildings of the Science Center, Passenger Loading Platforms, the grounds and pedestrian bridge, the Community Market, Pepsi Building, and other facilities at the complex. This provides a uniformed, unarmed security officer for the hours service is provided weekly.

Revenues/Expenditures

	ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$12,125	\$12,228	\$14,040	\$14,040	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$928	\$935	\$1,074	\$1,080	\$6
Purchased Services	\$43,059	\$42,016	\$47,944	\$49,420	\$1,476
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$56,112	\$55,180	\$63,058	\$64,540	\$1,482
Net Cost to City	\$56,112	\$55,180	\$63,058	\$64,540	—

Personnel

All personnel are part-time.

Transportation

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Capital and Special Projects - FY 2026-2030

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECT PLAN						5 YR TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Department / Project						
61934 - Corporate Hangar Taxiway H	\$1,192,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,192,300
61948 - Airport Obstruction Removal	\$73,910	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,910
61988 - South Ramp Site Prep	\$1,475,320	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,475,320
62033 - Stormwater Erosion Mitigation	\$994,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$994,430
62034 - Runway 2-20 LED Lighting Installation	\$149,640	\$0	\$1,445,150	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,790
62035 - Airport Terminal Generator	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
62036 - Re-mark Runway 2-20	\$118,540	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,540
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TOTAL	\$4,004,140	\$250,000	\$1,445,150	\$0	\$0	\$5,699,290
DEPARTMENT / PROJECT TOTAL	\$4,004,140	\$250,000	\$1,445,150	\$0	\$0	\$5,699,290

Funding Sources - FY 2026

	CURRENT REVENUES	FUND BALANCE	DEBT FINANCING	GRANTS/CIA	OTHER	TOTAL
Department / Project						
61934 - Corporate Hangar Taxiway H	-	-	\$299,230	\$893,070	\$0	\$1,192,300
61948 - Airport Obstruction Removal	\$0	-	\$14,780	\$59,130	\$0	\$73,910
61988 - South Ramp Site Prep	-	-	\$295,070	\$1,180,250	\$0	\$1,475,320
62033 - Stormwater Erosion Mitigation	-	-	\$198,890	\$795,540	\$0	\$994,430
62034 - Runway 2-20 LED Lighting Installation	-	-	\$3,000	\$146,640	\$0	\$149,640
62036 - Re-mark Runway 2-20	-	-	\$23,710	\$94,830	\$0	\$118,540
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TOTAL	\$0	-	\$834,680	\$3,169,460	\$0	\$4,004,140
DEPARTMENT / PROJECT TOTAL	\$0	-	\$834,680	\$3,169,460	\$0	\$4,004,140

Corporate Hangar Taxiway H

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Corporate Hangar Taxiway H
Project Number: 61934

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: Existing Capital Project
Capital Priority: Strategically Important

Estimated Start Date: 05/01/2026
Estimated Completion Date: 12/31/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 0

Total Project Cost: \$1,192,300

Description:

Bipartisan Infrastructure funding would provide 90% funding to cover the cost of constructing a 10,000 square foot hangar that would be built in the t-hangar building area that could be used for business aviation purposes. During FY25 the Virginia Department of Aviation provided site prep construction funding to support this project that also involves the development of a 39-space parking lot. In addition, funding is requested in the amount of \$200,000 to bring utility connections to the planned 10,000 square foot hangar. The cost for utilities is not eligible for federal or state funding.

Project Progress/Status:

Site prep construction work for the corporate hangar and parking lot began during the fall of 2024 and is expected to be completed by June 2025. The project cannot be finished until early summer since the asphalt plant closed for the winter and paving is required to finish the parking lot area and complete the aircraft parking area that will be located adjacent to where the hangars will be constructed.

Operating Budget Impact:

The operating budget for the hangar will be minimal since all utility charges will be paid by tenants. Hangar door repairs could be required that would cost approximately \$5000 to \$10,000 every 5 years on average.

Return on Investment:

The estimated local cost to construct the hangar is approximately \$92,000 and it anticipated that the monthly rental fee will be \$2500 per month due to available federal funding. Therefore, revenue to finance the local cost for the project should be realized within 5 years dependent upon business aviation interest to lease the hangar.

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

The public benefit for this project is related to increasing the probability of improving workforce opportunities in the aerospace industry.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS					TOTAL	
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$299,230	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$299,230
Federal Grants	\$893,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$893,070
REVENUES TOTAL	\$1,192,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,192,300

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

During FY25 planned site prep construction work activities began and will be completed to support hangar construction up to 39,000 square feet. During FY26, a Bipartisan Infrastructure grant application will be submitted after a bid is advertised to construct a hangar up to 10,000 square feet. The size of the hangar will be dependent upon federal funding allocations and the bid price received for an 80' x 80' hangar that will be bid during FY25 and that will also use Bipartisan Infrastructure funds.

Airport Obstruction Removal

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Airport Obstruction Removal
Project Number: 61948

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: Existing Capital Project
Capital Priority: Critical

Estimated Start Date: 11/30/2025
Estimated Completion Date: 03/31/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 0

Total Project Cost: \$388,000

Description:

Based on survey data collected from an aerial obstruction survey related to the RWY 31 approach surfaces, a total of 253 trees were identified that penetrate approach surfaces involving approximately 57 acres. The Danville Regional Airport is requesting state grant assistance to assist with mitigating these obstructions.

Project Progress/Status:

During FY25 an engineering analysis was completed that determined tree obstructions exist in a large area adjacent to a runway that is located on the northeast side of the airfield. Funding is requested to clear or top trees to remove the obstruction so the navigational aid system for this runway can be utilized. The project was delayed due to environmental concerns regarding the long-eared bat and subsequent habitat analysis. This project must be completed during the months of mid- November through April as a result of the analysis.

Operating Budget Impact:

No operating funds are anticipated for this project. In future years, additional survey analysis will be completed to determine if obstructions exist. If so, then state aviation capital funds will be pursued to remove the obstructions.

Return on Investment:

There is no return on investment for this project.

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

The public benefit for this project is primarily oriented to pilots attempting to access the Danville Regional Airport since the existing navigation aid system previously available to access the airport's crosswind runway in poor weather conditions have been terminated due to the tree obstructions that exist.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS						TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$14,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,780
State Grants	\$59,130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,130
REVENUES TOTAL	\$73,910	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,910

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

During FY25 information was submitted to the state regarding the planned tree obstruction removal project. Due to ecological conditions associated with the project the state informed the airport that trees cannot be impacted during the spring, summer and early fall. Also, this fiscal year the project will be advertised for and during FY26 a grant application will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Aviation to complete tree topping and removal activities. Due to the restricted timeframe and the scope for the project, the work must begin by November 2025 and be completed by February 2026.

South Ramp Site Prep

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: South Ramp Site Prep
Project Number: 61988

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: Existing Capital Project
Capital Priority: Beneficial

Estimated Start Date: 09/01/2025
Estimated Completion Date: 05/30/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 0

Total Project Cost: \$1,475,320

Description:

This grant request is associated with completing site prep construction work adjacent to the south ramp for the future construction of a 10,000 square foot hangar. In addition, a 30-space parking lot and service road would be constructed to support possible business aviation activity. Danville Regional's south ramp was rehabilitated during FY24, and during FY25 a state grant was approved to complete engineering services for site prep construction.

Project Progress/Status:

During FY24 a state grant was approved to complete engineering services for site prep construction. During FY25 engineering services will be completed and the project will be advertised for bid. State grant funding will be pursued for FY26 to subsidize the project cost.

Operating Budget Impact:

None

Return on Investment:

Once the site prep work is completed and a hangar constructed adjacent to the south ramp the anticipated return on investment will be realized through lease fees and potential tax revenue realized. It is uncertain how long it will take for a return on investment.

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

Site prep construction adjacent to the south ramp is required to support business aviation development at the airport. This project will also include development of a service road and 30-space parking lot to support aerospace business development opportunities. The public benefit will be realized through potential workforce development and improved tax base.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS					TOTAL	
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$295,070	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$295,070
State Grants	\$1,180,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,180,250
REVENUES TOTAL	\$1,475,320	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,475,320

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

During FY24 a state grant was approved to complete engineering services for site prep construction. During FY25 engineering services will be completed and the project will be advertised for bid. State grant funding will be pursued for FY26 to subsidize the project cost. If grant funding is approved site prep construction work would be completed during the summer of 2026. Hangar development could occur during FY27.

Stormwater Erosion Mitigation

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Stormwater Erosion Mitigation
Project Number: 62033

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: New Capital Project
Capital Priority: Critical

Estimated Start Date: 09/01/2025
Estimated Completion Date: 04/30/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 0

Total Project Cost: \$994,430

Description:

Funding is requested to match a state grant request to mitigate erosion in an area located on the south side of the field due to deficiencies associated with a stormwater detention basin.

Project Progress/Status:

During FY25 airport maintenance staff have cleared brush in the surrounding area where the erosion has developed but cannot safely remove a significant portion of the brush and trees due to safety issues. Input was received from Mike Huggins of Public Works Engineering regarding the scope of the project, which was shared with the airport's engineering firm. This firm has developed a scope of work to complete engineering services to mitigate the erosion and a grant application was submitted to the Virginia Department of Aviation for design services. It is possible the state will approve a grant to complete engineering services to mitigate the erosion in February 2025.

Operating Budget Impact:

If a state grant is not approved to complete piping work and rehabilitate the stormwater detention basis that is contributing to the erosion situation airport staff and possibly contractors will need to remove the trees and brush, which could be very expensive over time.

Return on Investment:

none

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

If the brush and trees located adjacent to the parallel taxiway that supports the primary runway cannot be removed quickly through a state grant funded project to correct the erosion situation then the area will serve as a wildlife habitat. Deer, wild turkey and coyote could potentially run across the taxiway and runway causing operational and safety issues for pilots.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS						TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$198,890	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198,890
State Grants	\$795,540	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$795,540
REVENUES TOTAL	\$994,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$994,430

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

This fiscal year a grant application was submitted to the Virginia Department of Aviation to complete design services to mitigate existing erosion conditions. It is possible the state will approve a capital grant application to complete engineering services to mitigate the erosion in February 2025. If the grant is approved then the airport engineering firm will complete plans and bid specifications to rehabilitate the stormwater detention basin and eliminate the erosion. Grant funding could be received in August 2025 to complete this work and if so the project would be completed during FY26.

Runway 2-20 LED Lighting Installation

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Runway 2-20 LED Lighting Installation
(Design)

Project Number: 62034

Department: Transportation

Division: Airport

Classification: New Capital Project
Capital Priority: Beneficial

Estimated Start Date: 09/01/2025
Estimated Completion Date: 05/31/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 0

Total Project Cost: \$149,640

Description:

Funding is requested to complete engineering services to replace runway edge lighting for the airport's primary runway.

Project Progress/Status:

During a recent meeting with the FAA and the Virginia Department of Aviation the FAA indicated that the airport could potentially receive federal funding for design services to replace existing runway edge lighting located along the primary runway.

Operating Budget Impact:

Due to the installation of planned LED lighting, the cost to replace runway edge bulbs will be reduced and fewer repairs will be required to the electrical components that support the runway lighting system.

Return on Investment:

none

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

The primary benefit of this project is to improve the reliability of the edge lights for the primary runway. Current conditions have caused the runway lights to be out for several days at a time due to their age and the difficulty associated with finding parts to complete repairs. By completing this project, access to the field by the public will be improved and safety concerns due to unreliable lighting will be reduced.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

	CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS					TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Federal Grants	\$134,670	\$0	\$1,300,640	\$0	\$0	\$1,435,310
State Grants	\$11,970	\$0	\$115,610	\$0	\$0	\$127,580
To Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$28,900	\$0	\$0	\$28,900
REVENUES TOTAL	\$149,640	\$0	\$1,445,150	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,790

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

During FY25 a grant application will be submitted to the FAA to complete engineering services to replace the lighting system for the primary runway. If approved, engineering services would be completed during FY26 and the FAA indicated that funding could be available to complete the project during FY28.

Airport Terminal Generator

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Airport Terminal Generator
Project Number: 62035

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: New Capital Project
Capital Priority: Beneficial

Estimated Start Date: 08/01/2026
Estimated Completion Date: 05/31/2027

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score: 4

Total Project Cost: \$250,000

Description:

Funding is requested to install a generator to support the terminal building. This will allow the FBO and the airport administrative office to continue business activities during extended power outages.

Project Progress/Status:

During FY25 cost estimates were obtained to install a generator for the terminal building. In addition, the airport requested the Virginia Department of Aviation to confirm whether state funding was eligible for the project. The state has confirmed the project is not eligible for state funding. If the local funding is approved for this project the airport would go out to bid to install a generator during FY26 and it is anticipated the project could be completed during FY26.

Operating Budget Impact:

The operating budget for this project would be based on inspection charges and fuel supply needed to support the generator.

Return on Investment:

None

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

The public benefit for this project is related to maintaining normal business operations at the airport by the FBO and the airport administrative office.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS						TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
To Be Determined	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
REVENUES TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

During FY25 cost estimates were obtained to install a generator for the terminal building. In addition, the airport requested the Virginia Department of Aviation to confirm whether state funding was eligible for the project. The state has confirmed the project is not eligible for state funding. If the local funding is approved for this project the airport would go out to bid to install a generator during FY26 and it is anticipated the project could be completed during FY26.

Re-mark Runway 2-20

FY 2026 Five-Year Capital & Special Projects Plan

Project Name: Re-mark Runway 2-20
Project Number: 62036

Department: Transportation
Division: Airport

Classification: New Capital Project
Capital Priority: Beneficial / Important

Estimated Start Date: 08/01/2025
Estimated Completion Date: 05/31/2026

Comprehensive Plan Alignment Score:

Total Project Cost: \$118,536

Description:

Funding is requested to paint the markings located on the primary runway.

Project Progress/Status:

During FY25 a cost estimate was received from a contractor to paint the markings for the primary runway.

Operating Budget Impact:

None

Return on Investment:

None

Public Benefit/Community Impact:

The primary benefit of this project is improved safety conditions for pilots attempting to access the primary runway.

Comments:

Funding Sources:

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS						TOTAL
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Revenues						
Bonds	\$23,710	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,710
State Grants	\$94,830	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94,830
REVENUES TOTAL	\$118,540	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,540

Planned Activities by Fiscal Year:

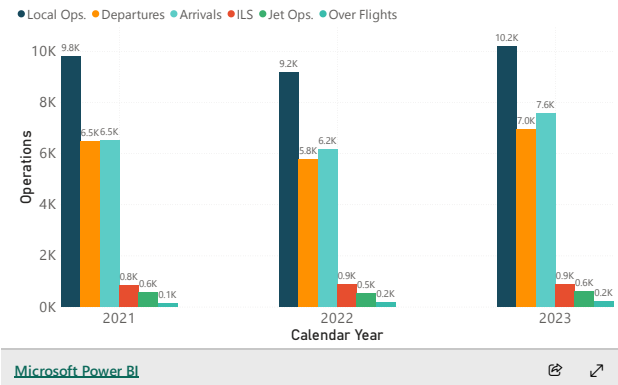
During FY25 a cost estimate was received to remark the primary runway. Planned activities for this fiscal year include bidding the project out in May and submitting a grant application to the Virginia Department of Aviation. If approved the project would be completed during the fall of 2026.

Performance Metrics

Transportation

Total Operations

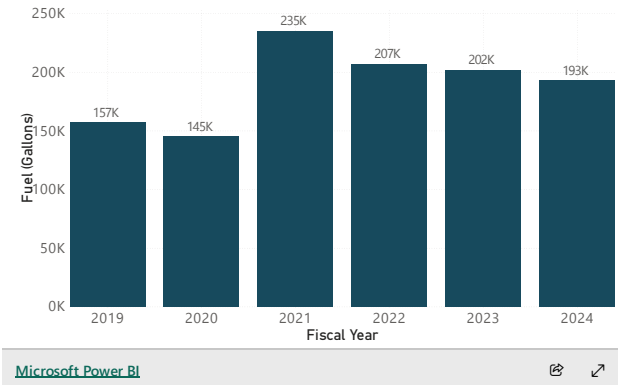
Economy - Strengthen the Redevelopment Process



Flight operations is another performance indicator that depicts activity at Danville Regional. Like fuel sales, this metric is greatly influenced by multiple factors including flight instruction activity completed through Averett University's aeronautics program, business aviation operations and special events like major races held at the Virginia International Raceway that attract multiple jet aircraft operators to access the airport. Flight operations have increased marginally due to increased flight training activities. The target for this metric for FY26 is 30,000 total operations due to the opening of the Caesars Casino resort, which hopefully will generate additional flight operations.

Total Fuel Sold

Economy - Strengthen the Redevelopment Process



Fuel sales reflect the level of operational activity related to local and transient flights completed at Danville Regional including jet and single engine piston aircraft. Multiple factors can influence this metric including the number of corporate based aircraft and jet aircraft operations. The airport strives to increase operational activity through efforts to develop hangars that could support private and business aviation activities. Fuel sales have decreased in recent years due in part to reduced jet operations related to the Virginia International Raceway. The target for fuel sales for FY26 is 220,000 gallons.