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## Midlothian, Texas

### Mid-Way Goes All the Way with Airport Expansion



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**W**hen you fly into Mid-Way Regional Airport, you will experience first class service at one of the friendliest airports in the region. They offer an array of amenities found only at larger airports, but without the congestion and hassle.

Opening in 1992, Mid-Way Regional Airport is a 243-acre general aviation airport that is located 30 minutes south of downtown Dallas and 35 minutes southeast of downtown Fort Worth on U. S. Hwy. 287, between Midlothian and Waxahachie. The airport started out as a joint municipal airport and has evolved into an attractive corporate aviation facility. In a little over a decade, the airport has grown from 19 based aircraft in 1998 to over 100 aircraft presently.

Mid-Way currently owns and leases about 60 aircraft storage hangers. These include T-hangers, box hangers, and large box hangers. The hanger units have various amenities and features. A variety of improvements have been made over the years by previous tenants, which include drywall and painted floors. There is a waiting list and hanger storage is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The airport offers AVFuel at one of the best prices in North Texas. There is also a convenient 100LL Self-Serve fuel pump available at a discounted price. The full service FBO offers maintenance, repair, rental, sales, servicing, flight planning, computerized weather, UNICOM, RCO and AWOS.

The airport is home to a number of aviation related companies and services. Airborne Imaging with seven airplanes including DC3's was among the first to locate their corporate hanger in Mid-Way Regional Airport. Other companies doing business at the airport are Contract Painters Corporation (CPC), Southern Star Aviation, Wheels-Up Aviation Services, Midway Aircraft Maintenance, Anglair Aviation, Tail Wheel Instruction, A-One Aircraft Paint, Arrae, Inc., and We Fly Ads.

## Airport Expansion

The airport expansion, which has been in the planning and development stages since 2002, began construction on December 15, 2009. The need was identified by the Airport Master Plan Study conducted in 2001, and funding was approved through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, with a 95% grant covering project costs of almost \$9 million.

The project will expand the existing runway from 5,000 feet x 75 feet to a new total dimension of 6,500 feet x 100 feet. The parallel taxiway will also be lengthened to match. All the airport lighting and electrical systems will be replaced, including runway lights and beacon, and a new instrument approach system. The new instrument system will improve the approach visibility to 200 ft. In addition to the expansion and electrical

improvements, all of the pavement at the airport will get a fresh overlay, increasing its weight bearing capacity to support an expanding role. The primary contractor on the project is Austin Bridge and Road.



The expansion was divided into five phases. Phases one through three are completed with phase four now underway. This phase includes the surface overlay and widening of one third of each end of the runway at a time. The final and fifth phase will be the new surface overlay and the widening of the center one third of the runway which will temporarily close the airport for approximately 45 days.

The Midway Regional Airport Terminal Building, originally constructed in 1993, will be undergoing a two-year renovation and expansion at the same time. The terminal is the building that greets travelers, and provides the space where local airport businesses are housed.

The project will add badly needed pilot spaces, public areas, meeting rooms, and add some community spaces such as a viewing pavilion and small restaurant. Additionally, the unfinished second story of the terminal building will be completed, doubling the building's useful office space from 4,000 to 8,000 square ft. The Terminal Building renovation project is being funded by a 50% state grant.

The timeline for completion of the entire project is anticipated to be one year. Once completed, Midway Regional Airport will be better able to support local industry, and will compete directly with inner city airports for business and leisure travelers whose aircraft require greater runway lengths to arrive from and travel to more distant destinations.

Mid-Way will become an excellent location for an aviation related industrial complex, manufacturing, subassembly facility or air cargo operation looking for a cost-effective airport that is centrally located within the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

This project is a major milestone in an overall 20-year development plan, which stands to place the cities of Midlothian and Waxahachie in the top tier of communities in terms of economic development potential, based on service and transportation infrastructure. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2011, just in time for Super Bowl XLV traffic.

### Beyond Mid-Way Regional

The City of Midlothian is a progressive pro-business community that recognizes quality conscience corporations, whether it's an aviation related manufacturer, distribution center, or a corporate headquarters. Some of Midlothian's competitive advantages include: Freeport tax exemptions, low tax rates, progressive tax abatements and economic development incentives. Abatements and incentives are also available from Ellis County and the State of Texas. Midlothian's leaders constantly strive to maintain the pro-business mind-set its corporate citizens have come to expect.

Midlothian's other advantages include a quality workforce of over 500,000 from Ellis and Johnson Counties, and southern Tarrant and Dallas Counties. A significant amount of the labor pool within the DFW Metroplex already has experience in the



aviation industry. Large companies like Bell Helicopter, Lockheed Martin, AMR, and Southwest Airlines have already discovered an aviation-savvy workforce.

Higher education and training for employees is available at the Midlothian Campus of Navarro College and Texas A&M-Commerce. Customized training that focuses on the specific job skills of the aviation industry can be created through partnerships with Navarro College and the North Central Texas Workforce Board so employees can be close to the job and training.

Corporate citizens and their employees enjoy a range of options because of Midlothian's quality of place. The City of Midlothian has a small town feel with a low crime rate, excellent schools and family friendly neighborhoods; yet, Midlothian is just a short drive from a multitude of services and opportunities along with endless recreation and entertainment in the DFW Metroplex. Midlothian has the best of both worlds – quiet, county living with access to all the amenities of the Metroplex. 🏡



Mid-Way Regional Airport offers two events each June that provide tons of family fun.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In is held the first Saturday in June. Breakfast is served for a nominal fee. The family fun includes a static display of classic airplanes, classic cars from Midlothian Classic Wheels, remote control model airplanes and helicopters, live music from the Classic Swing Band, as well as plane fired and other attractions.

The DFW Summer Balloon Classic and Airster also occurs in June. This aviation extravaganza features magnificent hot air balloons with beautiful mass ascensions, balloon competitions, and beautiful balloon glows at sunset. During the day, the festival features a static display of airplanes, helicopters, and military aircraft, as well as demonstrations by gliders, skydivers, powered parachutes, RC aircraft and more. Balloon and airplane flights are available to the public.

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