Airport Master Plan
On November 5th, a Public Workshop was held with information presented on the Master Plan process; aircraft, operations and passenger forecasting; and an assessment of our existing facilities and capacity. Recommendations and opportunities for future development were profiled. As the planning process continues, public input is considered as future plans are developed. With over $1 billion economic impact generated by PIE’s runway related activities, future airport development is vitally important to Pinellas County. To provide input, visit www.piemasterplan.com.

DIRECTOR’S HIGHLIGHTS
Tis the season! We are looking forward to another busy, record breaking holiday season at PIE and are very happy to announce that a major portion of our renovated Gates 7-11 are now open! Adding 12,000 square feet to Gates 7-11 opened up much needed holdroom space with added amenities for our passengers that include new cellphone charging stations, comfortable seating, a kids play room, and new, beautiful restroom facilities. Later this year, we intend to open up new food/beverage and news/gifts concession space to accommodate the upcoming award of a new master concessionaire.

PIE is in the midst of a new Airport Master Plan that will help develop our capital improvement program for the next 5, 10, and 20 years. The process includes assessing our current facilities, developing future aircraft and passenger forecast analysis, identifying potential environmental impacts, and evaluating ways to improve landside and terminal facilities. It is a collaborative effort that requires input from all our partners. On November 5th, the third Airport Master Plan Open House was held to provide information to the public and business community about the plan development as well as to solicit feedback. We encourage you to add to the discussion by visiting www.piemasterplan.com for more info and to share your input about PIE and its future.

Given all the ongoing construction in and around the airport, we continue to alert our passengers of roadway construction and impacts to parking. During construction our parking has been temporarily reduced. Therefore, we are making every effort to get this information out to passengers and customers. As a result, we are encouraging travelers to please consider getting dropped off or picked up at PIE.

I am very proud to welcome our new ultra low-cost Canadian carrier, Flair Airlines, with non-stop service to/from Winnipeg that launches service on December 15th. We are extremely excited to be adding another non-stop destination to the great country of Canada!

On behalf of Team PIE, we are truly thankful to have such great partners and customers, and wish everyone happy holidays!

Onward and upward...
Your Airport Director, Tom Jewsbury

Allegiant surprised passengers on a PIE flight to Nashville with a full refund in celebration of serving 40 million in passengers in Florida! PIE served free breakfast as part of the celebration event.
PIE has a number of projects underway to accommodate the rapid growth we are experiencing. We will do our best to minimize the impacts as we look forward to making improvements for our customers.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

New Airport Maintenance Facility
PIE will soon begin construction on a $2.7 million Airport Maintenance Facility. This 10,500 square foot building will provide maintenance personnel a new facility for operations and storage of equipment adjacent to the terminal and airfield.

Ticketing A Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS)
A new $12.5 million Checked Baggage Inspection System is being installed in the Ticketing "A" area. This system will allow the Transportation Security Administration to screen checked baggage at a much higher rate than the current system.

Customs and Border Protection Facility Improvements
This $6.2 million project will bring the existing Federal Inspections Services facility up to the current design standards. Construction of this project will begin in the fall of 2018.

Airport Security System Improvements
This $2.9 million project will modernize the existing security system. Construction of this project will begin in the fall of 2018.

Airport Landside and Parking Lot Improvements
Improvements to the landside facilities of PIE began in December 2017. This $13 million dollar project will provide a new internal roadway system to better circulate visitors to the terminal curbside and to short and long term parking areas. An additional 373 parking spaces will also be added.

As the Florida Department of Transportation's Gateway Express Project progresses in the area surrounding the airport, our traffic signal will be relocated from its current location to the road adjacent to the Air Traffic Control Tower. The Gateway Road project will significantly improve traffic flow on Roosevelt Boulevard, the access road to the airport.

Terminal Renovation Gates 7-11
The 12,000 square foot addition to our Terminal is now open. The new holdroom has expanded seating, new restrooms, charging stations, and a kids play zone. With architectural tile murals reflecting Florida's landscape, passengers are enjoying the relaxed setting. The project is still underway and is expected to be completed in Spring 2019. Construction of new restrooms in Baggage Claim will begin in early 2019. New food, beverage, news & gifts concession spaces will be developed when a master concessionaire is awarded in early 2019.

Allegiant New Operations & Maintenance Facility
Allegiant continues to invest in its future in Pinellas County and PIE and will begin construction of their own new operations and maintenance facility on the former UPS site in 2019 to consolidate different facilities leased from PIE. It is expected to be completed in 2019.
**Jannus Awards**
This year's honor goes to Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. The award is presented December 13th. PIE’s Deputy Director of Operations and Facilities Mark Sprague currently serves as Co-Chair of the Jannus Society Board. Scholar Awards will also be presented to outstanding college students. For sponsor, ticket, or general information, visit tonyjannus.org.

**LIMITED PARKING AT PIE** - While we make improvements, we have limited parking for our customers. Our long-term parking fills up quickly and during the holidays we expect to fill our Economy parking lots as well. **We strongly advise our local passengers to get transportation to/from PIE.** We do not want any passengers to miss a flight due to lack of parking. If you are planning on parking at PIE, please give yourself plenty of time as you may be directed to alternate parking.

We are in our sixth consecutive year of double-digit growth and were obligated to make changes to our parking and internal roadways to accommodate the Florida Department of Transportation during this period of rapid growth. Our secondary Economy "Strawberry Pie" Parking Lot is unpaved which may be undesirable to our customers. We can’t pave it without a stormwater retention pond and it is only a temporary parking lot until we complete our current project. Plans for a parking garage are underway.

**Staff News - Welcome Aboard!**
Karissa Strickland - Our new Operations Supervisor graduated from Polk State College with a degree in Airport Management. Prior to joining the PIE team, she worked at Lakeland Regional Airport.

**Retirements** – Airport law enforcement is provided by Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office. Recently, two of our long term officers, Guy Spiros and Mike Stutman, retired from service to the airport. Thank you Guy and Mike!

**Pie Welcomes Tampa Bay Beaches Leadership Class Tourism Seminar**
PIE hosted Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class in September for their Tourism Seminar. Members of the Beach Chamber learn about the business community that drives our tourism economy.
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Presentation & Education Tours

The airport provides presentations and tours to schools, scouts, and leadership/civic groups. For more info, see our website: fly2pie.com/about-pie/airport-tours or contact: Michele Routh at mrouth@fly2pie.com or 727-453-7879.

PIE hosted its 33rd & 34th Veterans Honor Flights with Honor Flight of West Central Florida on September 11th and October 30th. Our Veterans enjoy the surprise Welcome Home celebration they receive. New dates will be announced in the spring. For more information, visit Honorflightwcf.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Workplace Mentoring Program

The airport has again partnered with the BBBS Workplace Mentor program and Clearwater High School to mentor Juniors through their Senior year. This year employees of the airport, Signature Flight Support, Stellar Partners, and the Transportation Security Administration have become “Bigs”. Students meet monthly with their Bigs for one-on-one time and lunch. In addition, students learn more about the airport through tours, presentations and receive training through BBBS guest speakers on college prep, financial literacy, time management, and more.

Visitor Information - PIE’s Volunteer Ambassadors spent a beautiful October Day playing “tourist” to learn more about Clearwater Beach and its amenities first hand. Visit St. Pete Clearwater’s Hospitality Education Manager Kristin Coryn arranged a day visiting attractions and meeting with Clearwater Tourism professionals to educate our volunteers. In turn, our volunteers provide information to our visitors from the moment they arrive in our destination. Thank you to our volunteers, a great resource to our passengers arriving at PIE!