

Apron Expansion and Taxiway Alpha Construction

Enhancing Safety, Capacity, and Regional Connectivity



Completed apron provides greater capacity and smoother, safer ground operations.



Aerial view showing the apron expansion and Taxiway Alpha, and surrounding landscape.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Safety and Compliance

Apron circulation improved; object-free areas brought to FAA standards; enhanced pilot situational awareness.

Phased Construction and Continuity

Plan minimized runway disruption; FBO and airport operations remained active during build.

Coordination and Partnerships

City, Airport Board, MnDOT Aeronautics, FAA, and engineering consultants worked together to solve challenging project funding and phasing.

Economic and Community Impact

Supports emergency services, agricultural operations, business travel, and tourism; strengthens regional connectivity.

Operational Benefits

Increased itinerant traffic capacity; improved airside operational safety.

Funding Strategy

Leveraged MnDOT Aeronautics, FAA Airport Improvement Program, and Airport Infrastructure Grant funds with smart local investment, long-term planning and good timing.



A temporary taxiway maintained FBO access and kept operations running during taxiway upgrades.



Apron expansion increases parking, reduces congestion, and improves ground handling (under construction).



LED lighting along Taxiway Alpha enhances nighttime safety and visibility (under construction).



Scan to learn more.

