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## **Birmingham Airport Authority Secures Lease Extension from City of Birmingham**

*Unanimous Vote by City Council Paves the Way for \$70 million  
in New Investment at the Airport*

BIRMINGHAM, AL (August 13, 2025) – The Birmingham Airport Authority will continue operating the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport for an additional 25 years under a lease extension that was granted Tuesday by the City of Birmingham. The lease and operating agreement, which grants authority to the BAA to manage the airport, will now run through the year 2070, creating a path for more than \$70 million worth of investment for the community.

The extension was necessary to secure major projects by two existing business operators at the airport. Atlantic Aviation and Million Air are fixed based operators (FBO's) that provide high-end services to general aviation and corporate customers. Both companies lease land from the BAA and are embarking on redevelopment projects that will include new hangars, terminals, and other aviation facilities. The BAA needed to offer these partners 30-year leases for the amortization of their investments. The existing lease between the city and the BAA was set to expire in 2045, which made it legally impossible to give the companies the 30-lease term that was necessary to seal the deals.

“We worked diligently to assure a strong presence by these companies who are committed to providing new facilities and top-notch service for private aircraft operators at BHM,” said Ashby Pate, Board chair of the BAA. “The lease extension with the city makes it financially feasible for these companies to be here for the long haul and to invest in the future of this airport and this community.”

The airport property and facilities are owned by the City of Birmingham. In 1986, the city created the Birmingham Airport Authority to manage and operate the airport. The BAA pays the city \$10 a year to lease the airport. The Authority is governed by a 7-member Board. Board members are nominated by the Birmingham Mayor and approved by the City Council.

#### **About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for more than 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit [flybhm.com](http://flybhm.com) or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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