

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #11.

In this edition: CLEAR expands to Terminal 3, more places to shop and dine on tap, new airport bonds issue, and more.



Official Newsletter of Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport





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## A Message From the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue No. 11. The holidays are upon us, and many of you will be traveling to visit loved ones. It is expected to be a very busy time at FLL starting with the Thanksgiving holiday when we anticipate nearly 800,000 passengers will move through the airport between November 26 and December 2. The busiest travel days will be November 30 and December 1, with both days exceeding 125,000 travelers. These estimates show a 6.8 percent increase over the same period in 2018.

We encourage all passengers to allow more time than usual to find parking in our garages and complete check-in and security screening processes. We recommend travelers arrive at FLL at least two hours before a domestic flight and three hours if flying internationally.

There are many improvements underway at FLL that we hope you'll notice the next time you visit, even if it's just to pick someone up. The most significant and visible change is our new entryway sign. You can't miss the bold blue **FLL** and our Broward County logo on the side of the Cypress garage.

All four terminals are undergoing enhancements to modernize airport facilities and provide a much better guest experience. More restaurants and shops are on the horizon as well as fresh new restrooms with more space and improved features.

This year we've decked the airport's halls early with holiday decorations to put all of our guests in a festive spirit. Also, between December 9 and 13, our 32nd annual Winter Festival of Music will be in full swing with hundreds of children from Broward County schools performing holiday music for guests' enjoyment.

Please enjoy time with your friends and family, travel safely, and pack a little extra patience.

From our family to yours, I wish you Happy Holidays.

*Mark*

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## The Sky's the Limit

### Upswing in October passenger traffic

Approximately 2.7 million travelers flew in and out of FLL in October, a 4.2 percent increase from the same month in 2018. On the domestic side, passenger traffic rose 4.7 percent to 2.1 million travelers. Meanwhile, international traffic increased 2.6 percent to 577,156 passengers.

Overall, FLL welcomed 30.2 million visitors this year through October, an increase of 1.7 percent over the same ten-month period in 2018.

If you're planning a winter escape, keep in mind the following flights set to launch in time for the year-end holiday season.

- **JetBlue Airways:** Twice-weekly seasonal service to Steamboat Springs, Colorado resumes December 14
- **Azul Brazilian Airlines:** New service to Belo Horizonte, Brazil starts December 16
- **Air Transat:** Adding new service to/from Vancouver, Canada December 20





## More Shopping and Dining

A **NewsLink** store opened in Terminal 1, Concourse C on November 8, joining the growing portfolio of retail options at the airport. The newsstand offers an assortment of convenience and travel essentials, grab-n-go snacks and beverages, newspapers, books, and magazines for travelers to stock up before or after flying.

If you're planning to travel through FLL during the December/January holiday season, stop into one of the airport's new shops or dining venues.

Put these three first on your list – they're scheduled to open before we bid farewell to 2019!

- **Shake Shack** and **Flash Fire Pizza**: Terminal 2, Concourse D
- **Rocco's Tacos and Tequila Bar**: Terminal 1, Concourse C



## **CLEAR Expands to Terminal 3**

CLEAR, a biometrics technology platform designed to expedite security checkpoint screening, has once again expanded at FLL. When traveling out of Terminal 3, enrolled JetBlue, American, Norwegian, Emirates, and Azul guests may now use CLEAR at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint in Concourses E and F.

CLEAR provides FLL travelers with another expedited security option. CLEAR members move through a dedicated lane at airport security where their identities are instantly validated using fingerprint and iris scan data before progressing to bag checks and x-ray machines.

Enrollment is open to U.S. citizens and legal residents 18 years and older who sign up online at [Clearme.com](https://clearme.com) or at a participating airport such as FLL.

CLEAR first debuted at FLL in Terminal 2 in October of 2018. The service is now available in Terminals 1, 2, 3, and at the Hertz ticket counter in the Rental Car Center. CLEAR is offered at more than 60 airports, stadiums, and other venues nationwide.





## **Airport System Bonds Issue**

### **Bond Deals Offer Significant Savings**

Broward County recently issued its Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A totaling approximately \$510 million, which will primarily fund ongoing capital improvements at FLL.

The majority of proceeds from the new Series 2019A bonds – roughly \$491 million – will be used to pay for current construction projects at FLL, including terminal modernization initiatives, concourse renovations, and new enclosed walkways connecting Terminals 1, 2 and 3. The three terminal connectors are scheduled to be substantially complete by December 2021.

Taking advantage of historically low interest rates, the County also refinanced more than \$800 million of the airport's previous debt. This refinancing will result in approximately \$87 million of present value savings when compared to the previous debt repayment terms.

# FLL MODERNIZATION UPDATES



## Terminal 2's New Roof Taking Shape

Work to install eight primary steel beams for the new dome-shaped roof over Concourse D in Terminal 2 was completed on November 12, three days ahead of the original two-week schedule. Each beam weighs 60,000 pounds and measures 120 feet long by 10 feet wide. The high-ceiling roof will cover the expanded concessions courtyard and central passenger holding area of the upgraded concourse once improvements are completed by summer 2021.

Terminal 2 enhancements will also include a new security checkpoint, more restaurants and shops, expanded restrooms, and a "Sky Club" mezzanine level. The new mezzanine area will house an expanded and redesigned Delta Sky Club.





## **Terminal 4's Concourse G Central Connector Opens**

Terminal 4 achieved a milestone in its ongoing modernization and expansion project in October with the opening of Concourse G's central section that connects eastern and western wings. The new central corridor now allows passengers to experience all Concourse G has to offer, including modern guest amenities and enhanced shopping and dining venues.

Also included in the pipeline of terminal improvements is a new U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Facility, with a baggage hall featuring four advanced bag claim devices and high ceilings with windows to filter in abundant natural light. The new facility will provide the airport and CBP with the ability to operate all 12 international gates in Concourse G and process more than 1,800 passengers per hour. There will also be a new meet-and-greet area for the public to await arriving family and friends. This phased work is expected to be substantially finished by the fourth quarter of 2020.

In recent years, 12 new gates have opened in Terminal 4 to provide more destination options for passengers. In 2019, two more will open for a total of 12 international and two domestic gates.

# SAFETY FIRST: NO CARRY-ON GUN



## Watch for New Signage on FLL Campus

Weapons and airports don't mix. That's the message we want to remind all guests as they travel to visit loved ones. When you're caught with a weapon at the TSA passenger screening checkpoints your travel plans will be interrupted.

We need to broadcast this important reminder to everyone as we approach the holidays. Even those with a concealed weapons permit will be fined and could be arrested.

In 2018, the TSA intercepted 96 weapons at FLL. That rate of interception represents seventh place on the federal agency's list of airports with the highest frequency of passenger firearms at security checkpoints.

The Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD), in collaboration with federal and local law enforcement partners, are addressing the issue by introducing a new promotional campaign to remind passengers to "Pack the Fun" but "No Carry-On Gun."

Ninety-nine percent of travelers caught with illegal weapons at the checkpoint say they packed them by mistake or simply forgot they were in their carry-on bags. This campaign will serve as a reminder to our guests to leave weapons at home.

If you do travel with a firearm, the TSA says it should be (1) unloaded; (2) packed in a special locked container; (3) declared with your airline; and (4) transported as checked luggage.



## NEW BSO AIRPORT CHIEF



### Ellwood Greets World War II Veteran

Captain David Ellwood, (pictured at right), was recently named chief of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport District after serving as the law enforcement agency's executive officer at FLL since December 2018.

In his current role, Ellwood directs law enforcement services for the airport and related properties as designated by BCAD, while managing 122 sworn and civilian staff members.

Before arriving at the Airport District, Ellwood worked in varying capacities in other BSO districts. In April 2018, following promotion to lieutenant, he served as the Pompano Beach District night commander. Additionally, he was both a sergeant and detective for the BSO Homicide Unit as well as serving as a detective and patrol deputy for the Deerfield Beach District.

Ellwood joined BSO in 1997 after moving to Florida from his hometown of Baltimore, Maryland. He began his policing career in 1990 as a patrol officer with the Baltimore City Police Department, later serving as a detective in its narcotics and violent crimes units. During his nearly 30-year law enforcement career, Ellwood has worked on homicides, sex crimes and missing persons investigations. The fifth-generation police officer has received numerous awards, honors, and commendations for his dedication and excellence in service.

Ellwood is an active member of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association and the Airport Law Enforcement Agencies Network.



**FLL BY THE NUMBERS: OCTOBER 2019**

**TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS**  
**2,682,657** **UP 4.2% OVER THE**  
**SAME TIME LAST YEAR**

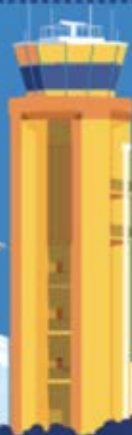


**DOMESTIC**  
**TRAFFIC**  
**2,105,501**



**UP 4.7%**  
**OVER LAST YEAR**

**INTERNATIONAL**  
**TRAFFIC**  
**557,156**

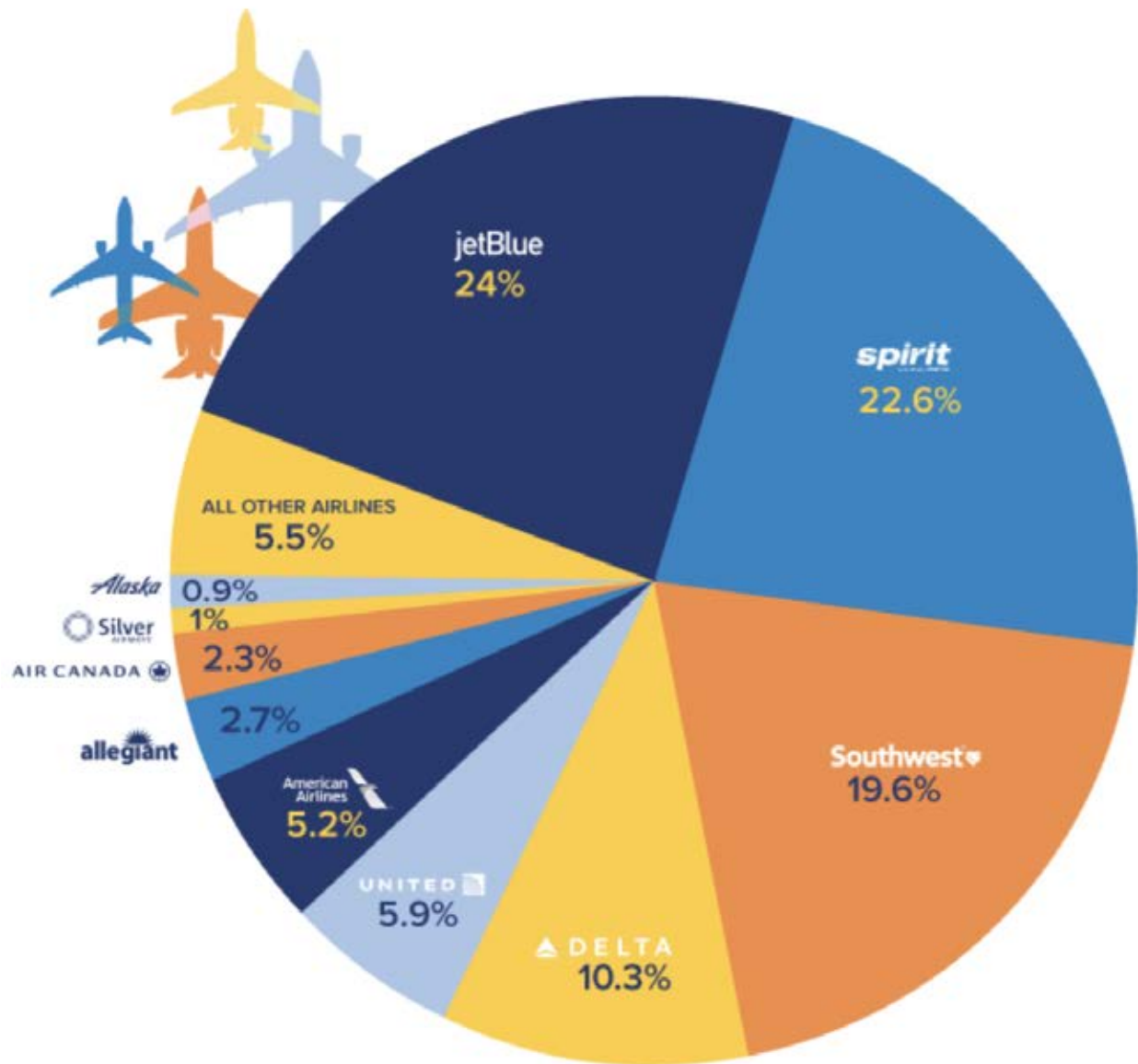


**UP**  
**2.6%**  
**OVER**  
**LAST YEAR**



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