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## **Runway Re-opens at Nashville International Airport**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Runway 2R-20L, the eastern-most of Nashville International Airport's (BNA) four runways, re-opened for operations today. Earlier this year, BNA closed two runways, Runway 2R-20L, one of the airport's north/south runways, and Runway 13-31, for necessary construction. Runway 2R-20L had restricted operations beginning in late February and subsequently closed to allow construction. Runway 13-31, the crosswind and longest runway at BNA, closed in March and is expected to re-open in December. Both of these projects enhance runway and taxiway safety on the airfield.

Construction at Runway 2R-20L included improving the runway safety area to comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulatory requirements. To minimize future runway closures, BNA also implemented additional safety enhancements including runway and taxiway pavement repairs and the placement of retaining walls between the taxiway bridges on Donelson Pike.

"Safety and security are our top priorities. These runway projects underscore the Airport Authority's commitment to providing premier facilities and services to the traveling public and supporting economic development efforts in our region," said Raul Regalado, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

While these two runways were closed, BNA's two other parallel runways, 2L-20R and 2C-20C, handled all traffic, resulting in increased aircraft overflights to certain areas north and south of BNA. The re-opening of Runway 2R-20L, along with the upcoming re-opening of Runway 13-31, should alleviate the increased aircraft overflights experienced in those areas to the north and south of the airport as air traffic patterns return to those normally experienced prior to the runway closures.

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