

Taxiway Yankee Opens at Memphis

Capacity and Economic Growth Takeoff for Airport



When Taxiway Yankee opened at Memphis International Airport last summer, the project paved the way for giant airplanes like the U.S. Air Forces C-5 Galaxy, flown by the Memphis based 164th Airlift Wing of the Tennessee National Guard. Perhaps more important, the new taxiway sets the stage for relocation of Air National Guard hangars to the southeast section of the airport, permitting FedEx to consolidate and expand its cargo facilities on the north side of the airport. These improvements will create jobs and economic benefits for the Memphis area.

Nearly a mile and a half of new taxiway now extends southward from the end of the old taxiway to the threshold of Runway 36R and provides access to four taxiways that connect to Runway 18L/36R.

Taxiway Yankee permits cargo and National Guard airplanes to be separated from taxiways used by passenger airlines, helping keep those flights on schedule. Buchart Horn designed the new 100 foot wide taxiway with 50 foot shoulders and another 40 foot safety area on each side - large and robust enough to handle a 1.7 million pound airplane.

