



Huntington Tri-State Airport serves the Southwest West Virginia, Southern Ohio, and Eastern Kentucky Tri-State region, providing important air transportation facilities that are used by both commercial airlines and general aviation users. As a critical component of the Tri-State region’s transportation network, the airport provides substantial economic benefits to the area.

STUDY PROCESS

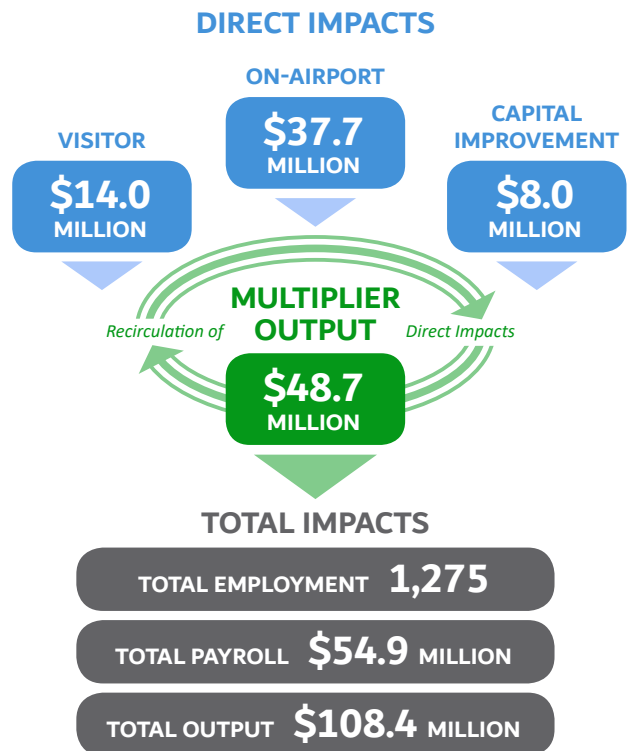
This analysis employed a time-tested methodology that is consistent with the FAA’s guidance on airport economic impact analysis. It surveyed businesses and passengers at the airport to evaluate the direct economic impacts attributed to the airport. It then used those direct impacts as inputs for a widely accepted linear economic input-output model that estimated the multiplier impacts that, when combined with direct impacts, produced the total economic impacts of Huntington Tri-State Airport.

ECONOMIC IMPACT MEASURES

Employment is based on the total of full-time jobs plus part-time jobs. In this analysis, two part-time positions are the equivalent of a single full-time position.

Payroll represents the costs associated with the annual salary, wages, and benefits earned by all employees and business owners.

Output is the quantity of goods and services generated annually by an airport, and its associated activities and businesses, expressed in dollars. Output is estimated using an organization’s annual sales, or its annual operating costs, which assumes that its output is approximately equivalent to what it expends.



ACCESS TO ANYWHERE

Two airlines serve Huntington Tri-State Airport. American Airlines flies daily to its hub in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Allegiant Air serves destinations in South Carolina and Florida. Visitors to the Tri-State region using these airlines spend millions of dollars on food, lodging, and entertainment. In addition to passenger service, the airport supports air cargo shipments, with dedicated air cargo flights to Memphis, and Beckley, West Virginia.

As the map demonstrates, general aviation flights arriving into Huntington are coming from an even greater number of airports than commercial flights, showing that Tri-State Airport offers access to anywhere that an airplane can fly.



ENPLANEMENTS
102,000



VISITORS
16,600

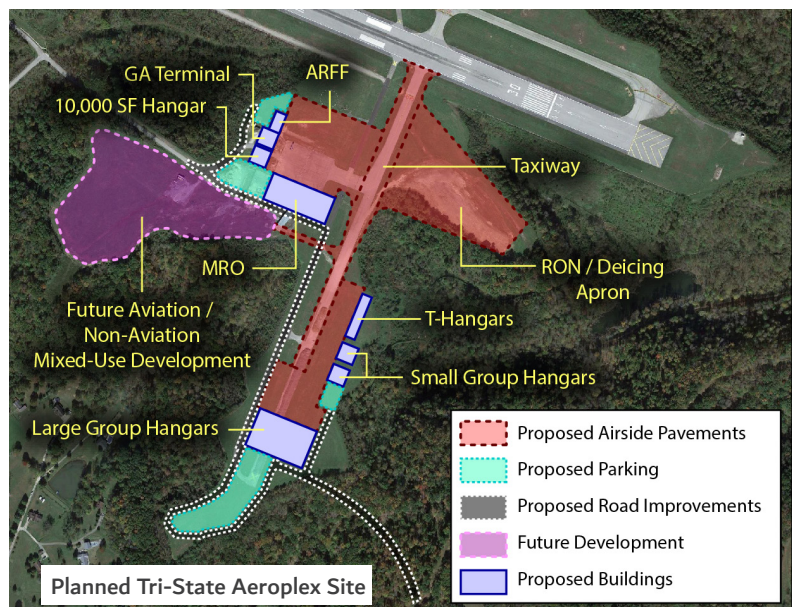


VISITOR SPENDING
\$14.0 MILLION

FUTURE POTENTIAL

While the 2017 economic impact of Huntington Tri-State Airport is substantial, the airport has a promising economic future in the form of the Tri-State Aeroplex. This is a planned, 95-acre area located on the southwest side of the airport set aside for airside and business development. The long-term plan for the Tri-State Aeroplex calls for a combined aviation and non-aviation industrial and business park. The project site has existing utilities, including potable and fire protection water, sanitary sewer, three-phase electricity, fiber optic lines, and gas. The Aeroplex is a prime opportunity for both industrial and business economic activity for the region.

Further enhancing the appeal of the Tri-State Airport is the designation of Huntington and surrounding areas as AEROready-certified regions, which have met specific criteria that make them appealing to aerospace companies looking to relocate or expand.



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