

History of the Laredo International Airport (1942 to 2015)

On May 7, 1942, the U.S. Government acquired from the City of Laredo approximately 2,085.43 acres for the construction of Laredo Army Air Corps Base. The main mission of the base was gunnery and gunnery maintenance training. The Government constructed runways and numerous facilities from 1942 to 1974. The base was initially deactivated in June 1947 and the base deeded to the City of Laredo. Subsequently on December 28, 1951 the base was leased to the government and it was reactivated as a result of the Korean conflict. In 1955 the City of Laredo deeded back to the U.S. Government the air base. The former air base was then deactivated in March 1974 during a period of base closing following the Vietnam War. Since then, the City of Laredo has operated the facility now known as the Laredo International Airport.

Approximately 309 acres were either deeded or sold to other federal, state, and county agencies or private firms. The remainder of the base was deeded to the City of Laredo by an Indenture Agreement dated February 1975.

Since 1975, the City of Laredo has maintained an aggressive airport modernization program that includes major reconstruction and rehabilitation of the airport's infrastructure with the support of the Federal Aviation Administration:

- Laredo's three (3) runways have been reconstructed and one runway extended. Laredo's is now longer than San Antonio International Airport's longest runway. Airport Master Plan complete this FY 2015 recommends another runway extension.
- The last remaining taxiway needing to be reconstructed will be reconstructed in FY 2016, funding secured in FY 2015. This will complete the reconstruction of all Taxiways.
- New Passenger Terminal opened in 1998.

- FAA assisted with acquisition of several tracts of land adjacent to the airport.
- Eight (8) phases of the original circa 1943 GA and Cargo Apron have been reconstructed. Phase 9 reconstruction is anticipated during FY 2016.
- New cargo apron constructed next to FedEx.
- Laredo International Airport has a very active noise abatement program funded by FAA Grants.
- Perimeter Fence and Security System upgraded this FY.
- Constructed a perimeter road.
- Constructed a fuel farm on the northeast side of the airport.
- Environmentally mitigated the original military fuel farm.
- Fifteen Cargo (15) warehouses constructed, all by the private sector.
- New Federal Inspection Station that houses two customs (U.S. and Mexico) constructed.
- Laredo International Airport is the only airport outside the Republic of Mexico to house a Mexican Customs air cargo Pre-Inspection.
- The City has sold non-aeronautical use land for hospital and medical related uses, over \$300 million dollars invested by the private sector to construct two (2) hospitals and clinics to include University of Texas Health Science Center at Laredo and a Veterans Clinic.
- Constructed a new state of the art Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station constructed that enhances safety.
- Acquired two ARFF trucks with FAA funding.

- FAA Funding, mostly discretionary funds, exceeds \$215 million during the past 21 years. See Grant History log.
- During the past 21 years the airport has completed four (4) Airport Master Plan Updates and four (4) noise impact studies.
- Only airport on the southern border with U.S. Customs availability 24/7/365.
- Laredo International Airport is ranked in the top fifty (50) all-cargo airports in the country. See attached Cargo Activity Report for LRD.
- Air passenger service is provided American to DFW, United to Houston and Allegiant Air to Las Vegas and seasonally to Orlando. See attached Passenger Activity Report for LRD.
- During the past five years the aircraft operations have doubled to 142,000 placing Laredo amongst the top ten busiest federal contract tower airports. See the attached activity report.

In order for the Laredo International Airport to complete its airport modernization program the following federal infrastructure projects are required:

- Construct replacement Air Traffic Control Tower.
- Extend Air Traffic Control Tower hours of operation.
- Upgrade Instrument Landing System
- A second runway extension.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is promoting, funding, and implementing the Next Generation (Next Gen) Program that will essentially eliminate the land based navigation systems at most airports with the exception of the top 30 airports in the country. This is creating an issue with Laredo because the FAA will not upgrade our outdated and unreliable land based instrument landing system (ILS). The further we wait for the FAA to replace the ILS the less likely it will happen. FAA's timetable to fully

implement Next Gen is not favorable to maintain a reliable instrument approach for Laredo and thus may negatively impact access to the runways during inclement weather.

Riley, we've accomplished much thanks to Congressman's Cuellar and the City of Laredo is appreciative of the Congressman's support.

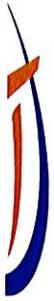
Please give my regards to Congressman Cuellar.

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AIP Grant History
Federal Aviation Administration

FY	Discretionary	Entitlement	Grant Federal Funding	Local Match Funding	Total Federal & Local Funding
82-92	700,229	1,721,592	2,421,821	269,091	2,690,912
1993	3,060,921	692,418	3,753,339	417,038	4,170,377
1994	3,833,572	309,510	4,143,082	460,343	4,603,425
1995	9,677,989	919,476	10,597,465	1,177,497	11,774,962
1996	10,078,228	611,623	10,689,851	1,187,762	11,877,613
1997	1,803,663	1,127,073	2,930,736	325,637	3,256,373
1998	8,267,792	32,208	8,300,000	922,222	9,222,222
1999	8,982,000	648,926	9,630,926	1,070,103	10,701,029
2000	4,400,000	849,845	5,249,845	583,316	5,833,161
2001	8,835,000	1,419,379	10,254,379	1,139,374	11,393,753
2002	5,214,968	1,447,863	6,662,831	735,689	7,398,520
2003	3,000,000	1,314,480	4,314,480	479,387	4,793,867
2004	14,449,747	1,276,134	15,725,881	827,679	16,553,560
2005	4,000,000	1,271,932	5,271,932	277,471	5,549,403
2006	9,500,000	1,424,968	10,924,968	575,000	11,499,968
2007	5,000,000	1,513,444	6,513,444	342,813	6,856,257
2008	5,256,642	1,550,852	6,807,494	358,290	7,165,784
2009	19,565,744	1,633,491	21,199,235	561,660	21,760,895
2010	15,288,795	803,152	16,091,947	872,419	16,964,366
2011	9,285,000	1,347,019	10,632,019	559,581	11,191,600
2012	15,900,000	1,617,353	17,517,353	1,922,982	19,440,335
2013	-	1,703,707	1,703,707	189,301	1,893,008
2014	10,390,905	1,702,381	12,093,286	1,419,123	13,512,409
2015	12,603,600	1,672,031	14,275,631	1,586,182	15,861,813
Total	189,094,795	28,610,857	217,705,652	18,259,959	235,965,611



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AIR CARGO ACTIVITY REPORTS

CY 2012 - 2014

CY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	YTD % Change
2012	31,110,008	33,618,874	41,556,349	40,705,650	42,850,036	45,842,311	28,784,665	46,619,475	36,007,444	42,803,494	41,580,878	34,047,382	465,526,566	1%
2013	22,675,494	24,265,674	31,541,302	25,041,493	32,813,720	29,998,979	22,137,158	40,721,227	37,298,864	55,085,175	40,346,852	36,826,530	398,752,468	-14%
2014	24,187,770	25,767,048	53,815,391	33,584,310	34,121,518	34,725,682	31,656,089	49,764,551	37,875,352	45,290,118	40,259,190	36,305,537	447,352,556	12%



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PASSENGER

Enplanement & Deplanement Report

Year	Enplaned	Deplaned	Total	% Change
2012	96,523	94,544	191,067	-3.55%
2013	103,035	102,218	205,253	7.42%
2014	101,058	103,909	204,967	-0.14%



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FAA Contract Tower Operations Count Record

FY 2012 - 2014

	Total FY 2012	Total FY 2013	Total FY 2014
October	7,852	10,811	14,547
November	6,528	6,161	13,285
December	4,260	5,690	8,730
January	6,141	8,920	13,503
February	4,564	6,480	9,666
March	7,460	8,103	13,319
April	7,379	8,217	11,730
May	7,355	9,478	12,404
June	8,283	12,478	11,477
July	9,528	10,168	10,339
August	10,982	15,080	11,622
September	9,434	10,297	9,692
Total	89,766	111,883	140,314