

# YKM: Today and Tomorrow

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# About YKM

Yakima Air Terminal serves as a critical transportation gateway for Central Washington, supporting:

- Commercial airline service
- General aviation operations
- Air cargo and business aviation
- Agricultural and economic connectivity
- Emergency response and public safety operations

## Airport Mission

To provide safe, efficient, and modern aviation infrastructure that supports regional mobility, economic development, and future aerospace opportunities.

## Key Focus Areas

- Airfield safety and compliance
- Passenger experience enhancements
- Infrastructure modernization
- Long-term operational sustainability



# Current Airfield & Runway Improvements





## Airfield Capital Projects

### Runway 4-22 Rehabilitation

### Legacy Crosswind Runway Rehabilitation & Painting

#### Project Overview

- Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 pavement surfaces
- Airfield painting and updated pavement markings
- Preservation of critical airfield infrastructure
- Enhanced operational safety and usability

#### Project Goals


- Extend runway service life
- Improve pilot visibility and airfield safety
- Maintain FAA compliance standards
- Preserve operational reliability during all-weather operations

#### Strategic Importance

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# Terminal Infrastructure Projects





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## Completed Projects

### New Terminal Roof

- Improved weather protection
- Long-term infrastructure preservation
- Increased facility durability

### New HVAC Unit

- Enhanced climate control efficiency
- Improved passenger comfort
- Reduced maintenance and energy demands

## In-Process Projects

### Baggage Claim Remodel

- Modernized passenger processing area
- Improved circulation and usability
- Enhanced passenger arrival experience

### Project Outcomes

- Improved operational efficiency
- Better customer experience
- Increased facility reliability





# Planned Projects — Late 2026

## Rental Car Counter Modernization

### Scope of Improvements

- Renovated rental car service counters
- Improved passenger transaction flow
- Enhanced tenant functionality
- Updated finishes and customer interface areas
- New Office Spaces

### Project Goals

- Improve administrative functionality
- Increase operational efficiency
- Support airport and tenant growth
- Modernize workspace environments

### Expected Benefits

Improved customer convenience  
Enhanced tenant operations  
Better use of terminal space

# Terminal Core Modernization Program

Planned for 2027

## New Airline Ticketing Counter

- Modernized passenger check-in experience
- Improved queuing and circulation
- Enhanced airline operational efficiency

## Building Ingress Improvements

- Updated terminal entrance experience
- Improved accessibility and passenger flow
- Enhanced aesthetics and functionality

## New Flooring Systems

- Durable and modern terminal finishes
- Improved appearance and maintenance efficiency
- Elevated passenger experience

## Strategic Vision

The Terminal Core Modernization project represents a transformative investment in the airport's passenger-facing infrastructure.



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# Gate Waiting Area Modernization



Planned for 2028

## Project Objectives

- Modernize gate seating and waiting environments
- Improve passenger comfort and convenience
- Increase charging and technology access
- Enhance terminal aesthetics and functionality

## Planned Enhancements

- New seating configurations
- Improved lighting systems
- Passenger charging stations
- Updated finishes and design elements
- Enhanced accessibility features

## Long-Term Impact

This modernization effort will create a more welcoming and contemporary travel experience for passengers using Yakima Air Terminal.

# Planned Airfield & Runway Improvements



# C.I.P. Projects — 2028

## Primary Runway 9-27 Design

### Project Overview

Yakima Air Terminal will begin the planning and design phase for future rehabilitation of the airport's primary runway infrastructure.

### Scope of Work

- Engineering and design for Runway 9-27 rehabilitation
- Pavement and airfield systems evaluation
- FAA coordination and compliance planning
- Future operational resiliency planning

### Strategic Importance

Runway 9-27 is the airport's primary operational runway and is essential to maintaining safe, efficient, and reliable air service operations.



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# Future Airfield Infrastructure Design

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Planned for 2029

## Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation

- Planned rehabilitation of the airport's primary runway
- Long-term pavement preservation
- Enhanced operational safety and reliability

## Air Traffic Control Tower

- Future design of a modernized ATC Tower facility
- Enhanced visibility and operational coordination
- Support for long-term airport growth and safety

## Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) and Maintenance Facility

- New inside-the-fence operational facility
- Improved equipment storage and maintenance capability
- Enhanced winter operations readiness

## Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Facility

- Planned inside-the-fence emergency response facility
- Improved response capability and operational readiness
- Enhanced safety infrastructure for airport operations

# Runway Hotspot Mitigation Design

Planned for 2030

## Project Objectives

- Improve airfield safety and aircraft movement efficiency
- Reduce runway and taxiway conflict areas
- Modernize airfield circulation patterns

## Planned Improvements

### New Taxiway Design

- Improved aircraft ground movement
- Enhanced operational flexibility
- Reduced congestion and conflict points

### New Approach to Crosswind Runway 4-22

- Improved access configuration
- Enhanced pilot navigation and situational awareness
- Increased operational safety during peak movements

## Long-Term Vision

The hotspot mitigation program is intended to strengthen airfield safety, operational efficiency, and future capacity.



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# Vision 2026 and Beyond



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# Strategic Vision Initiatives

## Long-Term Aviation & Economic Development Opportunities

### SEA-TAC Cargo Relief Feasibility Study

#### Regional Air Cargo Opportunity Assessment

- Evaluate YKM’s role in supporting regional cargo diversion and relief capacity
- Assess infrastructure requirements for expanded cargo operations
- Explore logistics and agricultural export opportunities
- Support statewide transportation resiliency

### Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Facility

#### Aerospace Industry Development Opportunity

- Evaluate potential development of an aviation MRO facility at YKM
- Support aircraft maintenance and aerospace employment growth
- Expand aviation-related economic development opportunities
- Position YKM as a regional aerospace support hub

### Formal Flight Education & Training Facility Feasibility Study

#### Aviation Workforce Development Initiative

- Explore development of a dedicated aviation education and training center
- Support pilot, mechanic, and aviation career pathways
- Partner with schools, colleges, and industry stakeholders
- Strengthen Central Washington aerospace workforce development

### YKM Aerospace Education Campus

#### K-12 and Beyond Aviation & Space Career Pathways

- Develop a long-term aerospace education campus initiative at YKM
- Create aviation and space industry learning opportunities for students beginning in K-12 education
- Expand pathways into aerospace engineering, pilot training, aircraft maintenance, air traffic control, and unmanned systems careers
- Foster partnerships with educational institutions, aerospace companies, and workforce development organizations
- Inspire the next generation of aviation and space industry professionals in Central Washington

### Strategic Education Vision

- The YKM Aerospace Education Campus concept seeks to position Yakima Air Terminal as a regional center for aviation education, workforce development, and aerospace innovation.

### Vision for the Future

- These initiatives position Yakima Air Terminal to support future aviation growth, aerospace education, cargo development, and regional economic expansion.

# Building the Future of YKM

## Modernization Goals

- Maintain safe and compliant infrastructure
- Enhance the passenger journey
- Support regional economic growth
- Improve operational efficiency
- Position YKM for long-term sustainability

## Investment Priorities

- Airfield preservation
- Terminal modernization
- Passenger-focused improvements
- Operational resiliency

## Looking Ahead

Yakima Air Terminal continues to invest in infrastructure that supports aviation, commerce, tourism, and community connectivity throughout Central Washington.





# Thank you

## Yakima Air Terminal (YKM)

**Modernizing Infrastructure • Supporting  
Growth • Connecting Communities**

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