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The Honorable Sherry Sullivan
Mayor, City of Fairhope
161 North Section Street
Fairhope, AL 36533

Subject: Annual Inspection Report
H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport

Dear Mayor Sullivan:

An inspection of H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on July 19, 2024. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report. As noted in the report, the airport meets all requirements for the issuance of an operating license.

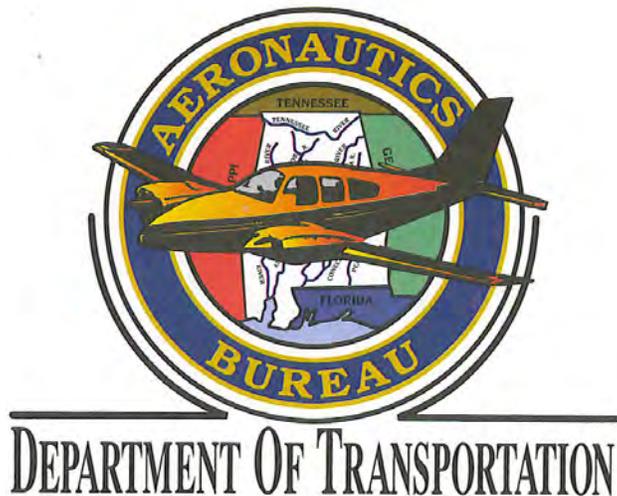
If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Caleb Nall with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6839.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

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July 19, 2024



ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT



**H.L. "SONNY" CALLAHAN AIRPORT
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA**

Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the **H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Caleb Nall** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **July 19, 2024**.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
Approach & Departure Paths Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Primary Surface Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Runway Safety Area Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Airport Markings Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Wind Direction Indicator Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Airport Lighting Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	The non-operational lights need to be replaced.	There are multiple airfield lights out. See page 10.
Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Fueling Area Requirements Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Prohibited Activities Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	No evidence of prohibited activities were found.
Additional Items Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	N/A	N/A	N/A

License Status—**COMPLIANCE**

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 1

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No Obstructions were located in the ALDOT Approach/
Departure Path of Runway 1.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 19

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No Obstructions were located in the ALDOT Approach/
Departure Path of Runway 19.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



Primary Surface **MEETS** state licensing standards.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



Runway Safety Area **MEETS** state licensing standards.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Markings—Runway



Runway markings are in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Markings—Taxiway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Taxiway markings are in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Markings—Apron

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Apron markings are in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **GOOD** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

Runway Lights	1 inoperable
Taxiway Lights	Multiple inoperable*
Threshold Lights	0 inoperable
PAPI	0 inoperable
REIL	2 inoperable

MEETS State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

*The airport has discussed a grant with the FAA and the Aeronautics Bureau to replace the taxiway lighting. A NOTAM has been issued to notify pilots of sections of the taxiway that has inoperable lighting.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Taxiway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Apron surface is in **FAIR** condition.

H.L. “Sonny” Callahan Airport

Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



Fueling area **MEETS** state licensing standards. However, the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture may have additional requirements for fueling systems that were not considered during this inspection.

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Prohibited Activities

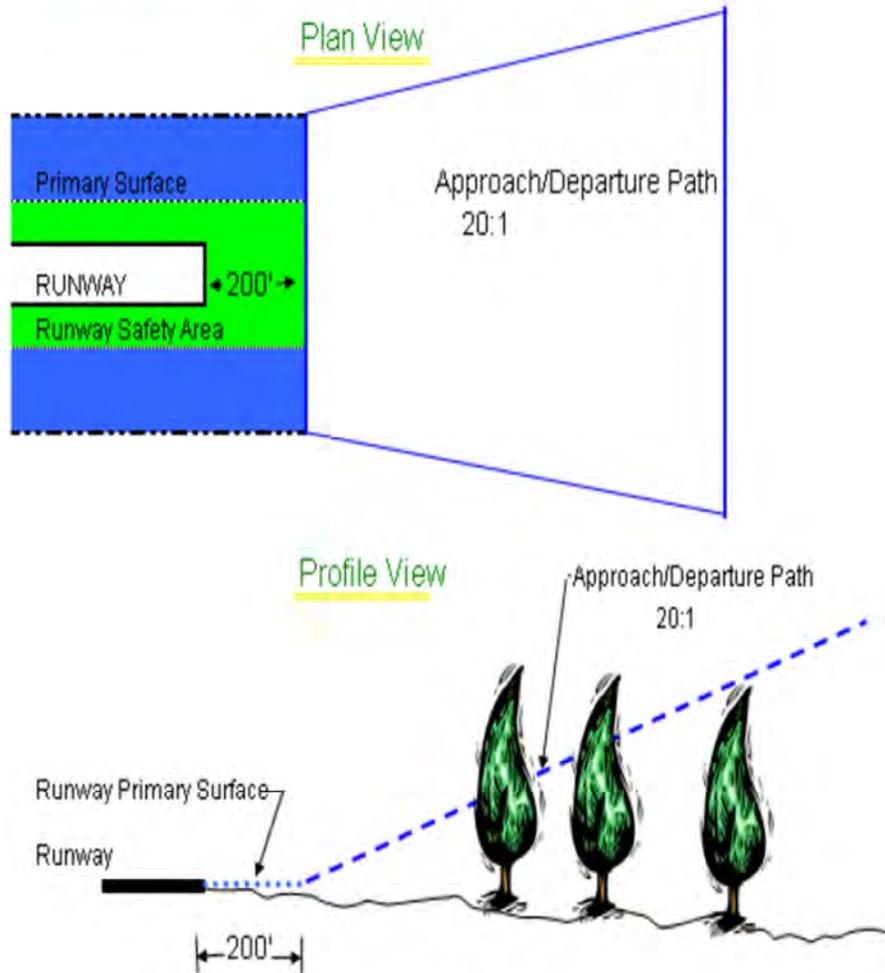
Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection. All gates were locked and airfield was secured.

APPENDIX 1

Approach and Departure Path Dimensions			
Inner Width	Outer Width	Length	Acreage
250 Feet	450 Feet	1,000 Feet	8.04 Acres
Primary Surface Dimensions			
250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			
Runway Safety Area Dimensions			
120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			



Appendix 2

H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport
Fairhope, AL
Runway 1
Obstruction Evaluation
July 19, 2024

FAA PART 77 34:1 SURFACE

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH



Appendix 3

H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport
Fairhope, AL
Runway 19
Obstruction Evaluation
July 19, 2024

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH

FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE COINCIDE

