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**RUNWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT BEGINS AT GAINESVILLE REGIONAL  
AIRPORT**

Gainesville, FL – August 3, 2004 – A \$5.2 million runway rehabilitation project is underway at Gainesville Regional Airport. Runway 10/28, the Airport's main runway, will be closed to all air traffic from August 13 through September 1. Delta Connection and US Airways Express will operate flights using turbo-prop aircraft on the Airport's alternate Runway 6/24 during the shutdown of the main runway.

The rehabilitation project will include milling off certain areas of asphalt from the 7,503-foot long, 150-foot wide primary runway, and replacing the surface with 3 to 10 inches of new asphalt. Under an accelerated schedule, designed to avoid inconvenience to passengers, construction crews will work around the clock to complete the job.

"This project represents a major milestone for the airport, ensuring larger jet aircraft have safe, accessible infrastructure from which to operate," said Rick Crider, Chief Executive Officer of Gainesville Regional Airport.

The construction contractor for this project is APAC-Southeast, Inc., Gainesville, FL. The project was awarded to APAC-Southeast, Inc. in June 2004 by the Gainesville - Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. R.W. Armstrong, Inc., Gainesville, FL, drafted the runway rehabilitation design specifications and will oversee the project with responsibility for quality control and materials sampling.

A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant, funding 90% of this project, was awarded to the Airport in 2003. The Florida Department of Transportation and the Gainesville - Alachua County Regional Airport Authority have committed funding of the remaining 10% of the project cost.

The Airport Authority plans to re-open Runway 10/28 to all air traffic on September 2, 2004.

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