

REID-HILLVIEW HISTORY

- 1939 Original construction of private airport, open to public, by Cecil Reid, et al. 46-acres of land, expanded to 57 acres after World War II. Two 2,700-foot parallel runways (1 paved, 1 turf), threshold lights, administration building, restaurant, and 15 T-Hangers.
- 1940 45 Aircraft stored in hangers. 167 aircraft tied down.
- 1941 Airport temporarily closed by Federal Government because of World War II.
- 1946 Airport reopened after World War II. It was the first civilian airport to open on the west coast.
- 1948 "Master Plan of Airports - Santa Clara County, California", this report includes Reid-Hillview as an important part of the regional aviation system.
- 1949 300 aircraft tied down. Hangers for 45 more aircraft.
- 1959 Resolution by San Jose City Council provided for future growth of airport as an integral part of east side community growth, and encouraged County to purchase and operate the airport, allowing San Jose Municipal to be developed for commercial passenger service.
- 1960 "Airport Study - General Aviation Requirements" by Friedland. This report led to County buying Reid's Hillview Airport.
- 1961 County purchased airport from Cecil and Bob Reid for \$600,000 on the recommendation of 1960 Friedland Report. 65 acres leased back to Reid until 1965. The airport name was changed to Reid-Hillview Airport.
- 1962 . Resolution to condemn a clear zone air easement for Santa Clara County Reid Hillview Airport passed by Board of Supervisors.
- . Land acquisition:
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| Castaneda, Vincent P. | \$ 12,500 |
| Chavez, Moses and Ruth Ruiz (1 acre) | \$ 6,750 |
- 1963 . Operations greater than 800 daily. Fuel sales of more than 14,000 gallons monthly. Seven commercial operators on field. 259 total based planes.

. Land acquisition:

Acosta, Frank and Isabel Marron (0.38 acre)	\$ 3,000
Bondesen, Anton J.	\$ 17,000
Borba, Joseph C. & Emily	\$ 12,250
Brandon Construction Company (15.80 acres)	\$125,600
Carlos, Catarino and Mary V. (0.19 acre)	\$ 4,000
City of San Jose (land exchange plus payment from City to County of \$42,057.33)	
Duarte, Thelma (0.39 acre)	\$ 14,750
Garcia, Guadalupe G. and Dominga F. (50' x 165')	\$ 9,000
Jillson, Betty B. (50' x 240')	\$ 8,750
Mosqueda, George and Angie (1.17 acres)	\$ 11,500
Munoz, Senovia (1.17 acres)	\$ 12,500
Perales, Edward B. and Esther M. (65' x 217.5')	\$ 15,500
Perry, Earl C. and Ruth (74' x 255')	\$ 24,000

- 1964 . Construction of runway and apron paving, runway lighting and underground facilities.
- . County Bond Measure C rejected by County voters. Bond would have provided for improvement of Reid-Hillview and Palo Alto Airports, and land acquisition and development of the South County Airport.
- . Resolution establishing "Reid-Hillview Airport of Santa Clara County" as official name.
- . Land acquisition:

Cadalbert, John & Margherita (1.01 acres - improvements consisted of frame and stucco dwelling, garage with 3-room apartment over chicken house and out buildings.	\$ 27,200
City Title Insurance Company (480 sq. ft.)	\$ 10,010
City Title Insurance Company (1.10 acres)	\$ 4,000
Crutcher, William J. and Florence O. (1.17 acres)	8,000
DiSalvo, Nicholas A. and Frances	\$ 35,000
1) 1.16 acres	
2) 1.06 acres	
3) 3.0 acres	
Gilmore, Roy B. and Pearl M. L. (5.09 acres)	\$ 40,860
Guardian Capital Company (34.70 acres)	\$294,950
Lujan, Jose R. and Lucy S. (1 acre)	\$ 9,500
Machado, Julia (20 acres)	\$175,000
Torres, Edwiges L. and Amelia (0.43 acres)	\$ 6,500
Valley Title Company (20.04 acres)	\$161,250

- 1965 . 370 based aircraft early in 1965; 175 aircraft in latter 1965. Decrease was due to airport construction. The airport remained operational during construction, despite closing of the west parallel runway.

- . Reconstruct 2,700-foot runway, runway lights, and parallel taxiway. Parking ramps, fencing, Unit 1 aircraft hangers & shelters, temporary administration building, and roads constructed.
 - . The airport lease back agreement was ended and operational control of the airport passed to County.
 - . Construction of fueling facility.
- 1966
- . Completed construction of parking ramps and roadways, and commercial operator sites.
 - . Unit 2 Aircraft hangers & shelter
 - . Land acquisition:
 - Barnick, H.A. (3 parcels = 7.03 acres) \$ 30,000
improved with aircraft repair shed and shops,
2 dwellings and a storage building
 - Garcia, Guadalupe G. and Dominga F.
Tabares, Juan & Mowrey, Theodore E. and Margaret T.
(0.90 acre) \$ 9,000
- 1967
- . Control tower constructed by FAA. (first fully transistorized air traffic control facility in the nation).
 - . FAA air traffic control tower commissioned. T-Hangars completed by the FBO's.
- 1968
- . Airport receives FAA Certificate of Achievement for airport development. Dedicated Air Traffic Control Tower.
 - . Taxiway lighting and ramp lights installed.
 - . Aircraft hanger & shelter, Unit 3.
- 1969
- . 5 major FBO's operating. Nearly 400 based aircraft, and operations approached 300,000 annually.
 - . Completion of aircraft parking ramps on east side.
 - . Slurry sealing completed
- ~~State of California~~
- 1970
- . Completion of parallel west runway (eliminated in reconstruction in 1965); construction of permanent terminal. Sept: 293 aircraft. Fixed Base Operator aircraft totalled 150.

. Reaffirmation by San Jose City Council of 1959 statement of intent to support the Reid-Hillview Airport in its present location.

. Land acquisition:

County Tax Collector (1.12 acres) \$2

1971 Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) formed.

1974 Construction of runway lighting system.

1975 . Started slurry sealing program for upkeep of existing pavement.

. Total preparations greater than 300,000 per year. 470 based aircraft at the field.

1977 Second slurry seal project.

1978 Third slurry seal project.

1979 Construction of security gate.