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“Airport to Launch Momentum 2026 Plus”

Airport officials will soon embark on a long-term capital development plan titled *Momentum 2026 Plus*. *Momentum 2026 Plus* will address FAA infrastructure (lighting & pavements), increase aircraft storage, provide new roofing on key buildings, revitalize other structures, add airfield equipment, and further the revitalization of airport areas that will be needed for future economic development. *Momentum 2026 Plus* will be funded through General Obligation Bonds, Airport Improvement Program Entitlements, new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds, and possible FAA discretionary grants.

Thanks to a collaborative effort by Bond Agent First Mid-State and Fairfield National Bank, *Momentum 2026 Plus* is a longer than normal campaign. Typically, the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority seeks a three year period for its capital development plans. But an incredible low and fixed interest rate contrasted by the threat of rising interest rates, airport officials focused on a longer term. *Momentum 2026 Plus* will net the airport \$1,428,000 for projects completed over the next seven years.

A complete list of projects associated with *Momentum 2026 Plus* is included in Attachment One. Total costs, including the local portion for *Momentum 2026 Plus*, appears in Attachment One. Note the total local costs exceed the issuance proceeds of *Momentum 2026 Plus*. This is due to the extended time of this particular issuance, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law impacts, and potential changes in project needs.

Just like previous capital development plans, it is the goal of the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority to make improvements to the airport with little to no increase of property taxes. To date, the MVAA has accomplished this goal. Attachment Two shows the Overall Tax Rates & Equalized Assessed Values (EAV) over the last twenty years. The Overall Tax Rate has decreased over much of the time period shown!

MOMENTUM 2026+ FUNDING

The current Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding proportional match is 90% Federal, 5% State, and 5% Local. Rebuild Illinois is a State/Local Program that utilizes a 90%/10% match. Other grant programs the airport plans to make application to utilize other splits such as 80%/20%. These proportional scales requires the airport have funds on hand to match Federal and State funds expended on projects. Many projects such as land acquisitions and projects mandated by the FAA that do not utilize airport entitlement funds require the airport to expend local dollars. Re-imbursement is then applied for, and in many cases, takes years to recapture. The bottom line is that if funds are not available in the airport's Capital Projects Fund, airfield projects (whether FAA mandated or not) may never initiate.

General Obligation Bonds: The airport intends to “dovetail” (extend) its current bonding schedule in an effort to provide local funding for projects and establish the matches for Federal/State projects. The airport’s current Non-Referendum Bond Capacity is \$1.4 Million. To keep projects in line with the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics Transportation Improvement Program, the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority intends to sell bonds for the next seven-year period. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport’s current Non-Referendum Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) is \$255,444. The original DSEB established in 1997 by PTEL is \$205,900. Property tax rates are directly proportional to the EAV. To manage *Momentum 2026 Plus* with a pledge of little to no property tax increases, the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority intends to sell bonds at an annual amount well below the existing Debt Service Extension Base of \$255,444. Doing so should keep the overall tax rate constant regardless of whether the EAV increases or decreases. Recognizing the EAV has increased steadily over the last several years, the MVAA desires to “capture” a small percentage of the increases. Therefore, the annual Bond and Interest Levy amount specified by *Momentum 2026 Plus* will begin at \$205,900 for 2022/2023 and increase 2% each year adding approximately \$4000 of net proceeds annually.

Airport Improvement Program/General Aviation Entitlement (AIP/GAE): All general aviation airports w/o 10,000 enplanements (air-carrier) per year, receive \$150,000 annually for capital improvements. The airports do not receive these funds directly as the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, acting on behalf of the FAA, administers the funds to contractors after all work is completed and reviewed by IDOT, IDA Staff. All work is placed on a State letting schedule. Entitlement funds are most often used for paving operations such as runway/taxiway revitalizations.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Beginning in 2022 and ending in 2027, airports stand to receive additional funding through the Federal Government. Annual amounts are set via classification specified in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). For calendar year 2022, Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was classified in the “Local” category and will receive \$159,000. The airport will receive \$295,000 in 2023 after moving into the “Regional” category. Airport officials intend to remain “Regional” throughout the BIL Program. Details are still emerging, but it appears BIL funding will closely resemble AIP/GAE in that funds are project specific and flow through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

SNAPSHOT: MT. VERNON OUTLAND AIRPORT 2022

With the exception of scheduled airline services, every other aspect of aviation is thriving at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Annual operations in calendar year 2021 were 26,692. Based aircraft count stands at 46 total aircraft, including 5 multi engine aircraft, 6 helicopters, and one turbojet. Annual fuel sales exceed 100,000 gallons of Jet A and 100LL Aviation Gasoline.

In 2021, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics commissioned and released the Illinois Aviation System Plan/Economic Impact Analysis (IASP, EIA). The study was the culmination of airport surveys conducted to determine the individual and statewide value of the Illinois Aviation System. The study was completed by Mesa, Arizona based Kimley-Horn. The two page study appears as Attachment #3

There are several takeaways from the 2021 IASP, EIA. First and foremost, Mt. Vernon Outland Airport generates \$40.2 million dollars annually. Considering the airport’s \$334,000 total tax levy – *for every \$1*

collected in taxes, the airport returns \$122! Second, 278 jobs are attributed to the airport (140 FTE's are on the campus daily). Third, the airport has a broad reach. Note the MVN Route Map in the middle of Page #1. This proves location, infrastructure, services, competitive prices, and a business-friendly attitude can attract outside spending to Illinois. And last, but certainly not least, see the Community Focus tab near the bottom of Page #2. The airport has truly become a gathering place for southern Illinois.

CONCLUSION

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has many amenities currently in place to be one of the most successful airports in the Midwest: impressive infrastructure, excellent location, great service tenants - including aircraft maintenance and sales, skilled and dedicated 24/7 first responders, flight training, and a team philosophy second to none. *Momentum 2026 Plus* ensures Mt. Vernon Outland Airport's remains primed and ready for future growth.

ATTACHMENT ONE

Momentum 2026 Plus Capital Development Plan

<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCAL COST</u>	<u>STATE COST</u>	<u>FEDERAL COST</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Wildlife	\$77,000	N/A	N/A	\$77,000	Local, USDA Contract
Rehab. Auto Parking Lot/Roadways	\$102,000	\$918,000	N/A	\$1,020,000	Rebuild IL Program
Airport Signage Upgrades	\$20,000	N/A	N/A	\$20,000	Local
KT Terminal Upgrades	\$75,000	N/A	N/A	\$75,000	Local
FBO Building Roof	\$300,000	N/A	N/A	\$300,000	Local
Replace Airfield Lighting - Phase I	\$40,250	\$40,250	\$724,500	\$804,500	TIP 2022
Replace Airfield Lighting - Phase II	\$57,750	\$57,750	\$1,034,500	\$1,155,000	TIP 2022
IP Hangar #2	\$200,000	N/A	N/A	\$200,000	Local Share for EDA Grant
Construct IP Hangar #2 Ramp	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$378,000	\$420,000	TIP 2023
FBO Entry Remodel	\$50,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	Local
T Hangar A-900 Upgrade	\$175,000	N/A	N/A	\$175,000	Local
Acquire New ARFF Crash Truck	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$405,000	\$450,000	TIP 2024
Rehab South Frontal Area	\$18,625	\$18,625	\$372,500	\$409,750	TIP 2025
Rehab T-Hangar Taxi lanes	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$640,000	\$704,000	TIP 2026
KT Terminal Roof	\$350,000	N/A	N/A	\$350,000	Local
New Six Place T Hangar Site	\$75,000	N/A	N/A	\$75,000	Local
New Six Place T Hangar	\$350,000	N/A	N/A	\$350,000	Local
HVAC Upgrades	\$50,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	Local
Construct T Hangar Taxi lane Pavement	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$380,000	\$418,000	TIP 2027
Runway 5/23 Pavement Maint.	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$166,667	\$183,333	TIP 2028
New SRE Building	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$675,000	\$750,000	TIP 2029
IP Hangar #5 Taxiway	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$270,000	\$300,000	Future TIP Request
Gate Operators (#4 & #5)	<u>\$7,500</u>	\$7,500	\$135,000	<u>\$150,000</u>	Future TIP Request
	\$2,103,458			\$8,486,583	



MVN

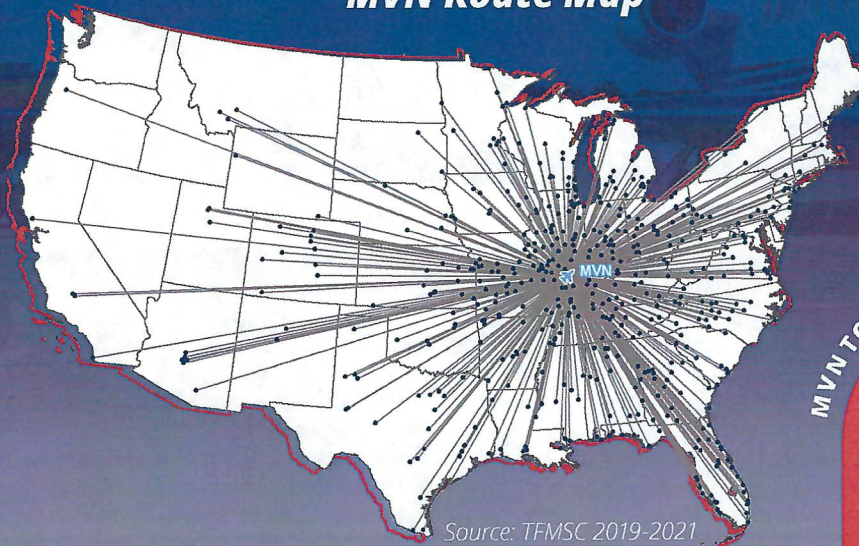
MOUNT VERNON OUTLAND

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Mount Vernon Outland Airport (MVN) is a general aviation airport named after Earl Outland, a WWII veteran who served as director for the Air Transport Command. The airport serves the businesses and residents of Jefferson and all surrounding counties. It is the home of Air Evac Lifeteam #11, an air ambulance company that conducts over 500 missions per year, and Mt. Vernon Fire Department Station #3, a joint City/Airport complex. Both entities provide highly trained personnel that are on call 24/7 to assist in emergency situations. The airport's major tenants are detailed on the back page. Other entities located at the airport include Safe Aviation Educators, Eric Evans Aviation, Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Illinois, N-Sight Security Solutions, Flights for Christ, Summersville Studios, Wheeler Construction Concepts, Jefferson County Hall of Honor, the Colonel R.D. White Veterans Museum, and EAA Chapter 1155. National aviation events Midwest LSA Expo and the EAA Airventure Cup Race bring revenue and prestige to the state!

To understand the geographic reach of MVN, the map below illustrates the domestic origin and destination flights into and out of the Airport from 2019 to 2021.

MVN Route Map



On-Airport

\$36.3
MILLION



Visitor Spending

\$3.9
MILLION



Employment

278
JOBS



Labor Income

\$11.6
MILLION



Value Added

\$17.7
MILLION

MVN TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
**\$40.2
MILLION**

STATEWIDE

Illinois boasts a robust aviation system of over 80 airports, including some of the busiest facilities on the globe. To support this robust system, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) initiated the development of the Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) to quantify each airport's annual monetary contribution to their local, regional, and statewide economies. The EIA determined that Illinois' airports generated 492,768 jobs and contributed \$95.5 billion to the state's economy in 2019.



On-Airport

\$38.4 BILLION



Visitor Spending

\$21.2 BILLION



Employment

492,768 JOBS



Air Cargo

\$35.9 BILLION



Labor Income

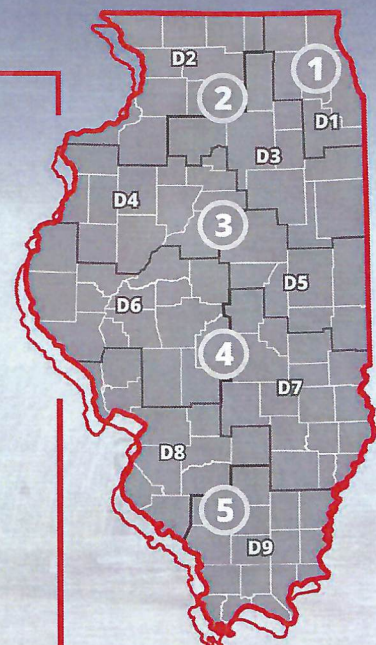
\$32.6 BILLION



Value Added

\$53.8 BILLION

STATEWIDE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
**\$95.5
BILLION**





SRT Aviation provides a wide range of services including major airframe and powerplant (A/P) repairs/overhauls, avionics installation, fuel sales, aircraft rentals, flight instruction, air cargo, and aircraft de-icing. SRT Aviation is one of the only FAA-Certified Repair Stations in southern Illinois which makes it a valuable resource for many cross-country turbojet and turboprop operators. SRT Aviation also hosts an A/P Apprentice Training Program which has graduated three mechanics, some of which have already began working with the airlines!



MTV is home to Bonnie Café, one of Mount Vernon's most popular restaurants and southern Illinois' only on-airport restaurant. Bonnie Café, which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, offers a daily lunch and dinner buffet in addition to a robust menu. Since the restaurant is on-field, aviators can taxi directly to the restaurant, enter through an old airline gate, and join the locals for a delicious home cooked meal.



ARDL

Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL) offers environmental and industrial laboratory services, on-site engineering and consulting, and research and development. As the Airport's largest employer, ARDL employs a team of highly trained scientists, engineers, and technical specialists that serve private sector clients as well as local, state, and federal government entities.



KASH HELICOPTER SERVICES

Since its inception in 2011, Kash Helicopter Services (KHS) has provided aerial agricultural application, forestry spraying, specialized utility work, and heavy lift functions across the Midwest. On-site maintenance is performed on all company aircraft by two airframe/powerplant (A/P) mechanics. Based staff members handle scheduling and maintenance of ground support equipment.

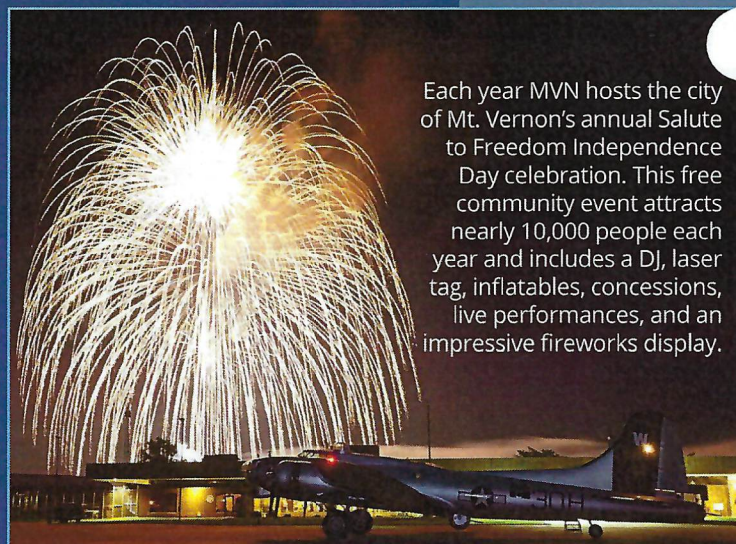


AIRGO INC.

AIRGO Inc. specializes in the flight training of airline pilots. AIRGO offers a flight training program for students to earn their Commercial Multi-Engine certification in 18 months and provides its graduates with direct job placement with Chinese Airlines. In addition to international-focused pilot training, MTV has significantly contributed to domestic air carriers over the last several years as well. Through the AIRGO program, nearly 20 Certified Flight Instructors are now in the cockpits of domestic airliners.



COMMUNITY FOCUSED



Each year MTV hosts the city of Mt. Vernon's annual Salute to Freedom Independence Day celebration. This free community event attracts nearly 10,000 people each year and includes a DJ, laser tag, inflatables, concessions, live performances, and an impressive fireworks display.



Between April and October, the Mt. Vernon Soccer Club uses the five fields on Airport property for practices and games. Cross country meets are also held at the Airport in the Fall.

