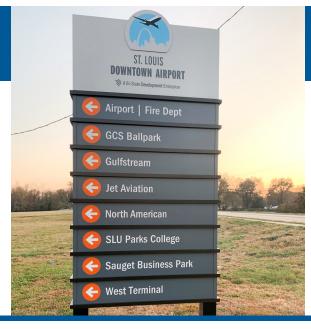




## Airport Infrastructure Investments

St. Louis Downtown Airport's convenient location just a few minutes east of the Gateway Arch Riverfront contributes to it being the busiest general aviation airport in the State of Illinois outside of Chicago. All that activity requires that the airport continuously reinvest in its infrastructure, including several recent projects that are paving the way for larger trucks, heavier loads and larger aircraft, all benefiting growing clients.

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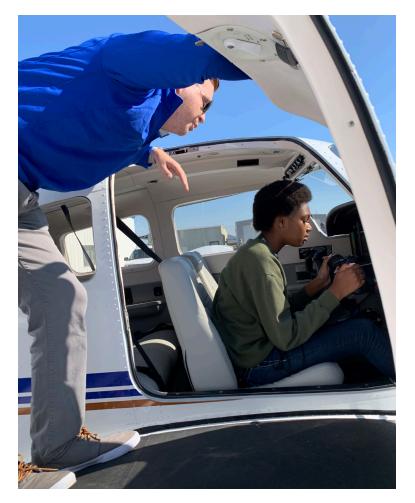


Local health departments from 15 counties in Missouri and Illinois completed a two-week readiness exercise in October to test their ability to work seamlessly together to protect the public health in response to the simulated release of a biological agent in the St. Louis region. After two years of planning for the 14-day exercise, the training drill culminated on Oct. 10 at St. Louis Downtown Airport, where local health departments, emergency responders, hospitals, and other organizations in the bi-state area worked with state and federal partners to successfully demonstrate their readiness to respond. Read More



The St. Louis region has a rich aviation history and continues to be a hub for some of the best-known firms in the aircraft maintenance and manufacturing sector. The presence of companies such as Boeing, Gulfstream, West Star Aviation and more underscores the bi-state area's strength in aviation, while also reinforcing the need for a steady pipeline of workers with the right skills as these employers grow. Filling that pipeline is a key focus for the region's workforce development boards.

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## Girls in Aviation Day Opens up World of Opportunity for St. Louis Area Students

New career dreams may be taking flight for 120 young women from more than a dozen St. Louis area high schools who participated in the 2nd annual Girls in Aviation Day on Oct. 4 at St. Louis Downtown Airport. As part of their introduction to careers in aviation, the teenagers in grades 9 through 12 flew planes in high-tech simulators and climbed into the cockpits of various aircraft for an overview of the instrumentation.

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Sauget Business Park - At the Center of the U.S. Freight Network

The Village of Sauget is located at the crossroads of major infrastructure systems - the third largest inland port, four interstates, six Class I railroads and St. Louis Downtown Airport, which all converge in this area to provide cheap, reliable and fast transportation of goods and services around the country. Those advantages ultimately led to the Village's expansion east with the creation of the Sauget Business Park, an industrial real estate park, in the early 1990's, when the current mayor's uncle and father assembled 26 different adjacent properties.

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