

# Albert Whitted Airport

2023 Fact Sheet

- Albert Whitted Airport is an open, public-use, community-owned airport that is managed by the City of Saint Petersburg.
- Initially created in 1917, Albert Whitted Airport has been an integral part of the Saint Petersburg community for more than 100 years. (National Airlines was founded at Albert Whitted Airport in 1934.)
- Since 2009, pilot volunteers have flown over 2,500 of Saint Petersburg's young aviation enthusiasts (ages 8 to 17) on free introductory flights.
- Saint Petersburg's Albert Whitted Airport is home base to nearly 200, single-engine, multi-engine, helicopter and turbine-powered aircraft.
- Albert Whitted Airport averages nearly 100,000 aircraft departures and landings per year.
- Albert Whitted Airport supports more than 948 jobs producing nearly \$128 million in annual local economic impact.
- Federal and State combined capital investment in Albert Whitted Airport is nearly \$20 million with \$3M more from the City of Saint Petersburg. Federal law prohibits "early payback" of accepted federal funds for airport improvements. Albert Whitted Airports FAA grant assurance obligations extend to 2042.
- In 2003, a referendum on the City ballot offered 2 questions:
  - 1) Keep the Airport an airport forever?
  - 2) Accept government grants to improve the airport?

*Saint Petersburg's registered voters cast 73% "YES" and 78% "YES" votes respectively.*
- Albert Whitted airport is home to the Saint Petersburg Grand Prix which spotlights the City's character to the world.
- The Federal Aviation Administration has designated Albert Whitted Airport as a "Reliever Airport" in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems.