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St. Cloud Regional Airport Launches New Paid Parking System

St. Cloud, MN – On March 1, 2022 the St. Cloud Regional Airport launches its new paid parking system for on-premise parking in both the paved and gravel overflow parking lots. The cost for long-term on-premises parking is \$5 per 24-hour period.

The change is intended to shift some of the St. Cloud Regional Airport operating expenses from City of St. Cloud property taxes to user fees for those who make use of the Airport facilities. “We also expect this user fee to help manage capacity in the parking lots during peak travel periods,” said Airport Authority Board Chair Brian Myres. “This will ensure space is available for those who need it,” continued Myres.

Short term parking will continue to be free at the St. Cloud Regional Airport for up to two hours for meeters and greeters. “Short term users can park in any of the available spots in both the paved and gravel overflow parking lots,” said Airport Executive Director Bill Towle. “We still want people to be able to assist those they are bringing to the Airport for a flight, as well as be able to come inside and greet people arriving at the Airport,” said Towle.

The paid parking system is a Pay by Plate parking kiosk, meaning your license plate is your proof of payment. There will be two convenient kiosks: one located outside the terminal building and the other inside the terminal. Pay kiosks, or stations, will be credit card only. Don’t forget to remember your license plate when leave your vehicle!

The kiosks are easy to use touch screens that prompt you through the process. Enter your license plate number. Select your payment method. Choose your length of stay. You can enter your cell phone number to receive an electronic receipt or print a receipt for your records. No need to place a receipt on your vehicle dashboard.

The Airport will also be utilizing the Parkmobile parking app, which will allow customers to use their mobile device to pay instead of needing to use a pay kiosk, making the experience even smoother. Parkmobile is also being used by the City of St. Cloud for parking in ramps and downtown streets, so many customers may already have the app on their mobile device. Parkmobile is easy to use and has great information on their website at <https://parkmobile.io/>.

Go to the St. Cloud Regional Airport web site at www.stcloudairport.com for additional information.

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On December 31, 2021, the City of St. Cloud transferred ownership and operational control of the St. Cloud Regional Airport over to the St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority. The Airport Authority is a joint entity created by Benton County, Sherburne County, Stearns County and the City of St. Cloud. The Airport provides commercial and general aviation connectivity to the National Airspace System. A 2019 Minnesota Department of Transportation study found that the St. Cloud Regional Airport contributes \$49.2 million annually to the state and local economy, supporting 395 on-site and off-site jobs. The Airport also generates nearly \$2 million in state and local taxes through its aviation-related activity. For more information, please visit our website at www.stcloudairport.com.