

The San Marcos Municipal Airport, serving general aviation and the only reliever airport between Austin and San Antonio, is positioned to become an important economic engine in Central Texas. The airport has an interesting history, solid businesses serving aviation, and is making significant strides in developing 55 acres of the 1,340 acre air field along North Side along Highway 21 for new businesses, a terminal building, and executive hangars.

#### San Marcos Municipal Airport Developments:

- History of Airport: World War II Gary Army Air Field pilot training base, Gary Air Force Base, Camp Gary, donated to Department of Labor for Gary Job Corps Center and 1,340 acres to the City of San Marcos for a municipal airport in 1965. Central Texas Wing of Commemorative Air Force has preserved legacy of the WWII era, as well as WWII aircraft, museum and library.
- Airport Businesses: 12 businesses including Fixed Base Operator, charter service, major maintenance and overhaul, avionics, aircraft paint and refurbishing services, restaurant. Executive hangars with more than 200 aircraft based at San Marcos.
- North Side Development Project: \$300,000 awarded by FAA and TxDOT for design of the North Side Development along Highway 21 will be underway in 2009.
- North Side Development Project \$2.85 million for the north side infrastructure –approved by Congress and signed by President this past week.
- Tower Project: 100 foot control tower, design complete, about to go out for bid— construction will begin summer 09 with completion late 2009 or early 2010. Staffed by civilian controllers and funded by the FAA Contract Tower Program –provide an added measure of safety at the general aviation/ reliever airport. FAA Airport Improvement Program/ 90%-10% local match.
- Security Perimeter Fencing Project will be designed 2009 with construction in 2009/2010 to enhance security of the airfield. \$700,000 funded through FAA and TxDOT Airport Improvement Program and City of San Marcos.
- Multiple developers in negotiation for executive hangar communities in concert with the North Side Development Project.
- North Side Development Project: Seeking \$4.725 million from FY 2010 federal appropriations for a new Airport Terminal Building located in the North Side Development along Highway 21.