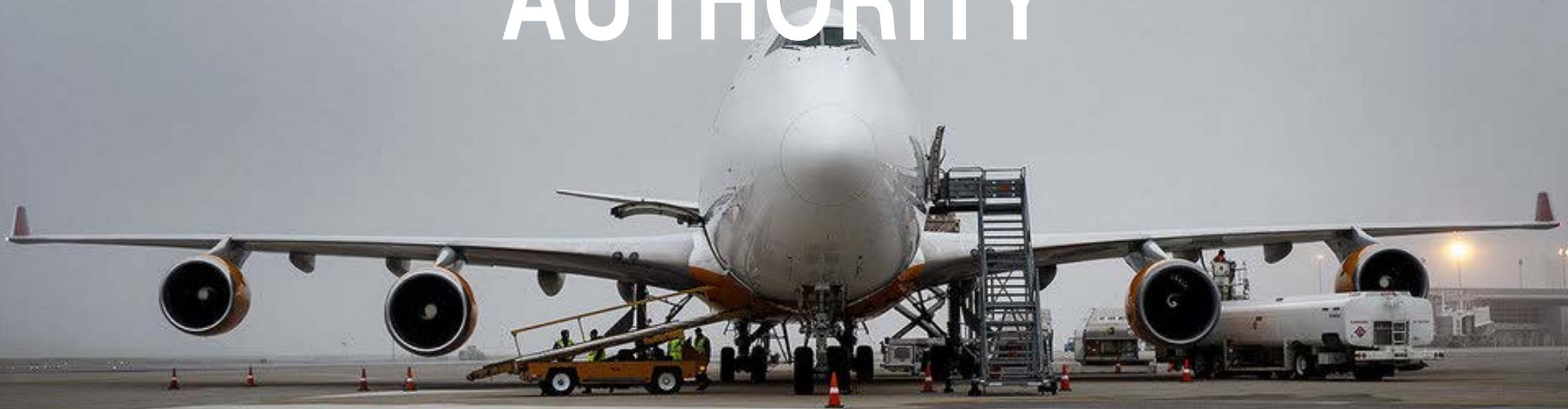


# SUSQUEHANNA AREA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY



PRESENTATION BY: Timothy Edwards, Executive Director

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SARAA is a multi-municipal authority that manages and oversees the operations of Harrisburg International Airport and three (3) general aviation facilities in Central Pennsylvania.

Under the Municipal Authorities Act, SARAA is an independent entity governed by a Board of Directors. SARAA board members are volunteer community leaders appointed to staggered five-year terms by each of the following municipalities:

- ✦ **Harrisburg International Airport** – Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County
- ✦ **Capital City Airport** – Fairview Township, York County
- ✦ **Gettysburg Regional Airport** – Cumberland Township, Adams County
- ✦ **Franklin County Regional Airport** – Greene Township, Franklin County

All four airports are on the National Plan of Integrated Airport System (NPIAS), a national inventory of U.S. aviation infrastructure, maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration. Airports on the NPIAS are eligible to receive federal grants for capital projects under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

## Name and Position

William Leonard, Chair  
 Erik M. Hume, Vice-Chair  
 James Gross, Secretary  
 Nelva V. Wright, Treasurer  
 Vacant  
 James Anderson III  
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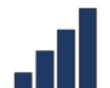
## Appointing Authority

Lower Swatara Township  
 Cumberland County  
 City of York  
 City of Harrisburg  
 Dauphin County  
 York County  
 Fairview Township  
 Dauphin County  
 City of Harrisburg  
 Cumberland County  
 Cumberland County  
 Dauphin County  
 York County  
 York County  
 City of York

## 2022 ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

 **Total Employment - 7,741**

 **Total Payroll - \$367,002,300**

 **Total Output - \$1,019,870,300**

Source: PennDOT Economic Impact of Aviation



# SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



**ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT  
GENERATED BY SARAA'S  
FOUR AIRPORT SYSTEM:  
\$1 BILLION**

**SARAA'S AIRPORT SYSTEM PAYS FOR ITSELF.**

**UNLIKE MANY TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, SARAA'S AIRPORTS  
ARE SELF-SUSTAINING AND DO NOT RECEIVED LOCAL, STATE, OR  
FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR OPERATIONS.**

**IF YOU DON'T USE THE AIRPORT, YOU DO NOT PAY FOR IT.**

**APPROXIMATELY 60 BUSINESSES SUPPORT MORE THAN 1,500 JOBS  
ON THE HIA CAMPUS.**

**HIA GENERATES NEARLY \$3 MILLION IN LOCAL PROPERTY, SCHOOL,  
AND PA SALES TAX REVENUES ANNUALLY.**

# HARRISBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



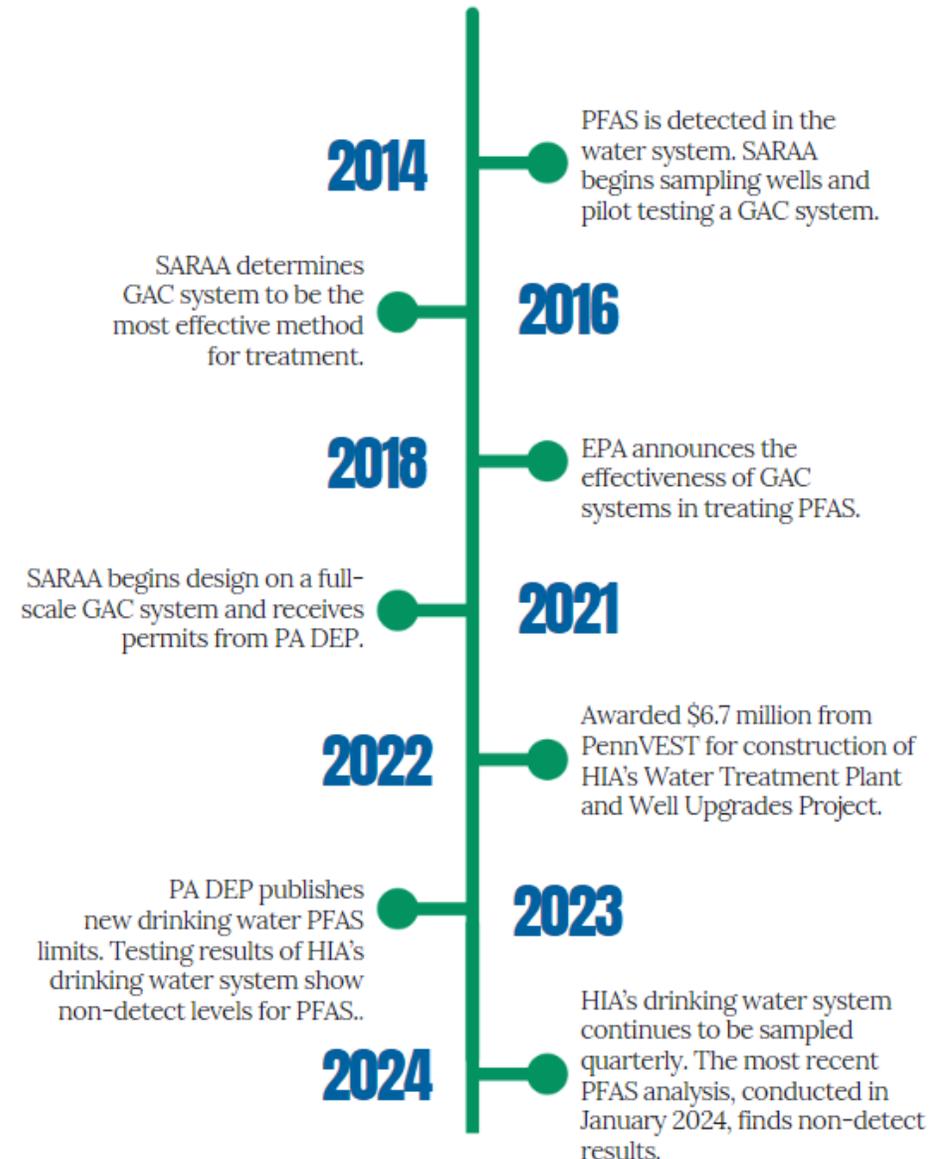
- ✈ HIA offers four (4) airlines, providing daily nonstop services to 16 destinations and hundreds of connection points. Orlando, Chicago, Atlanta, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and Charlotte were the most traveled to destinations in 2023.
- ✈ Beginning June 14, 2024, HIA will offer a new nonstop service to Jacksonville, Florida via Allegiant.
- ✈ In 2023, HIA reported a total of 1.3 million passengers - an increase of 3.8% compared to 2022. The Airport ranks as the third-largest commercial airport in Pennsylvania, in terms of departing passengers.
- ✈ 2023 was the third consecutive year of passenger traffic growth as traffic has returned to 86 percent of the record set in 2019—prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✈ HIA is home to more than 60 companies and 1,465 badged workers on the 760 +/- acre campus. The top three businesses with badged workers include the United Parcel Service, FedEx, and SARAA.
- ✈ HIA is part of the FedEx and UPS global air cargo network, processing more nearly 96 million pounds of cargo each year. By 2032, SARAA's air cargo complex is projected to process 138 million pounds of cargo annually.



# HIA CAPITAL INITIATIVES – PRODUCING THE REGION’S CLEANEST WATER

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WELL UPGRADES PROJECT

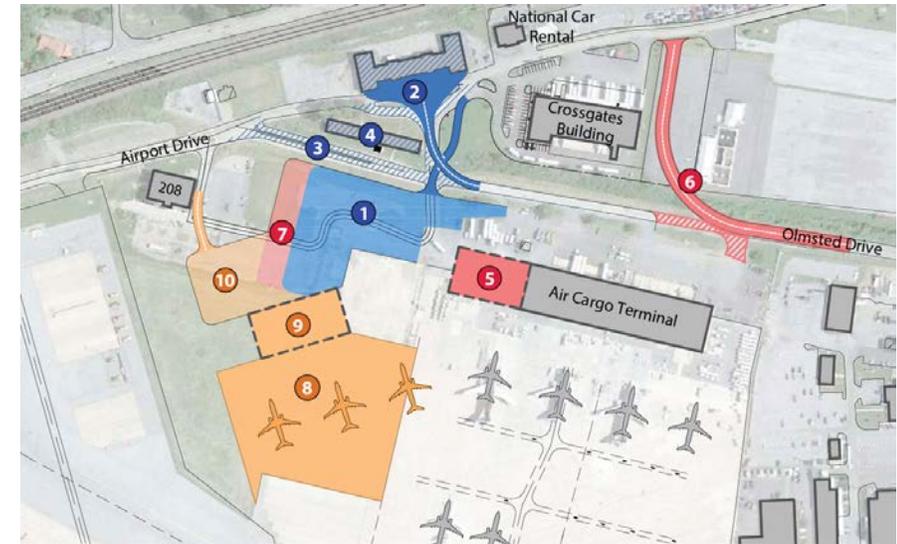
- ✦ HIA is subject to Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) requirements surrounding Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting to maintain its Airport Operating Certificate. This requires the use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (“AFFF”), that includes Perfluorooctanoic Acid (“PFOA”) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (“PFOS”) chemicals.
- ✦ These **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, collectively known as PFAS chemicals, are commonly called “forever chemicals” due to their inability to break down in the environment.**
- ✦ Decades of use and testing of AFFF in airport emergency operations has contributed to a buildup of these chemicals in the ground water and raw water source wells at the HIA Water Treatment Plant. The elevated levels of PFAS identified in the drinking water supply impact SARAA’s ability to provide safe drinking water in compliance with EPA health advisory levels to the commercial and industrial connections at the HIA campus.
- ✦ In June 2022, **SARAA was awarded \$6.7 million from PennVEST to complete the Water Treatment Plant and Well Upgrades Project.**
- ✦ These grant funds addressed PFAS contamination in the drinking water system and have allowed SARAA to advance additional PFAS remediation efforts, including a PFAS pilot treatment program for groundwater and stormwater conveyance/discharge that will prevent these contaminants from spreading into the Susquehanna River Basin.
- ✦ SARAA completes quarterly sampling with the most recent PFAS analysis completed in January 2024. **Over the last year, HIA’s testing results have continually shown non-detect levels for PFAS.**



# HIA CAPITAL INITIATIVES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## AIR CARGO RECONFIGURATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT

- ✦ In 2016, SARAA completed a Master Plan for HIA, including a capacity assessment and development plan for air cargo operations. The Master Plan found the current air cargo complex to be undersized with access constraints that pose hazardous conflicts.
- ✦ In 2021, SARAA initiated a **\$64 million expansion of HIA's air cargo complex**, increasing capacity by 30%.
- ✦ The expansion of HIA's air cargo complex is broken into two categories – “landside”, improvements located outside of the air cargo fencing perimeter and generally not eligible for FAA financial assistance; and “airside”, development within the areas accessible to aircraft including runways, taxiways, aprons, and aircraft gates and the land adjacent to these facilities required by current FAA standards.
- ✦ As of March 2024, over \$22 million in federal, state, and local investment have been made to the air cargo complex, including:
  - ✦ Federal Aviation Administration – \$16,105,299.17
  - ✦ Economic Development Administration - \$3,118,629.83
  - ✦ PennDOT Bureau of Aviation – \$2,203,968.46
  - ✦ SARAA – \$1,389,968.63
- ✦ At full-build out, the air cargo complex is estimated to create more than **300 new, permanent jobs in the region**.



# GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS



## CAPITAL CITY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT – 320 ACRES

- ✦ Acquired by SARAA in 1998
- ✦ Based Aircraft – 115
- ✦ Average Annual Aircraft Operations – 24,500
- ✦ FAA-designated reliever airport for HIA
- ✦ Home to Cargill Aeronautical Academy
- ✦ Airport of choice for several state agencies including the Governor's Office, Pennsylvania State Police, and Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General.
- ✦ Civil Air Patrol Squadron whose members participate in research and rescue missions, as well as several youth program offerings.



## GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT – 59 ACRES

- ✦ Acquired by SARAA in 2006
- ✦ Based Aircraft – 15
- ✦ Average Annual Aircraft Operations – 9,600
- ✦ The general aviation service airport provides an uncongested operating environment ideal for beginning pilots and weekend flyers.



## FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT – 95 ACRES

- ✦ Acquired by SARAA in 2004
- ✦ Based Aircraft – 19
- ✦ Average Annual Aircraft Operations – 12,000
- ✦ A single 30-foot wide taxiway provides access to ramp and hangar area.
- ✦ Landside facilities include 9 t-hangar units, 11,730 square feet of hangar space and an administration building.

# UPCOMING EVENTS - 2025 AIR SHOW

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - HARRISBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- ✦ **Air Dot Show Tour:** May 24-25, 2025
- ✦ **2025 Air Dot Show Tour:** 7 Stops (Central PA, Orlando, New York, Augusta, Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta, and Ocean City, Maryland)
- ✦ Celebration of Aviation Excellence, Military Prowess, and Family-Friendly Fun
- ✦ **Attractions:**
  - ✦ Military and Civilian Aircraft Displays
  - ✦ Aerobatic Performances
  - ✦ Static Displays of Vintage and Modern Aircraft
  - ✦ Interactive Exhibits and Activities
- ✦ **Headlining Acts:** US Navy Blue Angels
- ✦ The U.S. Navy Blue Angels fly the F/A-18E Super Hornets and perform a combination of formation and solo maneuvers in an inspiring high energy performance. In all, the pilots perform approximately 20 maneuvers during the full demonstration that lasts approximately 40 minutes.



# THANK YOU

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