

# Aviation & Community Services Report

May, 2025

## Director of Aviation

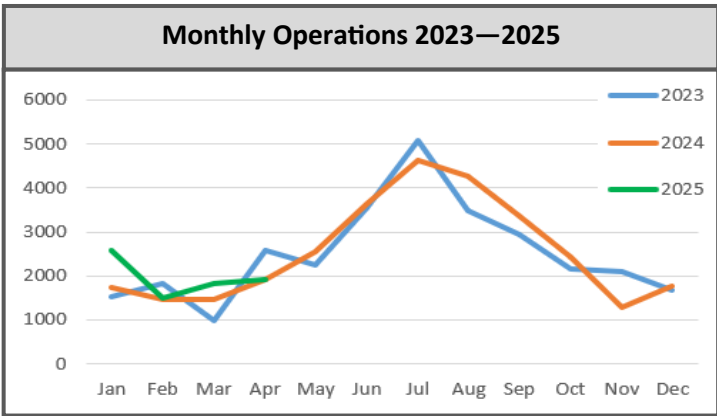
Outreach this month has been focused on Apron-2 reconstruction via emails, website, social media, leverage our Fly Safe seminar, and a meeting with local tenants on May 20th.

Our STEAM focus in June is working with the Round House to maximize the annual Maker Show to showcase an aviation element we’re calling “Flight Lab” to engage with the public.

The overnight hangar program is adjusting to optimize infrastructure and revenue generation.

This past winter saw the greatest use of Runway 2. More info can be found in the Runway Utilization Report published this month.

## Operations



April operations were similar to the last few years but were 10% above average from the past decade. Glider operations resumed Memorial Day Weekend.

April Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	89	80	103	16%	29%
Jet	222	193	205	-8%	6%
Piston	1,907	1,346	1,373	-28%	2%
Turboprop	367	293	246	-33%	-16%
Total	2,585	1,912	1,927	-25%	1%



## Fly Quiet

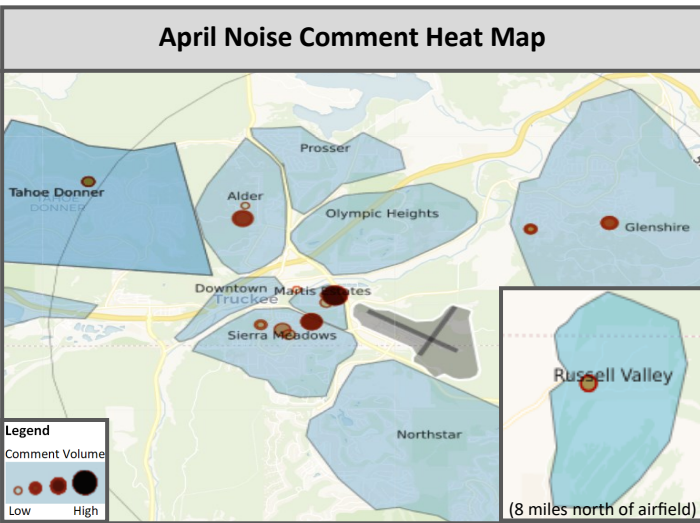
In April, fourteen households submitted a total of 25 comments. Notably, there have been no noise complaints from Olympic Heights in 2025 to date—a significant change from 2024.

Eight aircraft operations occurred during quiet hours. Of these, five followed the Shoulder Hour Protocol, and none generated any noise complaints.

Ventura County Airports reached out to KTRK to learn about our noise abatement program. They heard that our airport is the “gold standard” for noise abatement and plans to visit KTRK June 13 to meet with our Outreach Coordinator.

Staff is continuing to explore options for new ways in which we address noise impacts in the community.

April Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Jet	12	5	10	39	21
Piston	76	43	14	31	98
Turboprop	12	28	1	10	246
Total	100	76	25	25	77



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## Fly Safe

It was another packed house on May 14 when Truckee Tower Manager Larry Finney and Justin Martin from Oakland Center presented Air Traffic Control 101. There were 75 attendees including one prominent ACT member that learned how air traffic is safely operated in Truckee and steps TTAD takes to not only address safety, but noise impacts in the community.

The next Fly Safe event is Wed, June 18 when CalFire Air Attack Battalion Chief, Dave Krussow joins us to speak on aircraft wildfire operations. This timely talk will help pilots understand how air assets are used to fight fires and safely maneuver around the airspace.



## STEAM

“Flight Lab: an aviation experience presented by the Truckee Tahoe Airport” will be held in conjunction with the annual Maker Show on June 8. Flight Lab will include STEAM components along with aircraft, drones, EMS, and heavy equipment from numerous agencies.

In April, members of the local high school-aged Tech Teens group visited Truckee Tahoe Airport for a technology-focused field trip. Hosted by IT Manager Mike Cooke, the tour included a brief history of KTRK, a visit to the air traffic control tower, an introduction to the flight simulator room, and a stop at the Dispatch office.

Mission to Mars (M2M) continues to collaborate with a local homeschool network to host a series of Friday M2M workshops, with the current series scheduled to conclude in June.

Additionally, airport staff are reviewing feasibility and vendor quotes for a temporary structure that would serve as a dedicated space for STEAM organizations at the airport.

## Hangars and Wait List

As individuals moved from the wait list into hangars, staff is encouraging new tenants to enter the “VRBO” overnight program. We are expecting 3 new VRBO hangars in June. Hangar inspections and revitalization programs will continue this summer in coordination with ramp construction.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	36	2
Large-T (48’ door)	11	7	1
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	19	1
Regular-T	129	38	2
Total	227	100	6

## Community Outreach

The ‘KTRK Monthly Briefing’ was sent out May 1, featuring all the ACT, Fly Safe and Board Meetings, as well as highlighting events, and community members. Over 2,500 individuals received the email with an open-rate of ~ 60%.

Continued communications on construction, hangar inspections, noise impacts, and Maker Show will continue as we enter the summer season.

Communications strategy focusing on TTAD’s Strategic Initiatives is on-going and will highlight the District’s numerous positive impacts to the region.