



Weather permitting, on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8 a.m., the DKX runway will reopen and tenants will be able to return to the airport. Thanks to the dedicated work of the Rogers Group and Authority staff, the first phase of the DKX Runway and Taxiway Reconstruction Project is on schedule to be completed in the two-month timeframe. As a reminder, this is not the end of the construction project with additional construction work, closures, and alternate taxiway routes ongoing until early 2023. It will take all of us working together to ensure a safe operating environment at the airport.

To assist us with the runway reopening, **we are asking that you contact the airport customer service desk at (865) 577-4461 and provide your expected return date and time.** This will allow us to plan for your arrival and provide you with updated taxiway and operational information. **Once the runway is reopened, the airfield will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.**

To make your transition back to DKX smoother and to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the project, we will be providing lunch and dinner on September 6th and 7th in the lobby. Food will be available from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch) and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (dinner). You can eat with us or grab a box to go. Tenants should also drop by the customer service counter to pick up a small token of our appreciation for your patience and support during this temporary closure.

First Landing: We are excited to be able to offer one lucky DKX tenant a chance to be the first aircraft to land on the new runway on September 6th at 7 a.m. If you wish to enter the random drawing, please complete the entry form found at <https://flyknoxville.wufoo.com/forms/r1rtcq3k1nen1tm/>.

After your return to DKX, it is imperative that you check NOTAMS before each flight and visit or call the airport office to know what areas of the airport are involved in construction operations. While we will continue to strive to minimize the impacts the construction will have on you and your flying experience, please expect some temporary airport and taxiway closures as well as alternative taxiway routes – knowing about them before you take flight will be crucial to the safe navigation of the airport during construction.

In appreciation of your patience and cooperation during the first phase of this project, MKAA is waiving September's rent for tenants. We look forward to assisting you with your return to the airport very soon. Please contact Brian Shutt, airport manager, (865) 342-3182, if you have any questions and to report your estimated return date.