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There is no demonstrable need for the expansion of Solberg Airport. The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Division (now Bureau) of Aeronautics has overestimated general aviation activity demand in New Jersey by more than 100%.

In a 2003 report¹ they stated that in 2001 the total number of General Aviation Operations was 1,982,300.

In 2006², another report projected the following General Aviation Operations "projected rates of growth" system-wide in New Jersey:

20002,045,50020052,140,30020102,239,80020202,453.800

What really happened?

Here's what the Bureau of Aeronautics stated in a 2022 report³

"Since 2010, general aviation airports in New Jersey have experienced a decrease in operations."

"In 2019, over 1.1 million general aviation operations (landings and takeoffs) are accommodated by New Jersey's public use airports."

In 2003, there were 1.98 million General Aviation Operations. In 2006 the NJDOT projected that in 2020 there would be 2.45 million operations. The NJDOT acknowledges that in 2019 there were 1.1 million.

The number of GA operations in the state are 44.8% of the NJDOT's projections.

THERE IS NO NEED TO EXPAND SOLBERG AIRPORT

>> THE NJDOT NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU <<

¹ "The Economic Impact of New Jersey Airports" New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. October, 2003

² "New Jersey State Airport System Plan" New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. 2006

³ New Jersey State Airport System Plan, Executive Summary. New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Multimodal Services, Bureau of Aeronautics. July 2022