



SUBJECT: O'Hare International Airport (ORD) Runway 14R/32L Shortened Permanently

BACKGROUND: The O'Hare Modernization Program continues construction in 2010 with significant changes to the airport's runway and taxiway layout. On May 6, 2010, the threshold of Runway 32L will be permanently relocated to accommodate construction of a new south side runway. The new threshold location of Runway 32L is moved northwest to a point north of Runway 10/28, with the two runways no longer intersecting. With this relocation, Runway 32L will be permanently closed to arrivals, and Runway 10/28 becomes the longest runway at 13,000 ft.

Additional 2010 airfield changes include taxiway designator changes, the reconfiguration of existing taxiways, and the opening of new southeast taxiways.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Flight crews operating at ORD should remain alert to changes in ground and in-flight operations. Awareness of the following factors is advised after May 6, 2010:

1. Runway 32L permanently closed to arrivals. It will remain open for departures.
2. *Changes to runway lengths:* Runway 14R/32L declared distances change with the Runway 32L threshold relocation. Crews are reminded to check NOTAMs, airport diagrams, construction diagrams, and your carrier's latest flight operation information regarding aircraft performance calculations.
3. *Changes on the airport surface:*
 - As a result of the permanent relocation of the runway 32L threshold, Runways 14R/32L and 10/28 no longer intersect. Use caution during operation near this location.
 - Taxiway designator changes, taxiway reconfiguration, and additional new taxiways are associated with the O'Hare Modernization Program. Check NOTAMs, ATIS, and latest airport and construction diagrams regarding your taxi-route. Please remain alert to taxi instructions, and contact Ground Control if uncertain of your assigned taxi route.
4. Attached is the bulletin published by the O'Hare Modernization Program which contains a diagram and additional data.
5. For additional and continued information visit: <http://www.flychicago.com/ohare/runwayshortened/>

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

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Executive Air Safety Chairman

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