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**Norfolk International Airport Begins Runway Rehabilitation Project**

**NORFOLK, Va. – (August 6, 2018)** – Norfolk International Airport (ORF) will begin the first phase of the rehabilitation of primary runway 05/23 on August 7, 2018. The rehabilitation scope of work includes the replacement of the runway centerline lights (RCL) and the mill and overlay of the 35' keel section of the center 6,000' of the runway.

The project will necessitate a five hour closure of the runway each night beginning at 12:15 A.M. on August 7 and reopening at 5:15 A.M. The project time is expected to be twelve weeks. Once this year's rehabilitation effort is completed planning will begin for the next rehabilitation project for Runway 05/23 that will address the concrete ends of the runway.

The airport authority has been coordinating with the airlines the last twelve months in order to schedule flights properly to allow construction crews adequate time on the field to perform the work. This runway rehabilitation is part of normal periodic maintenance done to extend the useful life of the runway.

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*Norfolk International Airport (ORF) is the major airport serving Coastal Virginia and Northeast North Carolina with air service provided by Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United and their regional airline partners. Together they provide nonstop access to 24 major airports (includes year-round and seasonal service), most of which are international gateways, allowing convenient access to global destinations. According to the FAA, Norfolk International Airport's passenger activity is ranked in the top 15% of commercial service airports in the United States with nearly 3.4 million scheduled passengers served in 2017.*