



## The History of BNA

- **1935:** with both the city of Nashville and the air transport industry rapidly expanding, Mayor Howse and the city's business leaders realized the need for a commercial airport that was closer to the city.
- **1936:** 400,000 people gathered on or near the airfield for a dedication ceremony. The first plan to land at the still-under-construction airport, on June 24, 1936, was an American Airlines DC-2.
- **June 12, 1937:** The airport officially opened. It consisted of a terminal building, two hangars, a 4,000-foot concrete runway, and a flashing beacon.
  - Regularly scheduled service began in July of 1937.
- **1939:** Berry Field was named in honor of Colonel Harry S. Berry, an engineer, veteran of WWI and the former head of the Tennessee Highway Department.
- **1940:** During WWII, the military took over Berry Field for use as a clearing station for newly produced warplanes.
- **1941:** The city and county officials began to prepare a master plan for expansion at the city airport.
- **1946:** After utilizing the airport during WWII, the US military handed the airport back to the City of Nashville
- **1961:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Berry Field, the new west terminal was formally opened, to cater for the 500,000 passengers and six airlines serving BNA.
- **1969:** Planning began for what would become the John C. Tune Airport.
- **1970:** The Metro Nashville Council authorized the creation of the Metro Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA) as a self-sufficient public corporation to replace the city's Department of Aviation. The purpose was to free Nashville's aviation system from the influence of politics at a time when aviation was no longer a luxury, but an essential for doing business.
- **1973:** MNAA completed a master plan that confirmed staying at the BNA site rather than locating to an area further away from the city center. The plan also called for expansion of the existing terminal and a new terminal and runway east of Donelson Pike to meet future demand.
- **1976:** MNAA changed the airport's name from Nashville Municipal Airport to Nashville Metropolitan Airport.
- **1983:** MNAA broke ground and began construction for John C. Tune general aviation reliever airport.
- **1986:** MNAA opened its general aviation airport to help relieve some of the congestion at BNA. John C. Tune Airport opened with one storage hangar and 10- T-hangars.

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- **1988:** In July of 1988, the MNA Board of Commissioners voted to unanimously change the airport's name from Nashville Metropolitan Airport to Nashville International Airport to reflect present and future international air service goals.
- **1989:** A new parallel runway, 02R-20L was completed
- **1991:** Construction of runway 2C/20C - 6,000 feet
- **1991:** Construction of runway 13/31 extension - 9,200 feet
- **1993:** Construction of runway 13/31 extension - 11,000 feet
- **1994:** Expansion of runway 2C/20C to 8,000 feet
- **1994:** Completion of International Arrivals Building in May
- **1995-98:** Construction & expansion of Economy Parking - 3,960 parking spaces
- **2000:** Landside construction & expansion project including the short-term parking garage - 1,706 parking spaces
- **2001:** Construction of Overflow Parking Lot - 1,981 parking spaces
- **2001-03:** Terminal construction/expansion and ramp/apron improvements to the Air Cargo Link facilities
- **2016:** BNA Vision is unveiled – a comprehensive plan designed to accommodate growth. BNA Vision includes expanding parking, concourses, and lobby areas, adding new gates, developing a state-of-the-art International Arrivals Building, increasing federal security screening lanes, and the potential for an on-site hotel, among other projects.
- **2017:** MNA breaks ground on BNA Vision, the expanded and upgraded interim International Arrivals Building (IAB) opens and MNA opens its first compressed natural gas fueling station at BNA
- **2017:** Doug Kreulen named president and CEO of MNA
- **2018:** MNA breaks ground on new Concourse D
- **2020:** BNA announces on-airport Hilton Hotel coming to BNA
- **2022:** BNA announces record breaking year with 18.4 million total travelers
- **2022:** BNA announces New Horizon, a new plan to build upon recent projects at BNA to meet unprecedented growth and the travel needs of passengers