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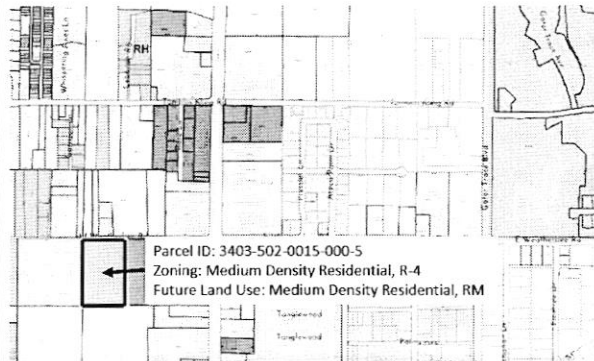
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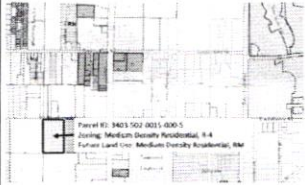
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## Breeze news big for Vero airport, but is even bigger on horizon?



**Laurence Reisman**  
Community Editor  
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Todd Scher could have droned on and on the other day about the success Breeze Airways had in its first two months flying in and out of Vero Beach Regional Airport.

The airport director, however, pivoted in another direction. Eventually, it got me thinking about a) how Brightline — the high-speed rail service slated to start this summer — could have some competition in the future and b) how transportation could be transformed in our lifetimes.

Much of what I learned after speaking with Scher was, pardon the punny cliché, pie in the sky, but more on that later.

The good news on Breeze was it served 11,000 Vero Beach passengers in February and March with planes averaging 88.9% of capacity. Scher said those are outstanding numbers, especially for new service.

### Breeze Airways blows away Vero Beach air traffic records, director says

That compares to a peak of about 10,000 passengers served in all of 2018 by Elite Airways, which in 2015 restored commercial air service to Vero Beach, Scher said.

Elite has had no service in Vero Beach since October, when it faced financial issues with local vendors. The company has said for months it would announce new routes soon. Its website shows images suggesting erroneously Elite has flights from Vero Beach to Portland, Maine; Newark, New Jersey, and White Plains, New York.

As for Breeze, its numbers also dwarfed those Scher said he remembers from when he flew 1980-1991 for USAir Express from Vero Beach to Orlando and Ocala and back. USAir carried about 1,700 (summer) to 3,500 (winter) passengers a month from Vero Beach on 15-seat, unpressurized Beechcraft 99s.

Meantime, Breeze's April bookings were outstanding, Scher said of the airline that has multiple flights each week to Hartford, Connecticut; Norfolk, Virginia, and White Plains. As of the other day, reservations could be made through Nov. 14.

### Innovation in store for Vero Beach airport?

Breeze's success is exciting, especially if it can maintain competitive fares, which I found as low as



The second Breeze Airways flight to Vero Beach Regional Airport is sprayed with champagne during an inaugural celebration on Feb. 3.

KAILA JONES/TCPLM

\$59 one-way to White Plains.

What intrigued me more, however, was Scher telling the city's Airport Commission that Skysports Infrastructure, a London-based vertiport company, had signed a letter of intent to lease city airport property. Skysports, who could not be reached for comment, is discussing details, including zoning, with city officials.

What's a "vertiport?" Think of the mall where George Jetson landed in "The Jetsons," a 1960s TV cartoon. A vertiport is a hub where owners of flying machines, including drones, using what's called "electric vertical take-off and landing," could recharge. Passengers could connect to planes or other modes of transportation.

Think of a sophisticated helipad, perhaps covered with solar panels to power electric flying vehicles looking like drones or tiny helicopters and holding several passengers.

### Skysports, other innovators get to work

"I'm still trying to wrap my head around what might be going on over there," Scher said of the possible Skysports site, noting logistics would have to be worked out. "It's a very interesting concept."

A quick search of the internet shows vertiports planned for places such as Orlando, West Palm Beach and Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Airlines, hoping to better serve customers, have gotten in the business. In October, USATODAY reported Delta could have an air taxi service operational by 2024. A four-passenger transport could fly people from Kennedy Airport to New York City in 10 minutes,

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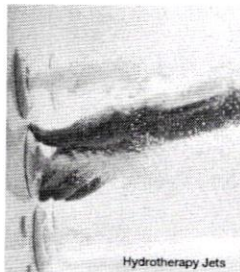
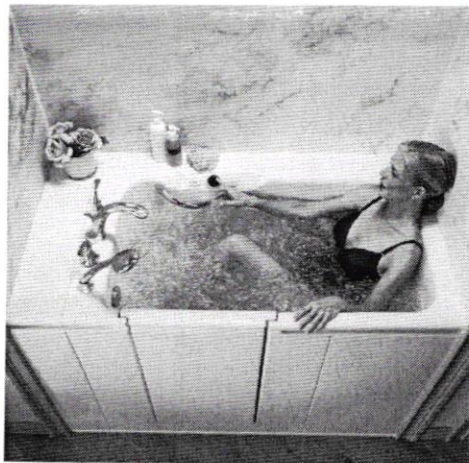
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# Secret Service

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lapse that day and for the vice president's visit to the Capitol," Cheate said. "There was no nefarious intent to have anything stopped that day. Our folks, again, did their job."

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., former co-chair of the House panel that investigated the Capitol attack, acknowledged his concerns about the challenges facing the agency.

"I've had concerns with the direction in which the agency has moved in, particularly under the previous administration, and I've discussed them with Director Cheate, who has given me her commitment to putting the service on the right path," Thompson said. "We must ensure that the agency operates effectively, in an apolitical manner, and works to improve workforce morale and restore public trust in the agency."

## Preparing for 2024

The heat of the 2024 presidential race is still months away, but the election cycle also spotlights persistent challenges for the Secret Service: staffing and training.

Last year, hundreds of agents working protection missions maxed out annual overtime and salary allowances, which will require the agency to once again seek congressional authorization to make up back pay for the unpaid time worked, according to service records.

In preparation for the 2024 campaign, which already includes protective details assigned to Trump and Biden (who is expected to formally announce a reelection bid), the Department of Homeland Security has requested an additional \$191 million to ensure the campaign is "adequately resourced for the protection of major candidates, nominees, their spouses, and nominating conventions."

Already, the agency has identified 16 protective details to begin training ahead of the election season. Because details work on three-week rotations, the number does not represent actual candidates that would receive protection. But the agency is gearing up to accommodate several possible candidates who may require round-the-clock security, as determined by the DHS.

The preparations are part of a sprawling election plan. In years past, agents have been drilled on scenarios ranging from urban combat to manning rope lines and securing stages.

Major presidential and vice presidential candidates automatically receive Secret Service protection within 120 days of the general election. But many candidates receive it much earlier in the campaign cycle.

The DHS budget proposal includes funding for 77 additional positions across the service. Yet finding candidates to fill those jobs has been a never-ending challenge for the agency and much of law enforce-

ment. For every 250 applicants for special agent positions, officials said, only one is typically hired after a process that includes background checks and polygraph examinations.

Much of the effort to evaluate and accelerate hiring will be led by Cynthia Spiberg Radway, the service's chief operating officer. Radway's appointment marks the first time women have held the senior roles of director and COO at the same time.

"We're taking a hard look at our recruitment strategies," Radway said, adding that there is no plan to adjust past drug use prohibitions that have doomed many prospective candidates.

"Maintaining the integrity" of the selection process, Radway said, will not be compromised.

## A White House in Maryland

Nearly a decade ago, after an Iraq War veteran scaled the White House fence and burst through the mansion's front door, a special advisory committee recommended two major additions to physical security and training for the Secret Service: build a higher perimeter fence and "train in conditions that replicate the physical environment" in which agents and uniform officers work.

The new fencing is now a reality. But a proposed training centerpiece — the construction of a replica White House on the agency's suburban Maryland training grounds — has yet to be realized.

In a 2015 appeal before a House Appropriations subcommittee, then-Director Joseph Clancy said agents and officers were staging White House training on "a rudimentary, not-to-scale simulation of the north grounds of the White House, using bike barricades to act as the fencing."

"There are no structures, vehicle gates, lighting, or other aides to enhance the training simulations," according to Clancy's written testimony, which then requested \$8 million for the construction of a White House model to "provide a more realistic environment, conducive to scenario-based training exercises."

Magaw said a model would be "very, very valuable" to the agency's training program.

"It would allow scenario training at all hours of the day and night to simulate actual events," the former director said. "It would make the current training complex complete."

Cheate is moving to revive the project, viewing it as essential to agent and officer training and the security of the White House. Last year, Congress funded a feasibility study for the project, which will help determine the exact costs.

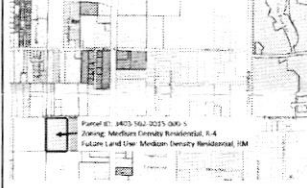
In its current virtual state, the plans provide for outside grounds and interior rooms that closely replicate the real thing. The project would represent a transformative addition to the agency's training complex, where Cheate once served as the special agent-in-charge.

Said Cheate, "No one has looked at this and said this is a bad idea."

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