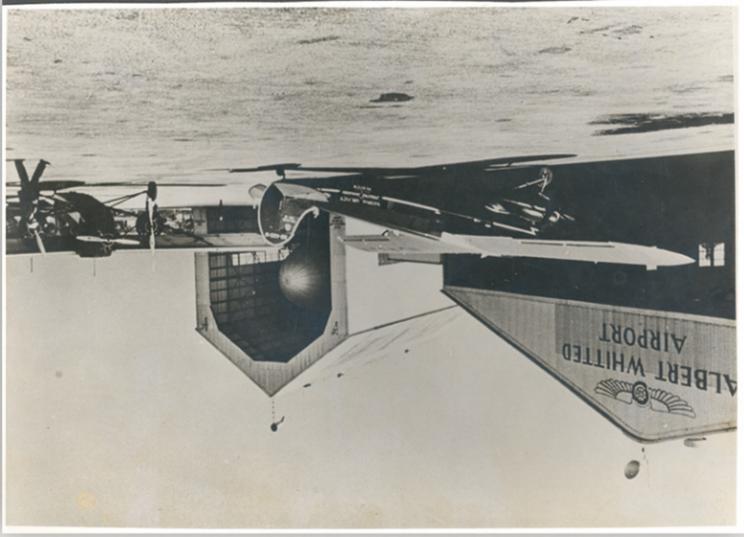


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Albert Whitted Airport:  
A part of our history,  
a key to our future.

A great deal of confusion has been created on the airport issue. But if you want the definitive guide on how to best save Albert Whitted Airport, save our waterfront and save our city, just follow the simple instructions below. PLEASE clip this out and take it with you to your polling place on Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HERE'S HOW YOU CAN SAVE ALBERT WHITTED**

**Charter Amendment:**

**#1 — Vote YES**

This guarantees Albert Whitted will remain open, continuing to protect our waterfront.

**#2 — Vote YES**

This allows the city to accept grants to ensure the airport's continued operation.

**#3 — Vote NO**

This is the dangerous "park" scheme that shuts down Albert Whitted and makes up to half of the property available for development.

**#4 — Vote YES**

This is a technical change clarifying that if two conflicting amendments pass, the one receiving the most votes prevails.

**#5 — Vote YES**

This allows the city to accept grant money conditional on restrictions to park or waterfront property and provides conditions for their transfer or cancellation.

**SAVE OUR ONLY AIRPORT · SAVE OUR CITY · VOTE NOVEMBER 4th**



Albert Whitted postcard, circa 1940.

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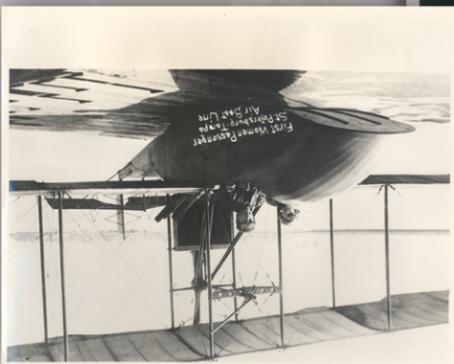
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We can't do it alone. If you care about saving our city, please call 727-823-5200 to ask how you can help.

On January 1st, 1914, Tony Jannus and former St. Petersburg Major A.C. Phiel flew the world's first scheduled airline operation in The Benoist.



Mrs. L.E. Whitney prepares to be the first woman to fly on a scheduled airline on January 6th, 1914.



Over the years, our city has been an instrumental part of aviation history. St. Petersburg is nationally recognized as the birthplace of scheduled flight when Tony Jannus began flying in 1914. National Airlines, one of the nation's first airlines, began service at Albert Whitted in 1934. For its 75 years of history, memories and service, the airport deserves a historical marker. Instead, a select few are trying to tear it down.

**A living, breathing part of history.**

*For 75 years, Albert Whitted has been an important part of our city's heritage. It holds a key to our past, and is vital to our future.*

*But, once again, a deceitful group is trying to tear it down for all the wrong reasons.*

**“If it’s not broke, don’t fix it.”**



*Albert Whitted, circa 1930.*



*Albert Whitted, today.*

The relationship between St. Petersburg and its only airport, Albert Whitted, has worked wonderfully for many, many years. The airport has provided numerous jobs for the community and kept high-rise development to a minimum, all while keeping our families safe. Why change something that has worked so well for so long?

## It's more than saving the airport, it's saving lives.

The airport helps keep our town safe and secure. Bayflite medical helicopters use Albert Whitted to stage and refuel. Without the airport, helicopters would have a much further distance to travel between emergencies, decreasing their ability for support and putting your safety at risk. The airport also supports both Coast Guard and Florida Highway Patrol operations and is an emergency staging area in the event of a hurricane or other natural disasters. All these vital functions would be gone if Albert Whitted were ever destroyed.

Albert Whitted is also designated by the FAA as one of the nation's critical reliever airports. That means the airport is crucial to relieving the general aviation traffic at Tampa International, St. Petersburg-Clearwater International and Sarasota International. Among other benefits, this keeps training and recreational flights separated from large, fast flying, passenger carrying airliners. This is crucial to our area's flight safety and for smooth, expedient air traffic at busy commercial airports like Tampa International.



*Bayflite leaves the airport after refueling.*



*Many local companies find Albert Whitted convenient for corporate travel.*

## REAL waterfront protection, forever.

It's true. The other side's "park" plan protects the waterfront for five years. But Albert Whitted, by simply remaining an airport, protects our waterfront from development forever. With the airport gone, the restrictions on high-rise buildings that have kept our charming downtown intact for so many years would also be gone. Is there any doubt that without these restrictions, eventually, high-rise buildings would litter our entire downtown? Plus, the "park" plan only calls for up to half of the land that is now Albert Whitted to become a park. What do you suppose they plan to do with the other half?



*Aerial view shows how the airport has kept high-rise development away.*



*The Benoist flies majestically across the waterfront.*