



JOBY BRINGS ELECTRIC AIR TAXIS TO NEW YORK CITY IN WEEK-LONG FLIGHT CAMPAIGN

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Joby Aviation announced the completion of the first-ever point-to-point eVTOL air taxi demonstration flights in New York City’s history, marking the start of a week-long public campaign across the city’s existing heliport network. Framed against the most iconic skyline in the world, the campaign offers the first real-world demonstration of how electric air taxis, which are quiet and produce zero operating emissions, will be able to connect the region, linking vertiports, international airports, and communities across the New York metropolitan area.

Joby aircraft (N545JX) departed from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and landed across the city’s existing heliport network, including Downtown Skyport, and the West 30th Street and East 34th Street Heliports in Midtown, home to Blade Air Mobility’s premium passenger lounges. Together, these sites trace some of the commercial routes the company envisions for New York, connecting Lower Manhattan and Midtown to JFK in under 10 minutes.

JoeBen Bevirt, founder and CEO of Joby commented: “New York has always been a city that defines the future by demanding better. We first flew here in 2023, and now we’re showing what

the next chapter looks like: a quiet, zero operating emissions air taxi service designed to better serve New Yorkers. This week, flying between JFK and Manhattan, we showed what the White House-backed eIPP initiative makes possible and offered New York a look at what's coming."

Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole stated: "The bridges, tunnels, airports, and rail lines that the Port Authority operates move hundreds of millions of people through this region every year, and our job is to make sure that network keeps pace with the future. This cutting-edge aircraft is exactly the kind of innovation we have a responsibility to test, understand, and help shape for the good of the region and the public. These flights advance our work to determine how next-generation aviation technology can serve the people of New York and New Jersey."

Port Authority Executive Director Kathryn Garcia said: "We operate some of the busiest airports in the world, and with that comes a responsibility to think seriously about what aviation looks like in the decades ahead for our passengers, for our communities, and for the environment. These demonstration flights are one data point in a larger body of work we're building around next-generation electric aviation, and it reflects our conviction that responsible exploration of these technologies now is how we prepare this region for the future."

Led by the NYC Economic Development Corporation, and in partnership with Skyports Infrastructure and Vertiports by Atlantic, New York City's heliport infrastructure will be electrified in anticipation of the launch of commercial air taxi service.

"These historic Joby flights, linking our city-owned heliport to our airports, is proof that the future of advanced air mobility is no longer a Jetsons-esque fantasy – it's already here," said NYCEDC Interim President & CEO Jeanny Pak. "NYCEDC is thrilled to usher in New York City's transition to electric flight, and these flights mark a real milestone in that journey. Building on the progress we've made alongside Downtown Skyport and Atlantic Aviation since Joby last flew in NYC skies by upgrading the city-owned heliports to support eVTOL charging infrastructure and Blue Highways maritime delivery, NYCEDC is making New York a more sustainable, greener, and innovative transportation landscape for all New Yorkers."

Central to Joby's New York strategy was the 2025 acquisition of Blade Air Mobility's passenger business, now a wholly owned subsidiary of Joby. Blade's operational expertise, broad base of passenger infrastructure in Manhattan and at key New York area airports enabled it to serve more than 90,000 passengers in 2025. Blade provides the foundation for commercial electric air taxi service at scale and will accelerate the city's transition from the use of helicopters to quiet and emission-free aircraft.

In New York, Joby's commercial vision is simple: turn one of the city's most time consuming trips into one of its fastest. Through partnerships with Delta Air Lines and Uber, Joby aims to create a seamless, end-to-end experience that connects ground transportation and air travel in a single journey. In a city where a typical commuter lost, by one estimate, 102 hours to traffic congestion in 2025, Joby's goal is to reclaim that time by transforming a 60-to-120-minute drive to JFK into a seven-minute flight.

Joby's aircraft has been specifically designed with redundancies across multiple systems to enhance safety and reliability. Its proprietary design achieves a considerably lower noise footprint than similarly sized conventional aircraft or helicopters, and its acoustic signature blends into the ambient sounds of everyday city life.

These flights celebrate the March announcement of New York being selected under the federal eVTOL Integration Pilot Program, established by executive order, which aims to accelerate

commercial rollout of this next generation of air transportation across the U.S. Joby was named a partner on five selected projects, spanning 12 states. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey — the lead partner behind one of the selected projects and the agency responsible for much of the region’s critical transportation infrastructure including airports, bridges, tunnels, and the seaport — worked closely with the FAA, Joby, and other eIPP partners to make these flights possible, bringing the program’s goals to life by integrating quiet, emissions-free air taxi service at one of the nation’s busiest airports.

Joby continues to make progress in the final stages of FAA certification, marked by the recent flight of its first conforming aircraft for TIA, which will pave the way for FAA pilots to carry out for-credit tests. Building on a series of piloted demonstrations across the [San Francisco Bay Area](#), the New York campaign puts the aircraft in real flight routes and real environments in one of the world’s most dynamic cities, demonstrating the acoustics and performance metrics that are critical to unlocking the urban aerial ridesharing market.

The flights continue Joby’s 2026 Electric Skies Tour, a national showcase timed to celebrate the United States’ 250th anniversary, following the tour’s inaugural Bay Area flight campaign, which included a landmark flight over the Golden Gate Bridge.

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