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THE CITY OF NEWPORT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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PAC Meeting #2 of 5

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Newport City Hall

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Public Open House #2 of 5

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Welcome to the first of four project newsletters for the City of Newport Airport Master Plan Update

This newsletter provides a brief introduction to the master planning process, address goals and issues, and provides background on the Airport inventory and forecast.

ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Public outreach program—in place since the Project kicked off five months ago—continues to provide several resources for communication with the public: project newsletters, public open houses, Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings, and a project website. Public open houses include a presentation by the City and Consultant Team with time allotted for discussion, questions and comments. The first set of five PAC meetings and open houses was held in October. This and other project newsletters will report on study progress and will be emailed to interested parties and posted to the City of Newport's project website: <http://newportoregon.gov/dept/onp/MasterPlanUpdate2015>

PURPOSE OF A MASTER PLAN

The primary objective of the Master Plan Update will be to reassess Airport issues, needs, priorities, and goals. As part of the project, aeronautical activity forecasts will be prepared to determine the Airport's needs over a 20-year planning period and alternatives for meeting those needs will be developed.

The end result will be a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved forecast, Airport Layout Plan, and Capital Improvement Plan. Through a competitive selection process, the City of Newport has contracted with WHPacific, Inc. to prepare the Airport's Master Plan. The project is being funded, in part, through a grant from the FAA.

The Master Plan Update will be conducted with community involvement to gather input and direction. A master plan was last completed for Newport Municipal Airport in 2003.

PLANNING PROCESS

The Master Plan Update study involves several tasks to be undertaken in an estimated 18-month time frame. Within this study, the following chapters will be prepared:



1. Introduction
2. Inventory and Data Collection
3. Aeronautical Activity Forecast
4. Facility Requirements
5. Airport Development Alternatives
6. Compliance Review
7. Recycling and Solid Waste Management Plan
8. Airport Layout Plan and Associated Drawings
9. Capital Improvement and Financial Plans

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The mission of the PAC is to advise Airport staff and the Planning Team on issues of community interest with respect to providing safe, efficient and convenient air transportation for Lincoln County residents and businesses, while at the same time maintaining and respecting the interests of the Airport's neighbors and the environment.

The city selected the PAC by choosing members that represent public and private interests as well as airport users.

AIRPORT ROLE

The local economy already benefits from the Airport in many ways. It is estimated the direct and in-direct impact at the Airport and off-Airport visitor spending is approximately \$16.7 million. The Airport also has the potential to serve as a critical emergency response facility

GOALS AND ISSUES

A successful master planning process includes the early identification of airport goals and issues derived from discussions with a broad range of stakeholders including City staff, PAC, airport users, area businesses, and other interested parties.

Highlighted goals include:

- Research Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA), and other government agencies to understand the process of making ONP a coastal lifeline in emergency / disaster situations.
- Develop finance strategies for airport improvements.
- Raise awareness of the value of the airport in the community.



Highlighted issues include:

- US Coast Guard views the Airport as asset but has few facilities there
- Utility upgrades and expansion are needed for any potential airport development
- Negative cash flow
- Environmental considerations

INVENTORY

The inventory chapter documents existing conditions for the Newport Municipal Airport. This includes Airport facilities, airspace, land use and zoning, environmental considerations, historical aviation activity information and financial data. The information presented represents baseline data used as the foundation for the subsequent chapters. An accurate inventory helps produce an aviation demand forecast that is reasonable and aids in identifying future facility development needs.

The City's records indicate there are currently 28 aircraft based at the Airport. In the last 12 months there were an estimated 19,600 operations from the Airport including air taxi, general aviation, and military operations.

FORECAST

At the upcoming PAC meeting, various aviation demand forecasting models will be presented along with a detailed overview of the aviation industry and those trends affecting the Newport Municipal Airport. Specifically, forecasts will be prepared for General Aviation, Cargo, and Air Service.

General Aviation Forecasting efforts will focus on determining the trends expected over the planning period for annual aircraft operations and based aircraft. This will culminate in the recommendation of the Critical Aircraft - meaning the most demanding aircraft that uses the Airport on a frequent basis. Cargo and Air Service trends will be presented in the form of a market analysis and potential uses. This information will be presented along with a discussion of the value the Part 139 Certificate plays in future airport development.

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE FORECAST

The next element in the Airport Master Plan Update Study will be the identification of various long-term airport development alternatives to meet the needs identified to date. Subsequently, three alternatives will be presented for a comparative evaluation. The PAC may select one of the alternatives or a composite of the alternatives by selecting specific components of each. These components will be combined to establish the "preferred development alternative" to be recommended to the City for approval so the Airport Master Plan Update may progress to completion.



For more information about the Airport Master Plan Update Study, please contact: Newport Public Works. Alternatively, you may contact WHPacific's Project Manager, Rainse Anderson, via phone (503-372-3521) or e-mail (randerson@whpacific.com).