

Meeting Summary – PAC Meeting #1 – April 25th, 2019

Airport Manager Gary Judd began the meeting at 3:00 PM with a short statement about the need for continuous community involvement throughout the completion of the 2019 Airport Master Plan and beyond. There were approximately 30 people in attendance representing a cross section of stakeholders and interested citizens. For a complete list of attendees please see the meeting sign in sheet.

Matt Rogers of Century West presented an overview and agenda for the meeting, discussed roles and responsibilities of PAC members, and provided an opportunity for each person in the meeting to introduce themselves. Matt also discussed the purpose of the plan, funding, known issues and opportunities, the project schedule, and public involvement process expected to occur over the course of the project. Matt informed PAC members that Working Paper #1 (Introduction, Existing Conditions Analysis, and Aviation Activity Forecasts) would be made available to the PAC for their review in approximately 2 – 4 weeks.

Mike Dane of Century West presented a summary of the Existing Conditions Analysis. The topics covered included a summary of the regional setting and context of the Bend Municipal Airport, landside facilities, airside facilities, and the airport administrative elements. The topics presented provided a summary analysis of existing conditions to set the baseline for future improvements to be considered within the Airport Master Plan.

Corbett Smith of Mead & Hunt presented a summary of the Aviation Activity Forecasts to be submitted to the FAA for review and approval. The draft Aviation Activity Forecasts depict significant growth over the 20-year planning period that will likely exceed the capacity of existing facilities within the next 5-10 years or sooner. This issue will be discussed further at future meetings focused on Facility Goal and Requirements and Development Alternatives.

To close the meeting, an informal Q&A discussion amongst the planning team and PAC members and public members present at the meeting revolved around several key issues including:

- Considerable growth in projected aviation activity
- Preserving glider operations area/activity at the Bend Municipal Airport
- Corporate aircraft make up a significant amount of airport operations and will likely continue
- Shortage of T-hangars for Single-engine piston aircraft that make up the vast majority of based aircraft
- Prineville Airport Manager estimated 1/3 of based aircraft are people that may prefer to be based in Bend but cannot find a reasonably priced hangar
- Concerns were discussed regarding coordination between Deschutes County and City of Bend and the notable impacts on development potential at the Airport

Gary Judd closed the meeting at 5:00 PM and invited everyone to attend the Public Open House scheduled to begin at 6:00.