

Your help...

Can the Public Provide Input?

Complete public involvement and participation in the update of the Airport Master Plan for the airport is encouraged. Three meetings are planned, at the kick-off, at the forecast of aviation traffic stage and for the presentation of the draft report. In addition, the consultants will be in regular contact with the Airport Board and available by phone, fax, mail and e-mail to the public and officials. We hope that all individuals, governmental agencies and business interests provide comments and input to the study. Only through open communication of the needs and goals of the community can this study become a useful tool.

If you have any additional questions or comments about the study, please contact us at:

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Powell Municipal Airport

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Airport Master Plan Update



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July 12th 2007

**Project
Kick-Off Meeting**

The Airport Master Plan Update

In its continuing efforts to provide a high level of aviation services and to support economic development in the region, the City of Powell recognizes that the airport facilities in Powell need to be evaluated periodically as to their adequacy to meet future needs. The aviation industry as a whole and the aircraft traffic using Powell, has undergone tremendous change in the past few years. The growth in use of the aviation system reflects not only the impact of air transportation on daily lives but also the growth of Powell and the region.

The continued viability of the airport will depend upon the re-evaluation of its long term plan. This brochure is intended to answer some frequently asked questions concerning airport planning studies and the planning process which will be used to update the Airport Master Plan at the Powell Municipal Airport through the year 2027 (20 years).



What Is an Airport Master Plan and Report?

An Airport Master Plan document is the product of an evaluation of an area's needs and an overview of the systematic airport development that will best meet those needs. The plan establishes development objectives for a twenty-year period. Proposed development objectives are arranged in order of priority based upon airport demands. The report also details the rationale for each of the various planning elements, including airfield configurations, airport access, land use recommendations and support facility needs.

The goal of the Master Plan is to accommodate airport needs in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner. Alternative scenarios will be devised, each satisfying projected needs in a unique way. Through coordinated review by the sponsor, State and the Federal Aviation Administration, and input from airport users as well as other private citizens, a final development plan will evolve which serves as a guide to realistic and achievable airport development in line with community objectives.

What Is the Purpose for the Airport Master Plan and ALP Drawings?

A planning update is necessary now as a timely reassessment of the development direction of the airport to meet the needs of the local economy and an ever changing air transportation industry. Airport layout plans are commonly updated every five to ten years. The previous planning effort at the airport was completed in 2001 but did not provide substantial community involvement; *this one will.*

A major emphasis of the Master Plan update will be the safety, efficiency and capacity of the airfield. The airport layout plan update will include an evaluation of airport related development areas with regard to capacity, airport design standards, land use, costs and opportunities. The plan update will serve as a valuable strategy tool for establishing airport improvement priorities and obtaining funding.

How Will Future Recommended Airport Improvements Be Funded?

The Federal Aviation Administration coordinates the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) established by congress to provide funding to airports on a priority basis. Revenues for this program are not generated from federal income taxes, but from taxes on aviation activity such as the sale of aviation fuel and oil, aircraft, aircraft parts and airline tickets. The vast majority of the money for this study is being funded through the AIP program, as a grant to the City of Powell.

Most major improvements to the airport also come from the AIP program and will be eligible for 90 to 95 percent federal funding. Other State funding assistance from the Wyoming Division of Aeronautics on a 80/20 may be available.

Who Is Conducting the Study?

As noted, the Master Plan update is being most paid for through a grant from the FAA. The City of Powell selected GDA Engineers to lead the planning effort at the Powell Municipal Airport. If you would like detailed information on any members of the planning team, please contact Rick Patton at the e-mail or the phone number on the back of this brochure.

This study is beginning with a kick-off meeting on July 12th, 2007 and is scheduled for completion by spring of next year.

Information about this study, its analysis, findings and meaning of those findings will be made available periodically throughout the time frame of the study and modified in response to input from the coordination process. The final recommendations will be delivered to the community and the FAA in reports and drawings. We hope that you become involved in the study with attendance at public meetings and other discussions. Your input is welcome!