



Airport Master Plan – Government Leadership Briefing

Date: October 14, 2014 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Location: Harvey Field Airport, Snohomish, WA
AIP Project: Airport Master Plan

Attendee List:

Federal Aviation Administration

Stan Allison, FAA

Washington State Department of Transportation - Aviation

Tristan Atkins, Director

Eric Johnson, Construction & Grants Program Manager

Robert Hodgman, Senior Aviation Planner

John MacArthur, Aviation Planner

Snohomish County

Stephen Clifton, Executive Director

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Christina Ghan, Planning and Development Services, Associate Planner

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Frank Slusser, Planning and Development Services, Senior Planner

Steve Thomsen, Public Works Director

City of Snohomish:

Larry Bauman, City Manager

Owen Dennison, Planning Director

Tom Hamilton, City Council

Puget Sound Regional Council

Stephen Kiehl, Principal Planner

Harvey Field

Kandace Harvey, President/CEO

Cynthia Hendrickson, Airport Manager

Vladimir Ursachii, Network Administrator

Harman Kaur, Intern

Tyson Harvey, family member

Elaine Harvey, family member

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Phil Stiffler, family member

Consulting Team

Donna Taylor, Aviation

Renee Dowlin, Aviation

Colleen Cummins, Aviation



1. Welcome/Opening Comments & Introductions

Kandace Harvey opened the meeting by welcoming the group, thanking them for attending, and introducing the airport staff and consulting team. All participants introduced themselves and identified their affiliation.

Donna Taylor briefly introduced the Master Plan project and importance of everyone's participation in the project before starting the presentation.

2. Why Harvey Field Matters

Donna reviewed the role of Harvey Field at both a national and state level. Nationally, the Airport is designated as a reliever and as a regional service airport for the state. A reliever airport is designated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to relieve congestion at commercial service airports and to provide general aviation access to the overall community. Operations and based aircraft at Harvey Field are equivalent if not greater than Paine Field.

A flight map detailing the reach of Harvey Field was shown which included both flight plans filed with the FAA (instrument flight plans) and those on record with the Airport. The map demonstrates that Harvey Field is not just used by the local community.

The economic impact of Harvey Field was also discussed. Donna noted that there are 100+ employees at the Airport working in aviation related jobs and another 100+ employed by non-aviation related businesses. According to the 2012 Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Economic Impact Study the Airport contributes to millions of dollars regionally, from visitors, and taxes.

The relationship between the FAA, WSDOT, and Airport was also discussed. The Master Plan will aid in defining the overlap of the relationship in regards to development and funding. The roles of the FAA and WSDOT were also discussed.

3. Master Plan Overview & Process

Donna provided an overview of Master Plan process which detailed that a Master Plan is a 20 year plan that is typically updated every 7-10 years unless circumstances have changed at an airport to make it necessary to revise sooner. This is the case at Harvey Field since the last Master Plan was completed in 2010. The trigger was the increased number of operations by the Cessna 208B -Grand Caravan which surpassed the FAA's threshold to be considered the design aircraft (500 or more operations per year).

Donna emphasized the "Solutions" phase of the process as it is why we are here today. Finding a feasible solution to the existing issues with input from other agencies and the community is a critical element in the process in order to have a plan we all can all feel good about. Methods of outreach were reviewed and the website emphasized (to be live following the December 11th Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting).

The timeline was briefly reviewed as well.

The PAC was discussed and a participant asked what the role of the PAC was. Donna explained that the PAC's role was to be the voice of the community. Members will be drawn from the neighboring jurisdictions, residents, tenants, local businesses, FAA, WSDOT, districts, etc. The purpose of the group is to assure we are headed down the right path, to assure the airport is valued as an integral community asset, and serve as in an advisory capacity to the Airport.

Donna asked the members to name groups/people they would like to see represented on the PAC. The group also asked who we had have been considering. The list below includes responses and those already considered.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Economic Alliance, Snohomish County → Diking Districts (French Creek, Riverview, Marshland) → Chamber member(s) → FAA → WSDOT → Avenue I & J residents → Neighbors off south end of runway → Riverview Residential area resident → 111th Street resident → Springhetti Road resident or business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Noise Committee member → Pilots → Washington Pilots Association member → South Snohomish UGA business owner(s) → City Council member → Snohomish Boys & Girls Club → Snohomish Senior Center → Puget Sound Regional Council member → Snohomish County planner(s) |
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4. Key Discussion Points

Five questions were presented to the group; questions and responses are listed below.

What do you see as the issues and challenges as we move forward?

- Airport Way Road alignment – existing issues/cost
- Community Inclusion – ensure we capture a large audience (postcard distribution)
- Flood Hazard concerns – include FEMA
- Flood Elevations in relation to the agricultural community
- Surrounding Zoning (i.e. Ag-10 and IP)
- Land Use Impacts – City of Snohomish and surrounding area
- City Residents
- Volume of aircraft and type
- Concern if there is a change in aircraft type
- Noise

How can we ensure a full and robust community conversation?

- Ensure a large group is captured (postcard distribution)
- Open Houses
- Subject matter experts at public open houses

What do you believe are the essential elements that we need to consider and are there lessons learned from prior Master Plan?

Essential Elements:

- Parking/Transportation (roads)
- Wetlands/Floodplains
- Land Use compatibility 10-20 years in future
- Noise
- Regional importance of Harvey Field, as well as its reliever status and economic contributions to the region

Lessons Learned:

- Reaffirmed value of community coordination
- Early issues identification is important
- In-depth alternative analysis to assure plan feasibility

What have we missed or we must consider as the project evolves? – **No answers received**

Donna closed the meeting and thanked all for taking the time to attend.