Introduction

Renton Municipal Airport (RNT), owned and operated by the City of Renton, serves general aviation needs of Renton and the communities on the eastside of Lake Washington. The Airport also accommodates Boeing, the world’s largest aerospace company.

The Airport is a self-supporting business entity within the City of Renton and does not rely on general tax revenues for its operation and capital costs. According to the 2012 Washington Aviation Economic Impact Study, the total estimated regional impact from Renton Municipal Airport businesses is over $6.2 Billion.

// Airport Sustainability Plan and the Airport Master Plan
An Airport Sustainability Management Plan (SMP), completed in 2012 provides the overall policy structure for the ownership and operation of the Airport over the long term. The Airport SMP is based on community and local values and has measurable metrics. An Airport Master Plan is a 20-year physical development plan for an airport.

// Airport Master Plan – What Is It and Why Now?
The Airport Master Plan was last completed in 1997, and was partially updated in 2009. Because airport staff have been very successful in implementing improvement projects, the majority of the Capital Improvement Projects envisioned in the 2009 update to the Airport Master Plan have been completed. Without a current Airport Master Plan, the Airport will be unable to continue to receive funding for capital projects from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). A major goal of the Airport Master Plan is to align the future improvements with the Airport’s Sustainability Management Plan and to reassess the goals, objectives and initiatives that outlined the Airport’s approach to becoming more financially viable and operationally efficient while at the same time conserving natural resources and being socially responsible.

The purpose of the Airport Master Plan is to provide a long-term physical development plan for the Airport that will:

- Be based on the goals outlined in the 2012 Sustainability Management Plan;
- Identify space for potentially needed facilities;
- Provide an on-airport land use plan that considers the highest and best use of limited airport parcels;
- Be compatible with the environment, land uses adjacent to the Airport, other modes of transportation, and other airports in the region; and
- Be developed within federal, state, and local regulatory guidelines and legal parameters.

// PURPOSE OF THE STUDY
The emphasis of this Airport Master Plan is on the physical development of airport property to meet aviation demand; including environmental issues related to the Airport’s environs (noise and compatible land use planning, natural features, and man-made infrastructure); analysis of potential airside development alternatives; and on- and off-airport development activity that allows the Airport to maximize its potential to be a self-sufficient business unit.

The planning process for Renton Municipal Airport will involve various major tasks, including:

- Inventory and analysis of existing conditions at the Airport;
- Development of aviation activity forecasts;
- Determination of appropriate facility requirements and needs;
- Analysis of development alternatives to enhance safety and meet current FAA design standards;
- Preparation of a plan for airport improvement, environmental protection, and compatible development of the Airport with its environs;
- Preparation of costs and schedules necessary to formulate a long-range Capital Improvement Plan;
- Development of a financial program for project accomplishment.

// THE PROCESS AND SCHEDULE
The master planning process will start in the fall of 2014 and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2016.

Following a comprehensive analysis of facility needs and alternatives, a recommended airport development plan will be prepared that will take both existing and projected conditions into consideration, as well as input from residents, the Renton Airport Advisory Committee (RAAC), Airport Staff, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Renton Municipal Airport Master Plan will be based on twenty-year projections, and could potentially result in recommendations for operational and aircraft procedures, airport facilities development, and guidelines for financial implementation.

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PARTICIPANTS AND PROJECT SPONSOR

The Airport Master Plan is being conducted under the direction of the City of Renton, with ninety percent (90%) financial assistance from the FAA.

The Renton Airport Advisory Committee (RAAC) will serve as the study committee for the project. The RAAC is comprised of Renton residents, airport tenants and stakeholders and a representative from the City of Mercer Island. The RAAC will provide the foundation for stakeholder outreach and help to guide development of the plan. Participation in the plan development process will be facilitated through several public meetings and on-site visits, as well as targeted coordination with numerous individuals, groups, and entities representing diverse interests and expertise. These meetings will be scheduled during the course of the study, offering opportunities to interested individuals to become involved in the study process.

The public is invited to attend all public meetings and encouraged to contribute thoughts and ideas in the creation of this important plan that will help direct long-term development at Renton Municipal Airport.

For specific information concerning the details and progress of this Airport Master Plan, please visit the Renton Municipal Airport link on the City of Renton’s website at http://rentonwa.gov/living

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