



IDAHO FALLS REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Meeting 1 Summary

August 31, 2021
Idaho Falls City Hall Council Chambers
680 Park Avenue
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Airport Director Rick Cloutier welcomed attendees and provided opening comments.

T-O Engineers Airport Planner Rick Patton introduced the planning team members, provided a brief history of the airport, described the purpose of airport master plans, and gave an overview of how airport projects are funded.

T-O Engineers Airport Planner Wayne Reiter covered the elements and steps of an airport master plan, roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders, airport compliance, public involvement, tentative meeting schedule, airport website, key issues, and next steps.

Six individuals provided in-person testimony, two people provided online comments:

1. Question: What does Runway 17-35 viability mean from Key Issues?

Answer: It is primarily related to FAA justification for future FAA funding. The FAA may fund a crosswind runway based on primary runway wind coverage, or a secondary runway based on capacity. The justification for continued FAA funding of the runway will be reviewed as part of this Master Plan considering both wind coverage and capacity.

2. Question: Will the previous planning study done for Runway 17-35 be used for this master plan?

Answer: It was a targeted study for Runway 17-35, and did not encompass the entire airport, as this master plan will do. The planning study will be reviewed, but this master plan will take a fresh look at the entire airfield including Runway 17-35, design standards, and potential historic eligibility of hangars and structures.

3. Question 1: Will there be a master plan review committee?

Answer: Yes, there will be a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for this master plan. It will consist of airport users.

Question 2: How will the I-15/US-20 connector project influence the master plan?

Answer: The airport is on the EIS project review committee and is coordinating with ITD and the FAA.

Comment: Expressed concerns about the future of Runway 17-35.

4. Comment: Would like to see safety and maintenance issues addressed in the master plan.

5. Question: Will regional stakeholders be involved in the master plan?

Answer: The county and surrounding communities have been invited to participate. The team will engage Bonneville County when preparing Land Use recommendations.

6. Comment: Concerned about future property acquisitions and requested to keep the surrounding community informed.

7. Online Question: What are the dates for future meetings?

Answer: The next meeting is planned for the Fall of 2021 to present the forecast, dependent on FAA approval.

8. Online Comment: Audio from the presentation was difficult to hear.

Response: The meeting is being recorded and a project website will be updated with project information.

There were no further comments.

Airport Director Rick Cloutier thanked everyone for attending and encouraged public input, then closed the meeting.