



Idaho Falls Regional Airport 2022 Airport Master Plan

What is an Airport Master Plan?

An airport master plan is the process of establishing an airport's blueprint for long-term development to meet future aviation demand. It helps to ensure the airport will continue to meet the needs of its customers and that future development is consistent with local, state, and national goals. This includes identifying potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of future airport projects.

Why Does the Airport Need One?

An airport master plan is typically updated every five to ten years. This helps the airport respond to updated design requirements as well as industry trends and changes in the economy. The last airport master plan was completed in 2010.

The Airport Master Plan Process



Research

- Research the airport's history.
- Inventory existing conditions.
- Develop a forecast of future activity levels.
- Identify critical aircraft.
- Forecast approval.

Requirements

- Identify improvements required due to updated standards or to accommodate forecasted activity.
- Evaluate each option to determine the most responsible plan.

Implementation

- Prepare an implementation plan with a preliminary schedule and estimated costs.
- Prepare a capital improvement plan.
- Prepare an airport layout plan (ALP).

Who Determines This Process?

The elements of an airport master plan are outlined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), but the process is tailored to meet the needs of the airport.

Who Approves the Plan?

The City of Idaho Falls approves the plan. However, FAA approval is required for the forecast and the airport layout plan (ALP) these are used to determine grant funding.

What Is the Purpose of the Plan?

- Identify the condition and capacity of existing airport infrastructure.
- Identify existing problems, opportunities, and constraints.
- Determine if improvements are needed to meet current safety standards or future activity levels.
- Identify industry trends and their potential impact to the airport.
- Ensure the airport is able to continue to safely and efficiently meet the needs of customers.
- Allow the community to provide input on the plan.
- Develop a financially responsible plan for airport development.
- Establish a realistic schedule for project implementation.
- Identify potential funding sources.
- Keep the community informed.