



Airport Futures is a collaborative effort between the City of Portland, Port of Portland, and the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan community to create an integrated long-range development plan for Portland International Airport (PDX). Beginning in fall 2007 and concluding in spring 2010, the Port will update the airport master plan and the City will create a land use plan recognizing PDX's role in the regional economy while managing City infrastructure and livability. The three-year process will reinforce Portland's planning legacy and PDX's reputation as one of the premier airports in the country, and incorporate principles of sustainability and livability. The City and Port are committed to planning for future cargo and passenger aviation needs of the region while using reasonable efforts to avoid, reduce, or mitigate potential impacts to the community.

Joint Planning Process

PDX currently operates as a "conditional use" in an industrial zone. This process requires the Port to apply for a permit from the City every 8-10 years to operate PDX as an airport. In 2003, the City and Port agreed to replace the current conditional use process with a legislative process which would recognize the airport as an "allowed use" as part of a planning process that addresses the complex issues of growth at the airport. This process will be guided by a 2004 City-Port Intergovernmental Agreement, and a joint City-Port Public Involvement Program.

Public Involvement

To support the integrated planning process, the City and Port have developed a comprehensive Public Involvement Program. A centerpiece of the process is the joint 30-member Planning Advisory Group (PAG) to serve as an advisory body to the City and Port. The PAG will be comprised of community, government, and commercial interests. In addition to the PAG, public involvement will be sought to inform decision-making at key milestones in the joint planning process. Those milestones are:

- Scope of Work Development and Project Initiation
- PAG Kick-off, Issue Identification and Goal Setting
- Aviation Demand Forecasts
- City Early Land Use Proposal and Forecasted PDX Facility Requirements
- PDX Follow-on Studies
- Airport Alternatives Analysis and City Land Use Alternatives
- Adoption of PDX Master Plan and City Land Use Plan

To ensure adequate input at these milestones, the City and Port plan to schedule 19 PAG meetings, 14 public meetings, six City of Portland Planning Commission meetings, four Portland City Council meetings, six Vancouver City Council meetings, and five briefings of the Port Commission. There will also be ongoing meetings with neighborhood coalitions and key stakeholder groups to provide regular updates and receive input. A project web site at www.pdxairportfutures.com will provide additional opportunities for public input and information throughout the planning process.

Need more information?

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