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## Hillsboro Airport Master Plan and Compatibility Study Update

### Project Overview

The Hillsboro Airport has been in existence since 1928. It has been owned and operated by the Port of Portland (Port) since 1966. The Airport plays an integral role in the Port's general aviation reliever system of airports. The Airport offers opportunities for passenger travel, business and recreational flying, flight training, medical response, aircraft maintenance and fuel, and aircraft storage. It features two runways, an air traffic control tower, and was home to 363 based aircraft, that helped generate about 254,000 total aircraft operations in 2003.

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The Port of Portland has completed an update of the Hillsboro Airport's Master Plan and Compatibility Study as part of its continuing effort to provide a high level of aviation service while addressing concerns about airport compatibility. The Port must ensure that the Hillsboro Airport will be able to meet future demand for aviation services while also being sensitive to local community goals and objectives.

The project's goal was to develop a planning tool to guide development of Hillsboro Airport, using analysis of business and community needs over the next twenty years. This plan will likely be updated again in the next five to ten years. This update will help the Port develop terminal, airfield, and adjoining Port facilities appropriately, based on updated forecasts of demand for aviation services. The Port also updated the Hillsboro Airport Compatibility Study as part of this plan update.

The following are some of the specifics of the project:

- § Analysis of the alternative roles of the Hillsboro Airport in meeting the community's need for air passenger and/or cargo services;
- § Inventory and evaluation of existing facilities, aviation activity, land use, and airspace to determine if there are adequate facilities to accommodate forecast aviation demand;
- § Overview of potential environmental issues that may affect the future operation or development of the Airport;
- § Analysis of the sustainability of existing Airport facilities;
- § Proposed Airport facility improvements plan and preliminary cost estimates;
- § Update of the Airport Layout Plan to establish appropriate configuration of the airfield, navigational aids, and terminal facilities;
- § Update of the 1993 Airport Compatibility Study to identify land use and operational measures that can be implemented to improve compatibility between the Airport and the community; and
- § Stakeholder involvement with specific outreach efforts targeted toward airport tenants and users, local governments, and interested citizens.

### Public Involvement and Outreach

In preparation for the Master Plan Update, several preliminary activities were performed. These included a community opinion survey, public meetings and briefings with local government and community groups during fall 2002.

The public involvement and outreach program includes the following:

- Informational Presentations to Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs) 8 & 9
- Hillsboro Airport 101 program
- Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Hillsboro Airport Compatibility Study Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs)
- Open Houses and public meetings
- Publications / newsletters
- Interactive Website

