

**Buchanan Field Airport  
Master Plan  
Public Meeting:  
March 15, 2005**

- Comment 1: Local resident notification seemed to be lacking. How do we plan on getting the local community involved?

Response: Notifications of the first meeting were placed in seven local newspapers, posted on the County Airports website, distributed via U.S. Mail mailed to an interested party mailing list, and conveyed by word of mouth. We would like to maximize the effectiveness of our notification process and welcome suggestions from the public on how best to reach community members.

- Comment 2: Neighborhood associations are not necessarily a good way to get the word out since many people no longer are involved/participate.
- Comment 3: Will the study consider extending the runway over Route 4 to increase aircraft traffic and funding sources?

Response: The Master Plan process will look at various scenarios and possibilities including runway extensions.

- Comment 4: A few sites were mentioned for future development. Can you identify them?

Response: At this time it would be premature to identify possible sites until we have enough information to get a realistic view of the future possibilities. Other considerations could include runway relocations, extensions and other possible changes. It is also premature to identify them now as more information must be considered to get the whole picture.

- Comment 5: Do we need the number of runways or other pavement surfaces at Buchanan Field and are you looking to change the layout?

Response: The process will examine all aspects of the airfield, including payment layout. Any proposed changes will be based on a full analysis of the issues.

- Comment 6: Buchanan Field has gone from mostly prop planes to larger corporate jets. Jets have become a nuisance over the last 15 years. Can we look at ways to reduce the jet noise? We have a choice of whether we let businesses develop whatever they want and basically warehouse jets

for other counties; or we can look at micro-jets which are more noise friendly? Can we establish mini-jets for commuting?

Response: The Master Plan process will explore all possibilities.

- Comment 7: Can we make sure that we work together with everyone to find a plan that works for everyone?

Response: The goal of the Master Plan process is to reach consensus, to the greatest degree possible, on the elements.

- Comment 8: Asked us to consider identifying the type of activities that aircraft are doing, not just the type of aircraft.
- Comment 9: What is the cost of the Master Plan?

Response: Ninety percent of the \$1.2 million total cost is provided by the Federal Government (FAA), five percent is from the State and the remaining portion is funded by the Airport Enterprise Fund. There is no County General Fund money used for this project.

- Comment 10: Does the discussion of identifying highest and best use for airport property imply that you are looking for an alternate use for the airport?

Response: No, the Master Plan is focused on the aviation needs and identifying all components to enhance its performance and connection to the region.

- Comment 11: Who will be doing the security planning at the airport?

Response: The Security planning is being handled under another Federal grant. The total security grant was one million dollars and the project should conclude in 2006.

- Comment 12: What is the consultant's background in Airport Master Planning?

Response: Bernard Dunkelberg has been performing master plans for over 25 years. Airport Master Plans are eligible for updating every five years. The Buchanan Field Master Plan is currently over ten years old. Craig Communications has been performing public communications within the County for over a decade.

- Comment 13: Is there an equal ratio of pilots/business members/ community members on the Steering Committee?

Response: The Steering Committee composition and design is flexible, allowing the addition of additional organizations, as appropriate. To better assess the current Steering Committee composition, assessment interviews will be performed to identify Committee members' issues and interests and to ensure that the current membership is reflective of the local and regional communities. This process will also help us determine additional organizations that should be included.

- Comment 14: How many public meetings will be conducted during the Master Plan process?

Response: There will be nine public meetings, in addition to this introductory meeting. Working papers that summarize project issues and recommendations will be distributed and discussed at each public meeting.

- Comment 15: Some elements of the planning process appear to occur very quickly in the process, is this realistic?

Response: The master plan component tends to take eight to 16 months. A draft recommended plan for alternatives will take about six months. At the completion of the draft plan, the part 150 Noise study will begin. At the completion of the 150 Noise Study, the draft recommended plan will be updated. To the greatest extent possible, the County will hold public meetings on a quarterly basis. This will give interested community members enough time to study and digest the meeting information.

- Comment 16: Some members of the public feel we have a noise problem. Will you be looking at the effect of noise on the value of our property?

Response: We will be looking at general effects of noise on the community, but not specific incidents.

- How was the interested party mailing list compiled?

Response: The mailing list was generated using through compiled from a variety of sources that include the following:

- District IV Supervisor's office
- Noise Complaint Lists
- Homeowners Lists and Homeowner Association lists
- Steering Committee Members
- Local Chamber of Commerce listing
- Civic and social organizations