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## Bismarck Airport begins 20-year airport master plan

Bismarck, ND – The Bismarck Airport is embarking on a new airport master plan to help map the airport’s development over the next 20 years.

The airport master planning process includes a public outreach program designed to elicit feedback from the airport’s stakeholder groups and communicate the final recommendations of the study. The public outreach program is an opportunity for the public to get information and give input on the plan.

The airport will hold three public workshops during the course of the planning process. The first workshop is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM in the Bismarck Airport Terminal Lobby. This workshop will be an open house where a summary of the master plan’s goals and objectives, the airport’s existing facilities and aviation forecasts are available. Members from the consultant team will be present to give an overview of work completed to date, collect input from attendees and answer questions. Input from people not able to attend the meeting will be gathered from the airport’s website at [www.bismarckairport.com](http://www.bismarckairport.com). The website will also hold information about the plan’s progress made to date.

A master plan development process begins with a forecast of air travel and cargo demand, and concludes with an FAA-required Airport Layout Plan (ALP). The master plan will evaluate the airport’s existing facilities. This includes the passenger terminal and vehicle parking. The plan will also consider runways, taxiways and aircraft aprons, aircraft hangars and navigational aids. The purpose is to determine if the facilities can support future aviation demand. The ALP creates a flexible “road map” that the airport can modify over time to respond to how growth develops in the 20-year period.

The development of the master plan is funded through a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Plan (AIP) Grant and local funds. The master plan is being led by local consultant, Mead & Hunt with support by specialty services sub-consultants Kim Kenville Aviation Consulting, Martinez Geospatial and Leibowitz and Horton.

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