

Port of Portland: General Aviation Outreach Summary

Hillsboro Airport

- **Advisory Group:** In 2006, after creating a community-driven airport master plan and compatibility update, the Port created the Hillsboro Airport Issues Roundtable (HAIR), an ongoing advisory committee for Hillsboro Airport, which was open to the public and reserved time at each meeting for public comment. The purpose of the HAIR was to provide an opportunity for regular, two-way, timely engagement on planning and development activities, and operations at HIO. HAIR met 6 times a year, then meetings were adjusted to occur on a quarterly basis. The group changed their name to Hillsboro Airport Roundtable Exchange (HARE), to reflect a focus on dialogue, and met until Fall 2016, when the committee finished their work to allow capacity for the upcoming airport master plan update.
- **Annual Open House:** Since 2000, the Port has hosted an annual autumn Hillsboro Airport Air Fair, a free open house for the community. This event provides guided bus tours of airport facilities, multiple kids' activities, input into and information about airport planning and environmental work, information and individual consultation about aviation noise topics, opportunities for local small business participation, information booths from government partners and other family-friendly activities. The event draws 500- 1200 people each year.
- **Ongoing news:** The Port email notification list sends news and updates on Hillsboro Airport activities to community members who have signed up to receive notifications. The current list includes over 5500 email addresses.
- **Long history of engagement:** The Port is very active in the Hillsboro Community. Over the last 18 years, we have held open houses for master plan topics, land use/noise zoning, and other issues and have hosted additional events such as forums featuring the Port's executive director. We currently have one scheduled for April of this year. We have also provided speakers to Citizen Participation Organizations, homeowners' associations and civic groups. The Port's noise department has visited numerous homes to consult on aircraft noise issues. The Port also worked with the FAA to adjust the noise patterns for helicopters based on citizen input. The Port has been a sponsor and exhibiter at Celebrate Hillsboro, the local community celebration each August, since its inception. We are also members of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Westside Economic Alliance and other community organizations.
- **Upcoming Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Update:** The Port is working with community partners to create an 18 member planning advisory committee (PAC) that will represent the community in the two-year master planning process. The first meeting of the PAC is Feb 27. The PAC membership will be diverse and will represent equity and community interests. Each meeting is open to the public and will include times for public comment and individual consultation with Port staff. The master plan process will include open houses, digital outreach and community presentations, as well as outreach methods suggested by the PAC. To ensure continuous engagement, HARE committee and the public provided early input to inform and shape the upcoming master plan process. Three former HARE committee members are on the PAC.

Troutdale Airport

- TTD Master Plan Advisory Group: The Troutdale Airport Master Plan process engaged a diverse Planning Advisory Committee with 23 members, who attended 11 meetings over a two-year period (2014-2016). Each meeting was open to the public and provided time for public comment. Local elected officials also attended and participated in meetings.
- Master Plan Outreach: The master plan process included four open houses and a booth at the Troutdale Summerfest event, providing information about the planning process and development concepts, and collected written surveys that were provided to the PAC and used to inform the planning process.
- Community event commitment and support: The Port has staffed a booth at the Troutdale Summerfest since 2000, providing information on Port activities and receiving input on topics of interest. In 2015, the Port was the presenting sponsor of the event and the associated parade, and has sponsored the event at various levels over the years.
- Ongoing engagement: The Port is working with the City of Troutdale to provide an opportunity for joint marketing of Troutdale Airport services and ongoing reporting and discussion of airport activities.
- Sponsorship and community support: The Port has contributed financially to a number of east county community efforts related to Troutdale Airport, tourism and economic development, including the creation of the Troutdale Centennial Arch and support of the Troutdale/Historic Columbia River Highway opening. The Port also active with the local business associations in Troutdale including sitting on the board of the East Metro Economic Alliance and being a member of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce.
- Ongoing news: The Port email notification list sends news and updates on general aviation activities to community members who have signed up to receive notifications

Decision making process for runway length at the Troutdale Airport

The current length and width of the Troutdale Airport runway is 5400 x 150 ft. Based on FAA design guidance and forecast activity, it was likely a shorter runway was necessary, as the current length and width is more than is needed. The runway length that came out of the Troutdale Airport Master Plan process was an outcome of rigorous analysis and discussed with the Planning Advisory Committee. This analysis was based on an aviation demand forecast, which takes into account future users and fleet mix. We match the facility size to fleet mix forecasts; the runway length proposed for TTD matches the future forecast. The Port discussed a number of alternatives with the PAC and the key difference in these alternatives was runway length. After the Port's engagement with the PAC, we agreed on a runway length (4500 x 75 ft.) that is longer than what the demand forecast shows is necessary (3600 x 75 ft.). The Port is comfortable that this approach will allow us additional flexibly to meet community or market needs.