

Airport Master Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is an Airport Master Plan?

An Airport Master Plan presents the community and airport's vision for a 20-year strategic development plan based on the forecast of activity. The Master plan is used as a decision-making tool and is intended to complement and integrate into other local regional and national plans. The Airport Master Plan consists of a report documenting existing conditions of the Airport, a forecast of activity, facility requirements (the airport's needs based on the forecast and compliance with FAA Design Standards for airports), development and evaluation of alternatives to meet those needs, and a funding plan for that development. The Airport Master Plan also includes an Airport Layout Plan (ALP).

2. What is an Airport Layout Plan and why do we need one?

An Airport Layout Plan (ALP) graphically depicts all planned development at the airport within the 20-year planning period which is studied in the Airport Master Plan. This drawing requires approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which makes the airport eligible to receive federal and state funding under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program and the FDOT's Grant Program.

3. How often are Airport Master Plans and Airport Layout Plans undertaken?

FAA guidance recommends that Airport Master Plans be completed every 5 to 10 years based on the development needs of the airport and market changes. Airport Layout Plans should be kept current always to ensure Airport Improvement Program funding compliance.

4. Why are you doing this Airport Master Plan?

The FAA requires a current approved ALP for an airport to be eligible for federal funding. In the years since the Airport's previous ALP and Airport Master Plan were prepared, there have been significant changes that necessitate a Master Plan and ALP update. These factors include the airport accomplishing a significant amount of previously programmed improvements, updated FAA Design standards, changes in aviation markets, and shifts in the types and levels of activity at the Airport.

5. How much input will the community have in the planning process?

The City of Lakeland and Lakeland Linder Regional Airport are excited to welcome community input at all stages of the Airport Master Plan process. Feedback can be provided to the airport via email at lakelandairport@lakelandgov.net. Additionally, the planning process will include one public meeting to invite the community to share ideas, opinions and concerns regarding the future of Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. To receive notification of future public meetings please contact the Airport at lakelandairport@lakelandgov.net or visit the Airport's website (www.FlyLakeland.com). Updates on the progress of the Airport Master Plan process as well as supporting documentation will be posted on the Airport's website (www.FlyLakeland.com).

6. Will the Airport Master Plan report be made available to the public?

The Airport Master Plan will be divided into several draft reports, available in draft format for public review and comment. All draft reports and the final submission will be posted on the Airport's website for public review (www.FlyLakeland.com).

7. What is the cost to prepare the Airport Master Plan study?

The cost to prepare the Airport Master Plan study is \$665,000. Ninety percent of the cost is covered by the FAA, 5-percent covered by the FDOT, and a 5-percent local match by the City of Lakeland.

8. What level of environmental analysis will be conducted as part of the study?

The Airport Master Plan will include an Environmental Overview section that will outline the environmental resources on and surrounding the airport. This overview will aid in the development of airport alternatives. A noise analysis will also be completed as part of the environmental analysis process.