



Public meeting on Hendricks County Airport master plan to be held March 24

INDIANAPOLIS—Local residents and business owners interested in proposed updates to the Hendricks County Airport–Gordon Graham Field master plan are invited to an informal public meeting at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex on Tuesday, March 24 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The airport’s master plan is being updated to determine what improvements may be needed in the next 20 years to meet the needs of Hendricks County’s aviation, business, and civic users. Improvements for positioning the airport as an important component in the county’s economic development infrastructure will be considered.

Attendees can view aerial maps and charts showing current and proposed airport facilities or talk with airport officials and members of the planning team. “Input from airport users, local residents, business owners, and others interested in Hendricks County development is crucial in the planning process,” said Robert Duncan, airport director for the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) operates Hendricks County Airport–Gordon Graham Field and other general aviation airport facilities in and around the greater Indianapolis area.

Short-term improvements in the next five years will focus on maintaining/preserving existing facilities, developing additional T-hangar, corporate and community space for aircraft storage and maintenance, installing an aircraft ground communications system, and adding jet fuel facilities. Some land acquisition will be needed to accommodate the improvements.

Longer-term improvements, anticipated during the balance of the 20-year planning period, include constructing a runway extension and new instrument approach to the south, developing a second terminal area and ramp south of the existing terminal area, and developing additional hangar space. Extension of the runway and development of a second terminal area will only occur as demand warrants. Land acquisition will be needed to develop the second terminal area and to extend the runway. County Road 150 S is proposed for closure to accommodate the runway extension.

Airport officials are working with Aerofinity, Inc. and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. as consultants for conducting the technical analysis for Hendricks County Airport planning. For more information, visit www.indianapolisairport.com.