



Bentonville Municipal Airport Master Plan Public Forum #3 – August 3, 2015 Meeting Summary

Summary of Workshop

- The workshop was advertised locally on the City’s website and through other City means, including the placement of door hangers at more than 250 homes in the area surrounding the Airport.
- The workshop was conducted to allow for one-on-one conversation between individuals and the project team members.
- The workshop was open from 5 to 7PM, with several people arriving around 4:30PM who had walked over from the nearby housing complex.
- Sign-in lists and printed comment forms were made available to all attendees, as well as contact information for the consultant and project team.
- Three work stations were set up with eight boards that introduced the study and provided an overview of the Airport’s land envelope and facilities; summarized projected growth in demand and the future facility needs; and presented alternatives for extending the runway and taxiway development and compared the runway alternatives.
- Approximately 30 people attended the workshop. The primary attendees were people who lived in the area closest to the Airport, especially on the east side of the property, as well as pilots and tenants on the Airport. The Mayor, several City Council members, Airport Advisory Board members and the media also attended the meeting.
- Questions/comments received from the public were focused in the following areas:
 - What is going on that there is new historical/vintage aircraft at the Airport?
 - The jet activity makes the most noise, especially when they are powering up.
 - Will the Airport’s expansion require acquisition of any homes?
 - What would happen to Lake Bentonville if the runway was extended north?
 - Numerous attendees commented that disruption to the road and businesses and new residential development along HWY 12 would be huge to overcome for a south runway extension.
 - Who will pay for the improvements at the Airport?
 - There has been aerobatic activity at the Airport and several people commented they enjoyed watching these planes.
 - Where is the new turf runway being built and why is it needed?
 - Could a row of trees be planted on the airports east property line as a buffer to the homes?

- One formal comment was provided by a citizen:

“Jet traffic continues to increase. Tolerable now but an increase in jet traffic would not be fair to anyone who lives in the area. Jets shake our house today. Increase jet traffic would be overwhelming.”