



## **Rickenbacker International Airport Master Plan Update Public Information Meeting #1**

**February 22, 2017, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Rickenbacker International Airport, Air Cargo Terminal 5  
2893 George Page Jr. Rd. (N. Access Rd.) Columbus, OH 43217**

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Meeting Purpose**

- Inform stakeholders about the study (overview, schedule, and preliminary data findings).
- Solicit input on residents' vision and aspirations for Rickenbacker.
- Ask for feedback on community values that will be used to develop criteria for developing alternatives and investment priorities as the study progresses, to the extent possible.

#### **Number of Participants**

There were a total of 47 participants at the public meetings (34 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

#### **Project Overview**

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) began the Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK) Master Plan process in September, 2016 to outline a long range strategic direction consistent with the Columbus Region's goal to be a global logistics leader.

This collaborative effort is running concurrently with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) 2018 Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study. The results will be a strategy for assisting Central Ohio stakeholders to position and develop the Rickenbacker area as a successful international logistics hub.

Both processes are engaging the community and partner organizations to ensure they reflect the great thinking of local and national experts and the Columbus Region.

#### **Meeting Overview**

The first public meetings for the Rickenbacker Master Plan were held on February 22, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Air Cargo Terminal 5, Rickenbacker International Airport. The meetings were held in an open house format and exhibits were displayed at individual stations around the perimeter of the room. Study team members and representatives from CRAA and MORPC were available to answer questions and listen to comments. No formal presentation was given.

Exhibits included:

- Master Plan Process
- Project Study Area
- Existing Airport Facilities
- Existing Land Use
- Environmental Features
- Historical Activity
- Aviation Forecasts – Passengers



- Aviation Forecasts – Cargo
- MORPC 2018 Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study (multiple)
- Issues and Opportunities Discussion

Members of the business community, public officials and the general public attended one of the two sessions offered. After attendees finished reviewing exhibits and speaking with project representatives, comment forms were given to solicit opinions in regard to the Master Plan. Comments were accepted through March 10, 2017.

### Issues, Opportunities Discussion

Marie Keister (Engage Public Affairs) facilitated an issues and opportunities exercise with public meeting participants. The purpose of the exercise was to uncover stakeholders’ needs, perceived opportunities and goals for the Master Plan, and to help identify and inform priority goals during the master plan process. Comments were captured on post-it notes and displayed on flip chart pages. A summary of these insights are shown below.

Needs			
Mobility	Community	Preservation	Sustainability
More truck/delivery drivers (from increased cargo / commerce)	More services	Proactive planning, but not too drastic	Connected vehicle infrastructure
Complete streets	More housing	Not rigid or cookie cutter	Electric charging stations for vehicles
More walkability	More affordable housing	Respect the history	Plans for autonomous vehicles
	More neighborhoods		Solar panels on buildings
	More restaurants		

Opportunities			
Cargo	E-commerce	Passengers	Military
Collaborate with shippers and forwarders	More exports via catchment zone	Allegiant growth	More investment makes it harder to BRAC
Fast pass for boxes (speedy customs process)	Alibaba e-commerce	Observation area with picnic tables	More infrastructure investment
Expedited customs and border patrol	More jobs		Overall vibrancy
Export through Rickenbacker instead of Chicago	Small business opportunities		

Goals
Be visionary

### Comment Forms

After the open-house style public meeting, comment sheets were handed out to request input. Two comment forms were collected and a summary of comments are highlighted below:

- Request for an observation area; could be seen and/or utilized as a public education initiative
- Recognition of progressive plan, and shared their hope and support for its' fruition

### Project Team Participants

The following team members were present at the meeting:

David Wall	Columbus Regional Airport Authority
Mark Kelby	Columbus Regional Airport Authority
Marie Keister	Engage Public Affairs
Phil Jufko	Michael Baker International, Inc.
Paul Strack	Michael Baker International, Inc.
Lori Duguid	Michael Baker International, Inc.
Mike Kotlow	Michael Baker International, Inc.
Dina Lopez	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Nick Hoffman	MurphyEpson
Steve Schellenberg	IMS Worldwide, Inc.