



Rickenbacker International Airport Master Plan Update Public Information Meeting #2

September 21, 2017, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Obetz Government Center
4175 Alum Creek Drive, Obetz, OH 43207

Meeting Summary

Meeting Purpose

- Share technical findings to date with stakeholders.
- Solicit public input on preliminary proposals.
- Begin to focus on investment priorities.

Number of Participants

Sixty-six people attended the public meetings; 50 from 2 to 4 p.m., and 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Some participants arrived prior to the 6 p.m. start time of the second meeting.

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 second series of public meetings for the Rickenbacker Master Plan were held on September 21, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Obetz Government Center. Meetings were held in an open house format and exhibits were displayed 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.

More than 30 exhibits for both the Rickenbacker Airport Master Plan and MORPC's 2018 Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study were on display for public view. These exhibits shared a host of information collected for each of the respective studies, ranging from freight forecasting to congested roadways.

Rickenbacker Airport Master Plan exhibits included:

- Development Constraints
- Airfield Pavement Analysis
- Parallel Taxiway Alternatives
- Cargo Concept 1A
- Cargo Concept 1B
- Cargo Concept 2

- Cargo Concept 3
- Terminal Concepts – Floor 1
- Terminal Concepts – Floor 2
- Terminal Access and Parking
- General Aviation Development Area Concepts
- Support Facilities

MORPC's 2018 Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study exhibits included:

- Study Area Overview
- Existing Land Use
- Household Growth
- Employment
- Roadway and Freight Facilities
- Pavement Conditions and Bridges
- Average Daily Traffic
- Forecast Traffic Volumes and Growth
- Traffic Congestion
- Transit, Bike and Pedestrian
- Crash Density
- Economic Development
- Economic Development Incentive Districts
- Households
- Population and Income
- School Districts and Points of Interest
- Energy
- Worker Flows
- Wetlands and Flood Plains
- Water Protection
- Water and Sewer Service
- Broadband

Meeting attendees were given two meeting handouts which consisted of a project overview and instructions and a comment sheet.

After attendees reviewed exhibits and spoke with project representatives, they were encouraged to complete a comment form (accepted through October 6, 2017).

Exhibit Comments

At each of the exhibit stations, meeting participants were invited to write down comments and suggestions on post-it notes. Thirty-one comments were collected from 11 exhibit boards. A listing of these insights is shown, per exhibit board, below.

Project Study Area Rickenbacker International Airport
▪ Thru-trucks are utilizing Canal Road, west of LCK, when they should not be.
▪ Canal Road needs “no thru truck” signs.
▪ Trucks coming from US 23 are utilizing Canal Road, when they aren’t supposed to.
▪ Trucks are repeatedly hitting a low-head bridge at Canal and Vause Roads.
▪ Trucks are having to turn around on both east and west sides of Lockbourne.
▪ Trucks need to be routed away from downtown Lockbourne



- Trucks should take 762 or Duvall Road.
- Trucks need to be rerouted away from downtown Lockbourne
- GPS coordination is needed.

Environmental Features | Rickenbacker International Airport

- Trucks are cutting through small roads (Ashville Pike); need GPS fixed route.

Terminal Access and Parking | Rickenbacker International Airport

- Lockbourne Road – Existing and new road names should be renamed for the historical events and figures surrounding the airport.

Existing Land Use | MORPC

- More bridges accessing areas south of the Scioto River are needed. There are only four in Franklin County.
- More retail is needed between Canal Winchester and Grove City.

Employment | MORPC

- “No thru trucks” signage is needed along Walnut Creek Pike.

Transit, Bike and Pedestrian | MORPC

- We love the nearby Metro Park.
- Concerned about heavy roadway traffic east of Pontius Road.
- Would like to see limits on truck traffic along residential roads; a residential buffer needed.
- Need bike connection to Groveport from Canal Winchester.
- Sidewalks and/or multi-use path is needed along Lockbourne road, north and south of I-270, to get to Hamilton Schools.
- Need to create trails and bike trails thru Lockbourne along Big Walnut Creek.

Pavement and Bridge Conditions | MORPC

- A resident of Air Base Road is worried that nearby vacant land will be completely used by warehouses; prefers a buffer zone.
- Would like to see updated water, sewer and high-speed internet lines.

Average Daily Traffic | MORPC

- Trucks are driving along Shepherd Road and Ashville Pike, roads that are not constructed for trucks.
- Suggest opening Vause Road to local traffic.

Traffic Congestion | MORPC

- Need a traffic study with a possible roundabout at Williams and Groveport.
- Trucks are always turning around on Groveport Road in downtown Obetz at railroad bridge with 13’3” clearance. The trucks are taking down powerlines.



Crash Density MORPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When showing crash data, need to also check police department logs for unreported crashes. The crash data shown here is lower than reality because reports aren't submitted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to stagger work shifts to reduce crashes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need better signage or a raised railroad bridge at intersection of Canal / Commerce Street; Railroad bridge is only 12'12".

Water and Sewer Service MORPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to check Obetz and Groveport water service areas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to show Obetz sewer service area.

Comment Forms

Four comment forms were collected during the two meetings and a summary of comments are highlighted below:

- Request for a guest speaker for high school students at Groveport Madison High School. Respondent teaches a supply chain class and would like an expert to come visit in the future.
- Respondent thought meeting was well planned and enjoyed the open-house meeting format.
- Respondent thought displays were interesting and discussion with presenters was helpful.
- Respondent was very interested in air cargo and walked away feeling fulfilled with responses.

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
Nick Hoffman	Engage Public Affairs / MurphyEpson
Steve Schellenberg	IMS Worldwide, Inc.
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
Maria Schaper	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Terri Flora	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Jon-Paul d'Aversa	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Nick Gill	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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Thea Walsh	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Amelia Costanzo	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Jennifer Noll	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Aaron Schill	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Nathan Shay	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission