



Nome Airport

Master Plan Update



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The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) will host a public open house in Nome on September 17, 2009, on two projects at the Nome Airport: the Nome Airport Master Plan Update and the Runway Safety Area Expansion Project.

1 Nome Airport Master Plan Update

AKSAS Project No. 62748

DOT&PF is preparing to update the master plan for the Nome Airport, a primary, commercial airport that serves as the main hub for the Seward Peninsula, Norton Sound, and surrounding villages. DOT&PF has contracted with PDC Inc. Engineers to update the master plan.

The master plan update will identify and address the current and future needs of the facility. Updating the plan is expected to take 18 months. To prepare the update the project team will assess:

- Safety
- Operational efficiency
- Transportation access
- Economic development
- Current & forecasted development
- Land use needs & leasing issues
- Local government concerns & goals

Why do we need to update the master plan?

The Federal Aviation Administration requires airport master plans to be updated in order to receive federal funds to make improvements. The Nome Airport plan was last revised more than 10 years ago. The updated plan will incorporate the many improvements and changes that

You are invited!
Come to the Open House

When: Thursday, September 17, 2009

Meeting: 4-8 p.m.

Presentations at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Where: Old Saint Joseph's Church
407 Bering Street, Nome



Complete our online survey at www.nomeairport.com by October 15, 2009.

Nome Airport Master Plan Goals

- Support commercial aviation and the regional economy now and in the future
- Promote safe, efficient, and orderly development of aviation facilities
- Evaluate whether Nome Airport can and should be relocated
- Evaluate the future of Nome City Field

have occurred since the last update. It will guide future modernization, safety enhancements, expansion, and development of the existing airport for the next 20 years so the airport can continue to meet aviation demands in Northwest Alaska.

2 Runway Safety Area Expansion

AKSAS Project No. 61413

DOT&PF is also beginning a project to expand the runway safety areas at Nome Airport to meet Federal Aviation Administration standards. The project will evaluate multiple alternatives for rerouting the Snake River, which creates a barrier to expanding both the main runway and the crosswind runway safety areas, as well as future lengthening of the runways. DOT&PF has contracted with USKH Inc., to identify and study alternatives for extending the runway safety areas.

Notice of Intent to Conduct Design Engineering and Environmental Studies

The Runway Safety Area Expansion Project will be developed in accordance with Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands Protection).

Please submit comments on this project by October 15, 2009.

Nome Airport Facts*

The average number of aircraft operations per day: 77. Breakdown of aircraft based on the field:

- Single engine planes: 51
- Multi-engine planes: 12
- Helicopters: 5
- Military aircraft: 3

* for 12-month period ending Nov. 1, 2008
Source: www.airnav.com

We need your input!

We want to hear your concerns, suggestions and ideas for updating the Nome Airport Master Plan and expanding the runway safety areas. Here are several ways to provide your input:

- *Come to the September 17, 2009, open house on this important project*
- *Send us your comments by telephone, mail, e-mail or fax (contact information below)*
- *Visit the web site www.nomeairport.com to complete our online survey or send us your comments.*

For more information or to comment on the Nome Airport Master Plan Update, contact:

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