COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE:

February 21, 2020

TO:

Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT:

Master Plan Update

POLICY

Information report provided at the request of the Chairman of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee.

BACKGROUND

Funding for the development of an updated airport master plan was adopted in 2017 to identify needed improvements to the terminal, airfield, and development on airport property. The last master plan was completed in 2008. At that time, growth trends for the airport were much different. As a result of de-hubbing, airline consolidation, and changes in economizing aircraft, the airline industry's demands on airports are much different today than from when the last master plan was completed.

One of the first stages of master plan development is forecasting air traffic trends that must ultimately be approved by FAA. The FAA determines whether forecasts are reasonable before approval. Once that approval is granted, analysis can begin to determine resource capacity requirements for airport facilities including runway, taxiway, apron, and facility needs. In addition, data on the Airport's existing conditions is gathered. Community input is sought throughout the process to determine what community considerations may need to be contemplated. Once these considerations are considered, the process of determining potential alternatives begins.

Now that the relevant background information has been gathered for alternatives development, the Airport would like to update the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee on the progress thus far.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational report only.

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