

## Frequently Asked Questions from Online Open House #1

### **Where can the detailed traffic projections be found?**

Detailed air traffic projections are available at [www.painefieldmasterplan.com](http://www.painefieldmasterplan.com).

### **What kind of expansion to the airport will take place, and where?**

We forecast traffic by types of aircraft, and those projections are used to identify the type of new facilities the airport will need, to accommodate growth. Over the next 20 years, there will be a need to increase the terminal area, parking facilities and modifications to the internal airport road network. There will also be a need to provide additional support facilities as well as for general aviation. The next phase of the Master Plan will present ideas on where and how these facilities will be located.

### **Will the airport need additional property within the next 20 years to satisfy its future demand?**

No additional property will be needed.

### **How will the runways be used for general and commercial aviation?**

The runway usage at the airport will predominantly remain the same for each runway. The longer runway will continue to serve jet aircraft as well as turbo prop aircraft and the shorter runway will continue to serve turbo prop aircraft only.

### **What will happen to the flight schools at the airport?**

The flight schools are owned and operated by private entities. The Master Plan will not affect the flight schools.

### **What will happen to Runway 11-29?**

The FAA recently decommissioned this runway so no future runway operations will occur. The Master Plan will help identify future land development opportunities for all the area associated with this former runway.

### **Will there be noise studies on the impacts to surrounding residential neighborhoods? How will noise impacts be evaluated with the projected changes?**

Yes, noise studies are currently underway. Further discussion and presentation will be made at the next Public Briefing.

### **Will environmental scoping be needed for this plan?**

Environmental Impact Statements are typically used for construction projects and are not required for the Master Plan. Improvements identified in the Airport Master Plan will be the subject of subsequent environmental review.

### **How can the community share their input?**

There will be future webinars and events that will seek public input in the coming year. We will give notice of open houses and webinars using several tools: postcard mailings to a wide area around the airport, email distribution to interested individuals who registered on the website, social media posts, paid advertisements, outreach to media outlets, outreach to schools, churches, and community organizations near the airport, and to cities and towns across the county. If you would like to ensure you are notified of any updates or events, please subscribe to email updates on the website. [www.PaineFieldMasterPlan.com](http://www.PaineFieldMasterPlan.com)

**Are residents and neighboring communities like Lynnwood and Mukilteo represented on the Stakeholder Committee for the Master Plan process?**

There are three primary committees that help develop the Master Plan: The Steering Committee, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and the Technical Committee. The Stakeholder Committee includes many representatives across Snohomish County. The list of members here: <https://www.painefield.com/DocumentCenter/View/1202/Master-Plan-Stakeholder-Committee-Directory-for-Website?bidId=> To read more about the committees helping to guide this Master Plan here: <https://www.painefield.com/153/Airport-Master-Plan>.

**Are there plans to complete and expand 100th Street SW in conjunction with the Everett Transportation Master Plan?**

As traffic increases, the Master Plan has identified that the intersection of Airport Road and 100<sup>th</sup> Street SW will need to be modified to accommodate the forecast demand. Depending on the pace of traffic growth, it is likely that these modifications however will not be needed for another 15+ years.

**How much will projects in the Master Plan will cost?**

We are outlining potential projects in the Master Plan. Once those are established by the Fall of this year. We will be in a better position to provide cost estimates at that time.

**How will the improvements be funded?**

This Master Plan will identify the funding sources available for each project and make recommendations. Funding for improvements at the airport will depend on the nature of the project. For airfield safety and capacity improvements, the Federal Aviation Administration provides the majority of funding. The County, airport operator or developers might partially fund other improvements.

**Will only smaller passenger aircraft be allowed, or will larger planes also be allowed at the airport?**

PAE is a public airport and it does not discriminate nor does it decide on the types of aircraft that use the airport. It is therefore assumed that the types of aircraft currently operating at the airport will not likely change.

**Are flight paths projected to change?**

Flight paths are controlled by the FAA and it is not anticipated that they will change.

**Is there any consideration of international travel capability?**

This would be a policy decision for the County, but it is not something currently being considered in this plan.

**Will the Washington Air National Guard property be considered?**

Yes. Conversations with the legislative offices in Washington, D.C., and the Washington Air National Guard are taking place to see how the property can fold into Paine Field. The Washington Air National Guard property is not part of this master planning process.