



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution approving the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Master Plan.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the resolution approving the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (Airport) Master Plan prepared by Environmental Science Associates.

- The Master Plan provides the guidance to satisfy the aviation demand in a financially feasible and responsible manner, while at the same time addressing the aviation, environmental, and socioeconomic issues of the community.
- Adoption of the Airport Master Plan by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) does not constitute Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements.
- Any major capital improvement project or development will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity

Summary:

The Master Plan provides Pinellas County and the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) with a planning tool to guide short and long-term development to PIE to meet the future operational demands that may be required of this facility over the next 20 years. The Master Plan provides the guidance to satisfy the aviation demand in a financially feasible and responsible manner, while at the same time addressing the aviation, environmental, and socioeconomic issues of the community.

Adoption of the Airport Master Plan by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) does not constitute final Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements and, as such, any major capital improvement project or development will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

Background Information:

On December 21, 2004, the Board received and accepted PIE's Master Plan Update. On September 26, 2017, the Board approved an Agreement with Environmental Science Associates for professional planning, environmental and engineering services for a new Airport Master Plan.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not approve the Master Plan document; rather they approve the forecasts of aviation activity and the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) that is a product of the Master Plan process. The ALP is required in order to receive grants in financial aid from the FAA and

the Florida Department of Transportation. The services provided by ESA have been completed and the new Master Plan is now presented to the Board for adoption.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Staff Member Responsible:

Thomas R. Jewsbury, Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Partners:

Federal Aviation Administration

Florida Department of Transportation

Attachments:

Proposed Resolution

Airport Master Plan - complete document is on file in Board Records