



Fulton County

Legislation Text

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Department

Public Works

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Presentation and request approval of the Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field Master Plan Report and Airport Layout Plan. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Request Approval

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Infrastructure and Economic Development

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background

In 2019; the Fulton County Executive Airport presented to the BOC the *Airport Visioning Plan*. This plan paved the way for the Airport Master Plan Update. The Fulton County Executive Airport has completed its draft of the *Airport Master Plan* and *Airport Layout Plan*. These documents conceptualize the improvements planned at the Fulton County Executive Airport over the next twenty years.

Scope of Work: In 2019, the Fulton County Executive Airport (FTY) conducted a visioning study to identify the needs at the airport. Examples of the improvements include Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements, taxiway enhancements, and other facility structures to support the business operating in and around the airport property. This study identified the need for an updated *Airport Master Plan* and *Airport Layout Plan (ALP)*. In 2020, the Fulton County Executive Airport contracted Michael Baker International to conduct and Airport Master Plan Update for Federal Aviation Administration

approval. During this update, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requested that the Airport conduct a Runway Length Justification Report as part of the Master Plan. During the development of the Master Plan, specific RSA improvements were identified within this Master Plan Update. The Airport identifies multiple “Near Term” and “Long-Term” improvements to both the Airfield and Landside that can enhance the experience for the users of the Fulton County Executive Airport as well as the users of Fulton Industrial District (FID). Within this draft we identify the Airport’s “critical” aircraft and the needs of that aircraft for safety and efficiency. Michael Baker International has provided a *Draft Master Plan* and *ALP*. Once adopted by Fulton County, the Airport can proceed with Federal approval from the Federal Aviation Administration. Currently the Airport is seeking concurrence with the draft plan so that it can submit to the Federal Aviation Administration for approval.

Community Impact: During this update, the Airport conducted 3 public hearings to educate about the Master Plan. Most of the public comments centered around concerns about expanding the airport to attract larger aircraft. Staff explained to the public that larger aircraft are not expected to operate at the FTY. The improvements to the Airport are safety related to ensure that the current types of aircraft can operate at FTY without any impacts to the communities around the Airport. Based on the above, the impact to the community is expected to be minimal.

Department Recommendation: The Department of Public Works recommends adopting the Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan for submitting to Federal Aviation Administration.

Project Implications: Without an approved FAA Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan, Fulton County would not be eligible to accept federal and state funding for airport improvement projects.

Community Issues/Concerns: Multiple public hearings were held to get community feedback. Feedback included suggestions to the area around the District that can enhance the experience of the customer. Citizens around the area are looking to have the Fulton County Executive Airport become the center of business for the Fulton Industrial District.

Department Issues/Concerns: No department issues or concerns.