

Annotated Agenda

PDX 2045 Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting 1

Date: March 17, 2025
Time: 1:00-2:30pm
Location: Remote meeting via Teams

Meeting Goals

- Introduce the PDX 2045 project
- Discuss the airport master planning process
- Learn about our stakeholder engagement approach and the IAC
- Review aviation demand forecasts and subsequent preliminary facility requirements

Agenda and Notes

1:00pm Welcome and Introductions

- This group will meet ~6 times over the next year
- Slides and an annotated agenda will be distributed after the meeting
- The master plan will document why decisions are made; how they are implemented will be determined later
- The focus of this committee is how the master plan aligns with other agencies' plans

1:10pm What is PDX 2045?

1:15pm Airport Master Planning 101

Q. Michael Orman, State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality asked about expanded parking shown – has this been defined in this update or is it from previous planning efforts?

A. The presentation showed alternatives from previous studies, the last of which was Airport Futures in 2012. We are looking at current and future demand trends as part of PDX 2045 and will include these in the alternatives produced as part of the master plan update.

1:30pm PDX 2045 Project Overview & Stakeholder Engagement

1:40pm Aviation Demand Forecast

- Q. **Jeff Owen, Clackamas County** asked for clarification on the rolling hour passengers graph - why is the biggest gap between the base (2023) and 2030?
- A. Near-term schedules are based on actual performance and airline-specific data, while long-term projections are based on socioeconomic growth trends. This gap also accounts for the post-COVID recovery and the anticipated changes to airline schedules already announced for summer 2025.
- Q. **Grant O'Connell, TriMet** noted that Portland's population growth has been flatlining/decreasing and asked about whether the aviation demand forecast includes local population forecasts.
- A. Yes, the forecasts use local socioeconomic trends as well as some national trends. We do account for the current decrease in population as well as long term expected trends. FAA also prepares a forecast each year and our forecast has to be within a defined tolerance limit of the FAA forecast.
- Q. **Jeff Owen, Clackamas County** asked why PDX is lagging behind other medium-hub airports in terms of national growth trends. Does that contradict these forecasts?
- A. PDX is lagging in terms of annual numbers which is historically consistent with other economic recession points. Although there have been major events that impact growth, the trend is growth over time. The forecasts are somewhat conservative considering the announced summer 2025 schedule changes but not so conservative as to ignore national trends.

2:00pm Preliminary Facility Requirements: Airfield and Terminal

- Q. **Francesca Jones, City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation** asked about what feedback we are gathering from the public and how we are gathering and incorporating that feedback.
- A. So far, public feedback has been gathered through the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), a body composed of 25 community members that encompass a broad range of knowledge, skills, and lived experiences. The biggest input provided so far has been on accessibility and usability of PDX by members of the public. Additionally, we have an upcoming Open House series (starting this week), where we are aiming to hear what is important to the public so those needs can drive the evaluation criteria as we evaluate and compare potential alternatives. This feedback will be gathered through a survey tool (both electronic and paper versions available) at all open house events and online. We are also interested in any recommendations on how best to engage the community throughout the planning process.

Q. Elisabeth Reese Cadigan, City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services asked about how the availability and configuration of utilities is considered in the planning process.

A. Our goal is to prepare a realistic, yet unconstrained, plan. Much of the implementation logistics are considered after the Master Plan process during business case development but before project design. Within the Master Plan process, we look for fatal flaws, as well as financial impacts to help evaluate alternatives, but do not get as detailed as project-specific business cases.

2:15pm Next Steps, Q&A, and Open Discussion

Q. Jeff Owen, Clackamas County wanted to know more about landside access of passengers: where are they coming from? What mode of transportation? How would tolling on the I-5 Interstate Bridge and/or I-205 impact these passengers? He noted that a City TSP will be underway.

A. This will be touched on during the May meeting. Some of this will be directly looked at in the Master Plan, while some is more general and will be out of scope. The Existing Conditions report is a great resource for details on passenger access today; we will notify the IAC when this report is up on pdx2045.org.

2:30pm Adjourn

Agency Attendees

C-TRAN: Taylor Eidt

City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services: Elisabeth Reese Cadigan

City of Portland, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability: Kevin Bond

City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation: Michelle Dellinger and Francesca Jones

City of Portland, Parks and Recreation: Marty Stockton

City of Vancouver: Chad Eiken

Clackamas County: Jeff Owen

Oregon Air National Guard: Scott Wilcox and Randy Harris

State of Oregon, Department of Aviation: Anthony Beach

State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality: Michael Orman

State of Oregon, Department of Transportation: Neelam Dorman

TriMet: Grant O'Connell

Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District: Colin Rowan

Other agencies invited: City of Portland, Permitting & Development; Clark County; Metro; Multnomah County; Washington County

Project Team Attendees

Port of Portland: Jeff Broderick, Mike Coleman, Evan Howington, Sean Loughran, Aaron Ray, Jennifer Rabby

Ricondo & Associates: Jenna Johnstone, Cameron Modjeski