# KEN JERNSTEDT AIRFIELD PUBLIC MEETING # 2

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

#### AGENDA



- 1. Introductions and ground rules
- 2. Airport basics
- 3. Regulations
- 4. Operations
- 5. Economic Impacts
- 6. Development
- 7. Overview of public input
- 8. Actions Taken
- 9. Public Input
- 10.Wrap up

#### INTRODUCTIONS



- Port of Hood River- Airport Owner and Manager
  - Anne Medenbach, Development & Property Manager
- Tac Aero- Fixed Based Operator (FBO)
  - Jeremy Young, President
- Federal Aviation Administration(FAA)
  - Curt Cowley, FAAST Team Manager
  - Jason Lawver, Operations Safety Inspector
- Oregon Department of Aviation(ODA)
  - John Wilson, Airport Operations Specialist
- Oregon Aviation Industries (ORAVI)
  - Jake Jacobson, Executive Director
- Additional Expert- Dayle Harris-43 years as a commercial pilot, Local FAAST Safety Rep.,

#### **GROUND RULES**

- Please sign in
- Public input will be taken at the end of the presentation along with an expert panel discussion
- Please limit your questions/comments to 2 minutes
- Questions about topics other than airport operations will be deferred to a later meeting.
- Wrap up around 8:00



#### HR AIRPORT BASICS

- General Aviation Airport
  - FAA funded/obligated
  - No scheduled air service ops
- Non Towered
  - Traffic patterns
  - Right of way rules
  - UNICOM
- Aircraft Types
  - Design Group A-II and B-II- aircraft weighing under 12,500lbs that can land on a 3,040 foot long runway.

# AIRCRAFT TYPES





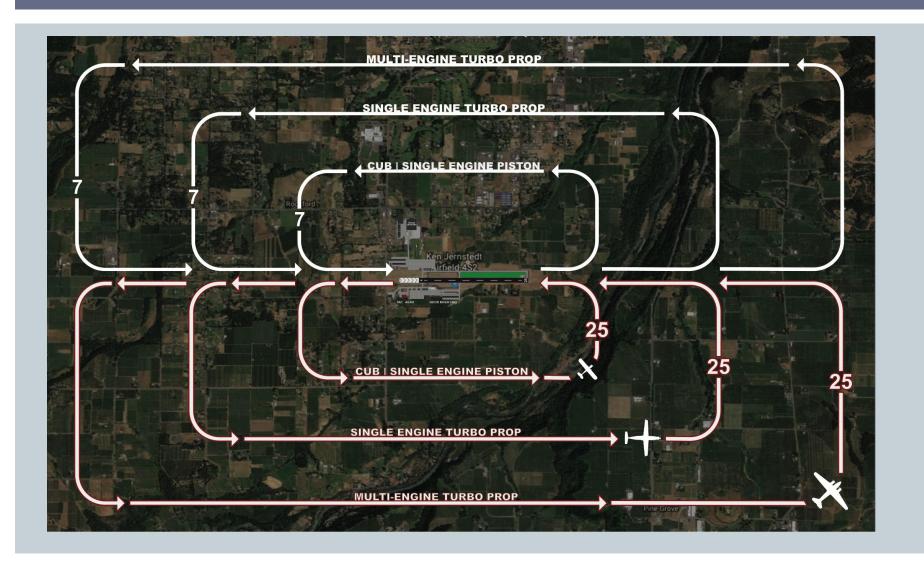






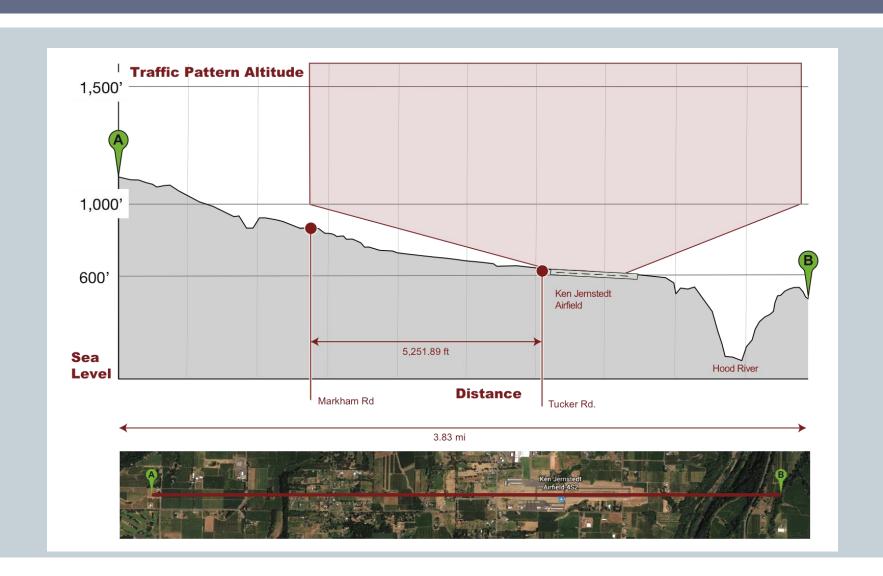
# **HOW AN AIRPORT WORKS**

Flight pattern What is it. Why have it.



#### FLIGHT PATTERN IN HOOD RIVER

Geography- Conditions- Runway Direction- Aircraft type & performance





#### REGULATION

#### FAA- Federal

- Exclusive authority to certify aircraft and pilots
- Exclusive authority to control aircraft in the air and on runways/taxiways.
- Sets noise level for aircraft during original certification. Meets FAA noise criteria.
- Manages air traffic control and airspace system
- Limits airport owners ability to restrict operations

#### State

- Can promote compatible land use practices
- Require real estate disclosure
- Promote quiet flying
- Cannot directly restrict aircraft operation or regulate routes, rates or service

#### REGULATION CONT.

- Local- County
  - Zoning allowances, compatible land use, planning
  - Require real estate disclosure
  - Cannot directly restrict operations or regulate routes, rates or service
- Port- Airport sponsor
  - Can implement fly friendly programs and work with pilot community
  - Can secure land for airport use, promoting compatible land use
  - Cannot restrict aircraft operations
  - Cannot restrict airport use in arbitrary or discriminatory way
- FBO- no regulatory authority
- Pilot in Command- Fly quieter aircraft, fly responsibly



#### **OPERATIONS**

- FBO (Fixed Based Operator)
  - Flight training/instruction
  - Aircraft maintenance
  - Fueling
  - Public access point
  - UNICOM operation and runway closures
  - Transient traffic and tie downs
  - Aircraft rental
  - On demand transportation services

#### **OPERATIONS CONTINUED**

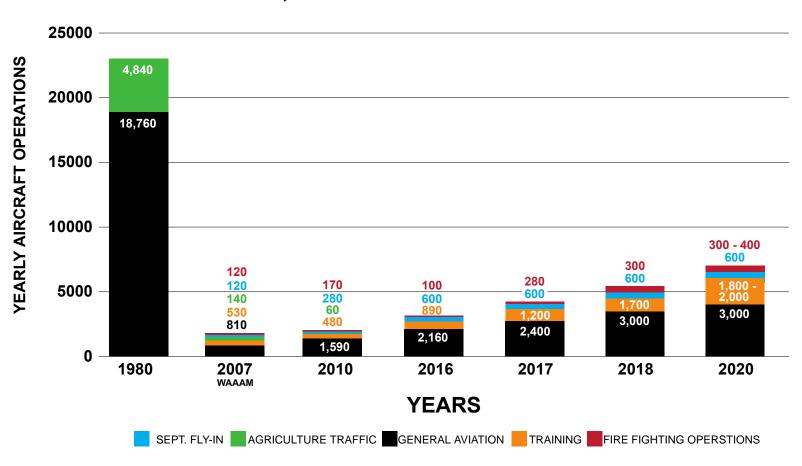
- EMS/Fire
- Clubs
  - Gliders
  - Parachutes
- Private aviation and aircraft related businesses including:
  - Precision agriculture and forestry
  - UAV payload testing
  - Pilot Instruction
  - Manufacturing
  - Avionics
- Airplane storage
- Museums and historical aircraft

#### HISTORY AND OWNERSHIP

- 1928 first airfield
- 1945 Ken Jernstedt opens field at current location
- 1946 HR County takes over
- 1976 Port of Hood River takes over ownership
- 1980 robust pilot training program locates here
- 2013 runway shift
- 2016-Tac Aero takes over as FBO

#### HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

#### GA TRAFFIC, AG TRAFFIC FIRE TRAFFIC & FLY IN



#### **ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE**

- Direct benefits
  - Emergency response and Fire staging
    - Fire operations- 280 in 2017
    - Life flight & Angel flights
    - Search & rescue 31 flights in 2015
  - Aviation technology
  - Pilot and flight training
  - STEM- Education- Airway science for kids
  - 35 jobs totaling over \$2,000,000 in wages
- Indirect benefits
  - 40,000 annual WAAAM visitors,
  - Payload testing for UAV industry = supports nearly 2,000 local jobs
  - Agriculture and forestry industry
  - Manufacturing



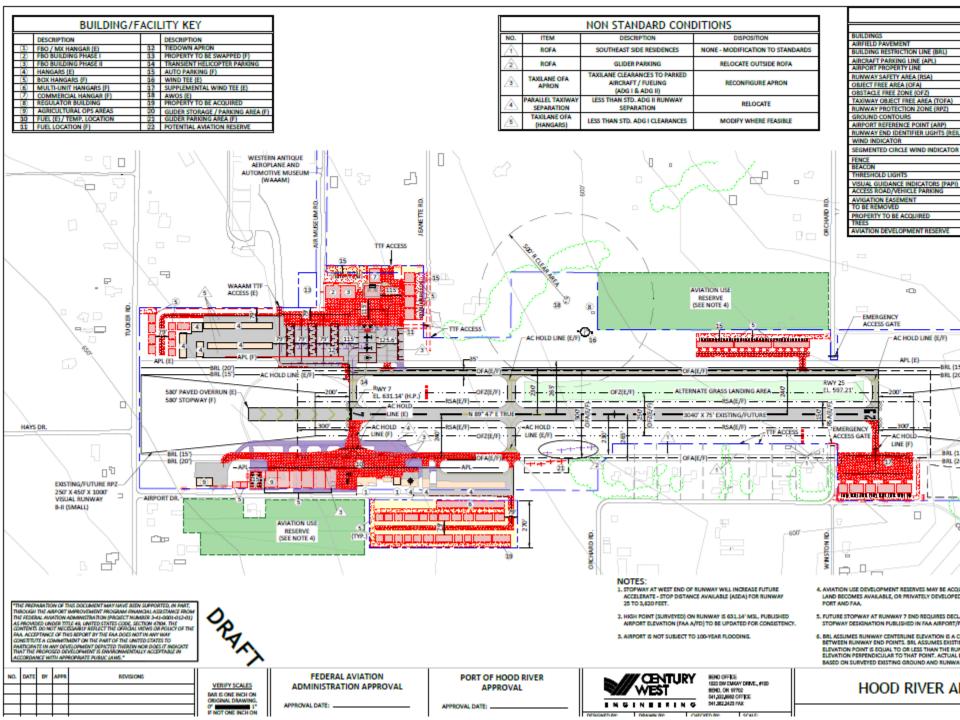
#### **ECONOMICS CONTINUED**

- 75% of all landing and takes offs in the US occur at GA airports.
- In Oregon, GA airport account for over \$3 billion in economic impacts (2008 ODA report).
- Our airport provides <u>over</u> \$2,000,000 in direct business sales (2008 ODA report)

#### **DEVELOPMENT**



- FAA funded and obligated
  - Long range planning
  - Protect the airport
  - Become self sufficient
- Master plan
  - Long range planning document
- ALP
  - Physical representation of the Master Plan

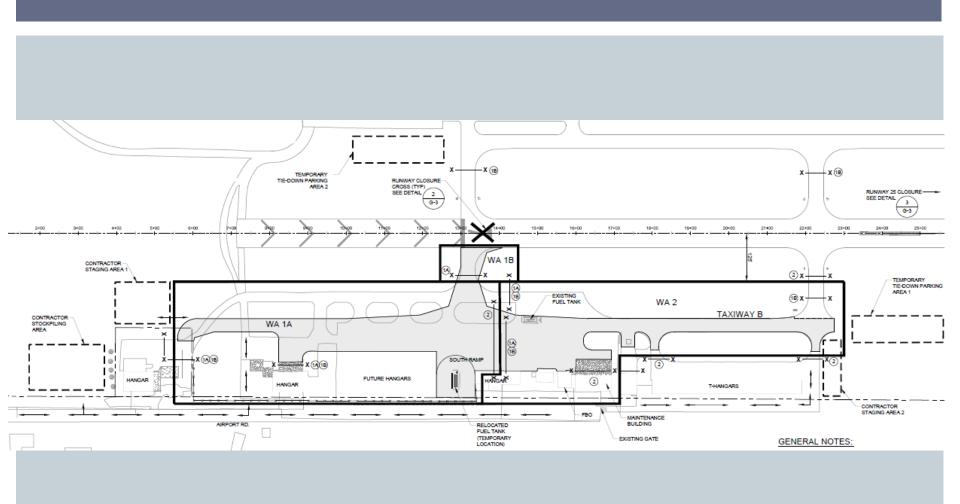




#### PROJECT OUTLINE

- **2017**
- S. Taxiway Rehabilitation project
  - Makes fuel and taxiways compliant with current safety standards
  - Moves fuel tank
- **\$1.5 Million** 
  - 90/10 FAA/Port
- Project completion October 2017

### S. TAXIWAY REHAB PROJECT

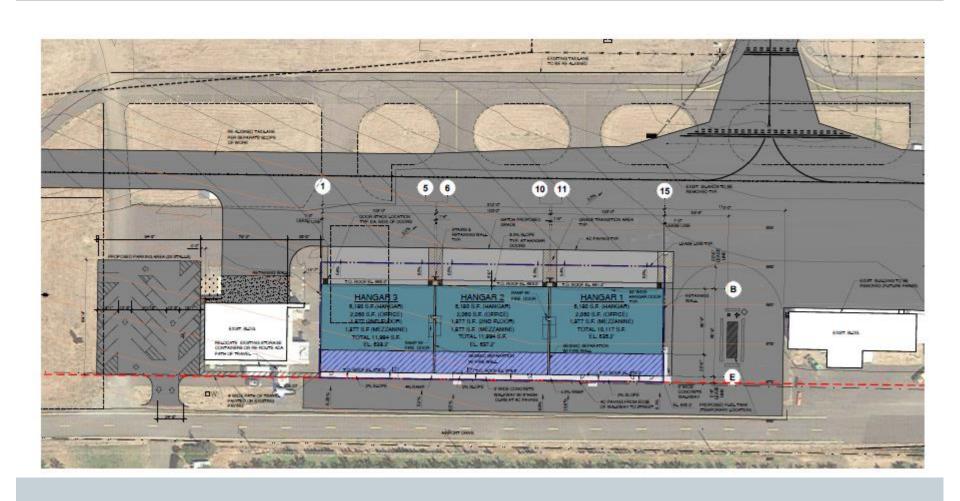


#### 2018



- S. Ramp hangar construction
  - 30,000 sf, hangars and some support office
- North ramp site development begins
  - COVI- \$2,300,000
  - Site work: utilities and grading
- Environmental assessment
  - Studies construction impacts on north side
  - Wetland mitigation

#### 2018 HANGAR CONSTRUCTION



#### 2019

- FAA north ramp paving
  - **\$1,700,000 (90/10- FAA/Port)**
- Building construction on FBO begins on North Ramp

# N. SIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



#### WHAT WE HEARD



#### 1. Noise

- a. Frequency-increased significantly, feels constant
- b. Aircraft elevation- too low
- c. Times of day- early morning until after dinner, all week
- d. Increased operations- every day, all day
- 2. Development
  - 1. Will larger jets be allowed, is the airport expanding
- 3. Safety-low fights, take offs increase crash potential
- 4. Orchard road- after vacation, no access



#### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

- Frequency and increased operations
  - Reducing asphalt "touch and go's" by moving some operations to The Dalles
  - FBO closed on Sundays
  - Moved some operations to Prescott, AZ.

#### Noise

- Replaced tow plane prop with quieter prop
- Varying pattern to use runway 7 on calm wind days
- Implementing noise study
- Varying the pattern range within aircraft type abilities

#### **ACTIONS CONTINUED**

- Elevation
  - Instituting Fly Friendly program for resident and non-resident pilots
    - AWOS announcement
    - Recommending no turns until hit an elevation of 1,200'.
    - Installed signage
- Safety
  - FBO is an FAA approved 141 school house which requires the highest safety standard, audited annuallyRigorous safety program.

#### SIGN POSTED AT END OF RUNWAY 25

# FLYFRIENDLY

RECOMMENDED: CLIMB TO 1200' MSL PRIOR TO TURNING SOUTH

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO



- Port has implemented a new comments form and info page on websites. Send us your comments.
- If you see a plane flying low, report to the FAA at (800) 847-3806
- Attend an Airport Advisory Committee meeting
- Sign up tonight for updates

www.portofhoodriver.com (541) 386-1645

# **PUBLIC INPUT**

**Questions and Panel discussion** 

#### WRAP UP



Thank you for coming!