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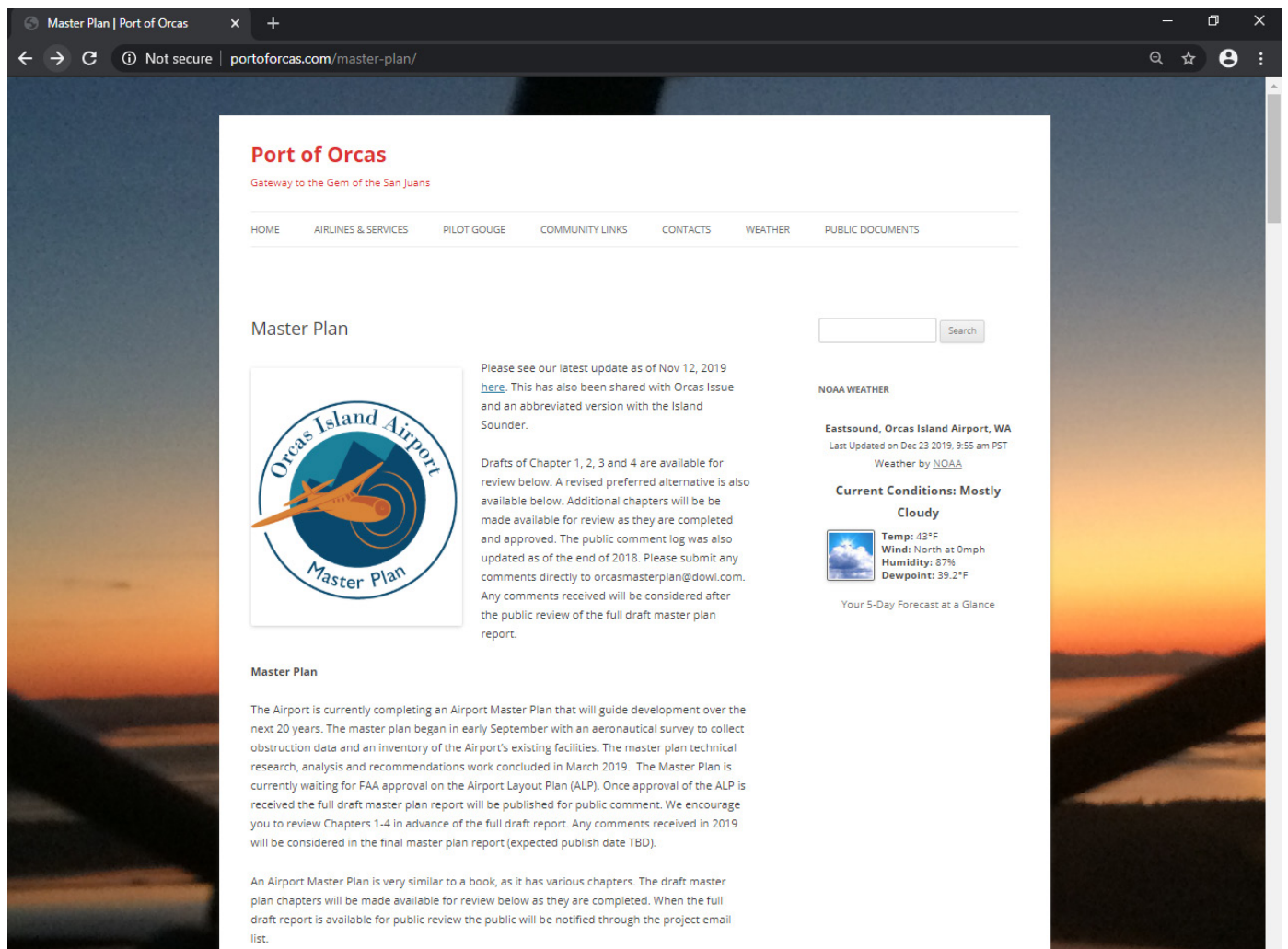
Project Email List for E-Newsletters

A project email distribution list of agencies, organizations, aviation interests, and individuals with an interest in the airport was maintained throughout the project. The email list was updated based on emails from entities interviewed, those who participated in public and other stakeholder meetings, and other contacts during the project.

Website

The Airport website (www.portoforcas.com/master-plan/) served as a library for the project and housed many of the resources described later in this document, such as the Comment-Response Summary Report, Fact Sheet, FAQ, open house material, and the previous planning studies completed by the Port. Viewers of the website also had the opportunity to submit their email address on the site to sign up for the Constant Contact email list. Viewers could also submit comments electronically through the website to the project team.

Figure 2. Website Master Plan Page



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Fact Sheet

A fact sheet was developed by the project team detailing an overview of the master plan process and the overall proposed project schedule. The Fact Sheets were handed out at public meetings and posted to the website.

Figure 3. Fact Sheet (Front and Back)





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Press Releases/Media

The project team submitted press releases periodically on Island Sounder and Orcas Issues.



Figure 4. Press Releases/Media

Open house to discuss airport master plan

Thu Dec 14th, 2017 1:46pm • [NEWS \(HTTP://WWW.ISLANDSSOUNDER.COM/NEWS/\)](http://www.islandssounder.com/news/)

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The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Eastsound fire station. Members of the public are invited to join from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Project team members will be available during both meeting times to discuss the planning effort.

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Airport Schedules Open House to Discuss Master Plan

Posted on January 2, 2018

Wednesday, January 10, 1 – 2 p.m., and 5 – 6:30 p.m., Eastsound Fire Station

— from Anthony Simpson for Orcas Airport —

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Airport Master Plan Holds Open House

Posted on January 17, 2018



Orcas Airport (picture taken before trees cleared on southern part of Port land)

The Airport is currently completing an Airport Master Plan that will guide development over the next 20 years. The master plan began last September with an aeronautical survey to collect obstruction data and an inventory of the Airport's existing facilities.

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At the Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 10, Jim Greil, Aviation Project Manager for DOWL, the civil engineering firm overseeing the plan process, explained that the Master Plan is driven by both time and need; the last plan was done 10 years ago. The Master Plan is funded mostly through the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), he said. Leah Henderson, Manager Aviation Planning and Design, out of Lakewood Colorado is project lead. She said that, by its nature, island transportation is limited, "The airport plays a critical role in the community. It's a necessary piece of infrastructure, providing medivac flights, freight and public transport."

However, the displays indicated that over the past year there were over 3,600 instrument flight plans filed to or from the Orcas Island Airport from Canada and the US; the vast majority of VFR (Visual Flight Rules) and IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) flights to and from Orcas Island Airport are within the State of Washington.

Numerous displays at the Open House indicated Existing Runway Conditions, Runway Design Codes, Future Design Criteria, Representative Design Aircraft, and Critical Factors affecting the Orcas Airport Forecast (including FAA growth estimates for the Northwest and the U.S. and 20 -year Orcas population forecasts). These displays are available on the website at portoforcas.com/2017/10/PresentationBoard.pdf

The Master Plan will be a public process and there will be opportunities at any point throughout the process to become involved and give input on the issues that Orcas Islanders live with relative to the Port of Orcas.

Henderson can be reached by phone at 425-869-2670 or email at orcasmasterplan@dowl.com

Eric Strong, DOWL design engineer, said the point of the Master Plan is to bring the facilities "up to design standards for safety and operational efficiency." The Port is currently designated as a B-1 airport serving B-2 aircraft; one of the issues that is to be addressed in the Master Plan, said Strong.

"Visitors see it as a valuable piece of transportation infrastructure, 45 minutes from Boeing field vs the 90 minutes it takes just to drive the same distance to Anacortes. And then there's the ferry ride. But if you've got all the time in the world..."

As one example of the need to update, Greil mentioned that planes to the airport now have a longer wing span than forecasted by the last Master Plan.

The Master Plan schedule calls for another Open House in June, with forecasting and implementation planned for September and adoption of a new Master Plan soon afterwards. The master plan is expected to conclude in March 2019.

Public input can be given through comments on the master plan email orcasmasterplan@dowl.com or on the Port of Orcas Website and in calls to Port Manager Tony Simpson at 360-376-5285 or emails to orcasairport@rockisland.com.

The next steps in the process include drafting and evaluating alternatives, environmental review and recommending alternatives, from April to September. Implementation is scheduled from September to March, 2019 as plan authors consider the capital improvement program, funding, airport layout plan and Draft and Final Reports.

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Port of Orcas' master plan progresses

MANDI JOHNSON ([HTTP://WWW.ISLANDSSOUNDER.COM/AUTHOR/MANDI-JOHNSON/](http://www.islandssounder.com/author/mandi-johnson/)) • Fri Jan 19th,

The Port of Orcas began drafting its 20-year master plan in September 2017 and is projected to conclude the document in March 2019. On Wednesday, Jan. 10, the port and project managers held two open house meetings at the Eastsound Fire Hall and an advisory committee meeting comprised of public representatives.

"We want community input because it's your airport," Project Manager Leah Henderson said. "We want to include the whole community in the plan."

Henderson is the manager of aviation planning and design for civil engineering company Dowl, which has been tasked with composing the document. She and Dowl Aviation Planner Jim Griel hosted the events to elicit community feedback. The port will also host meetings in June and then September to provide updates on the project's progress.

The 20-year master plan is a Federal Aviation Administration requirement that is reviewed every five to 10 years; the last update for Orcas came in 2008. The purpose of the document is to discover the needs of the port.

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The possibility of turning the port-owned land that previously housed the dog park into a new, larger terminal and a parking lot was suggested as well.

Airport Manager Tony Simpson said that if a new terminal were to be built, he'd like to see it incorporate an area for future customs and border control use. This would help avoid any retrofitting that would need to be done in the future to accommodate those entities.

The airport, currently deemed a B1 airport, is likely to be recategorized as a B2 airport, requiring a runway width expansion. Airport size categories are dependent on the size of aircraft the facility accommodates. Because the Port of Orcas gets many Cessna Caravans – like those owned and operated by Kenmore Air – it will need to be retrofitted to suit its purpose.

Simpson said that he would like to see the plan address potential sea-level rise and the issues that could cause. At its highest, he said, the uneven runway is just 31 feet above sea-level and at its lowest, 12. A tide gate already exists on the northern end to keep high tides at bay.

County Councilman Rick Hughes, a member of the advisory committee representing the county, said he'd like to see the airport enhance its usefulness by preparing to be an international port or being available to fill the need caused by a ferry system that is nearing its transportation capacity.

Simpson also noted that commercial shipping via air, with companies like FedEx, increased at the airport by 20 percent this year. The building is overflowing when freight and cargo are flown in.

Simpson said companies like Amazon and FedEx "cannot afford to go by ferry."

"The facilities we have are not really optimized," he said.

The next meeting and open house will be mid-June. Henderson and Griel hope to have two chapters of the plan completed by then.



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Airport Master Plan Available Online

Posted on February 3, 2018

The Orcas Island Airport Master Plan held its first open house on January 10, 2018 at Orcas Island Fire & Rescue.

Members of the project team and airport staff were available to discuss the planning effort and answer questions.

To view the public meeting materials and for more information about the master plan, please visit the website at: www.portoforcas.com.

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Join in Airport Master Plan Discussions

Posted on June 3, 2018

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If you can't join us on June 5, you can review meeting materials and plan information at the website or reach out to our Project Manager Leah Henderson at orcasmasterplan@dowl.com or (425) 869-2670.

More information is available at the plan website at: www.portoforcas.com. We hope you can join us.

Airport Master Plan Public Comments due Friday, July 13

Posted on July 7, 2018

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