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## **Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Update Underway** ***Meeting explores airport role and community involvement***

The planning advisory committee for the update of the Hillsboro Airport Master Plan will continue its work Thursday, discussing the role of the airport, ways to involve the community in the planning, and other topics.

The meeting runs from 5:30-8:20 p.m. in the Hillsboro Civic Center city council meeting room at 150 E. Main Street. Community comments are invited at 7:15 p.m.

The group began work Feb. 27 with understanding the history, facts, and partnerships of the airport, in the process previewing the role of the airport, existing assets and facilities, the forecast and alternatives for future development, and options for ongoing public engagement on airport matters. The committee will provide planning input to the Port of Portland, which owns and operates the airport. The process will take two years.

All meetings are open to the community and comments are welcome. The committee represents diverse airport interests and will explore economic development, sustainability and equity in the planning process. The committee involves former airport advisory committee members, community organizations, local government and airport businesses.

Hillsboro Airport is an integral part of the region's transportation system, providing the highest standard of general aviation facilities to businesses and residents of Washington County and beyond. The airport is home to local corporate flight departments, aircraft charter services for business travel, air ambulance services, television news helicopters, flight schools, aircraft maintenance and repair operations, a corporate air shuttle service, and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection office for international flights. More than 25 businesses operate on-airport.

In 2016, the airport supported more than 198,000 flights, making it the second busiest airport in the state. The most recent economic impact study shows that the airport generated 1,472 jobs at the airport and in the community, \$83.5 million in personal income, and \$107.4 million in business revenue.

For more information about the master planning process, please contact Jayson Shanafelt at [jayson.shanafelt@portofportland.com](mailto:jayson.shanafelt@portofportland.com) or 503.415.6853.

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