



IDAHO FALLS REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #3 Summary

The Idaho Falls Regional Airport hosted in-person and online public meetings to share proposed plans for improvements to airport facilities and operations. The meeting was rescheduled to February from the original date of January 10, 2024, due to a severe winter storm.

In-person meeting participants were given a comment form and informational hand-outs on the master plan process and planning efforts to date. Participants were able to view display boards during the open house portion that included the following information:

- Master Plan Process and Schedule
- Airport Overview
- Forecast and Facility Requirements
- Potential Development Alternatives

The master plan team presented detailed information on proposed alternatives and the public was invited to ask questions. The City of Idaho Falls recorded the session and it is available here: [Idaho Falls Regional Airport Master Plan Open House 2-7-2024](#)

Common Themes

The following topic themes are excerpted from the comments submitted. These are not edited for content, grammar, or spelling.



West Side Development Options

Participants communicated concerns regarding expansion on the west side of the airport:

- Phase 1 and 2 options (expensive)
- Removing soccer complex trees and green space is a detriment to community
- Increased noise pollution with air cargo buildings near Village neighborhood
- Safety issue: relocating busy Old Butte Road closer to playground and neighborhood homes
- Leave berm in place by Village subdivision

MEETING INFORMATION

In-Person Public Meeting

February 7, 2024

Idaho Falls Activity Center
1575 N. Skyline Drive
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

- **155** participants signed in
- **18** comment forms submitted

Online Meeting

(available at ifairportmp.com)

January 3 – March 8, 2024

- **582** visits
- **44** comments submitted

Facebook Post Comments

- **3** comments submitted



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"The most logical choice would be to eliminate all westside options and close small runway and expand from there."



Runway 17/35

Participants provided feedback regarding a plan to close runway 17/35:

- Concern with facility access for air charter, air cargo, medical evacuation, and other essential air service aircrafts
- Consider converting runway 17/35 to a taxi way
- Two runways at a towered airport are a fantastic training environment for both GA [general aviation] students and the tower personnel
- Concern with losing an alternative runway in case of 3/21 closure for refurbishment
- Maintaining runway 17/35 and developing west side for cargo provides for future growth and revenue generation

“As an Idaho Falls Based GA pilot, I support East side GA option 1 with runway 17/35 to remain open.”

“What data shows that taxiway C and Runway 17/35 intersection is high risk?”



Hangar Space

Participants provided comments on additional hangar space plans:

- Pressing need – glad it’s included in plans
- Hangar expansion next to tree farm is acceptable
- Questioned why General Aviation hangar is not open for space now
- Increasing the number of hangars while simultaneously decreasing airport capacity by removing runways does not make sense



News Coverage

- Post Register News Story – December 25, 2023 (Updated February 8, 2024)
- City of Idaho Falls News – January 19 2024
- Post Register News Story – January 19, 2024
- Local News 8 News Story – February 7, 2024