



# Abilene Regional Airport

City Council Briefing

*August 24, 2017*

**ABI**

# Agenda



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- Planning Approach
- Current Status
- Project Schedule
- Questions



# The Garver Team

# Abilene Airport Master Planning Team



**Master  
Planning**



**Terminal  
Planning**



Leibowitz & Horton

**Financial  
Planning**



**Aerial  
Mapping**

Geoffrey  
Hewings, PhD

**Economic  
Impact Analysis**



**Project  
Committees**

# Project Committees

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## **Executive Committee (EC):**

- Comprised of staff from Airport, City and FAA.
- Provide project review, oversight, and direction.

## **Project Steering Committee (PSC):**

- Comprised of airport advisory board members, local community, planning agency representatives, tenants and airport users.
- Serves in the capacity of a sounding board and linkage to airport users, local/regional businesses, airport tenants, and general public.

# Project Steering Committee

## Purpose and Role

To:

- Provide a forum for education and **information dissemination** through which individuals, public interest groups, and civic organizations can participate in the airport planning process.
- Review, respond to, and distribute information from each stage and serve as **local conduit** for educating general public on the study.
- **Provide input** on the series of working papers that will be used throughout the study and aid in steering the airport development priorities.
- **Recommend** a “preferred” course of action.



## Planning Approach

# Project Flow Chart

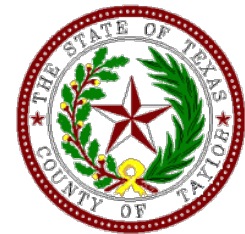
## MASTER PLANNING PROCESS





# Public Participation/Involvement

- **Project Steering Committee**
- **Public Open Houses**
- **Public Website w/Feedback Tool**



**Dyess Air Force Base**

## Additional Study Elements

- **Development Areas for Revenue Generation**
- **Environmental Overview**
- **Aeronautical Study – GIS Tools**
- **Economic Impact and Transportation Benefits Report**
- **Implementation Steps**



# SWOT Analysis

## Strengths

- Covered Parking
- Convenience
- Excellent Airfield Infrastructure
- Available Land For Future Development
- Good Weather
- ABI is well integrated into local Eco. Development Strategy.

## Weaknesses

- Aircraft Diversions
- Proximity to DFW
- Terminal Facility Layout
- TSA Checkpoint

## Opportunities

- Airlines growing nationwide.
- TSTC Development
- Available Land Surrounding ABI
- Expanding EASI Maintenance Facility
- New Funding Opportunities

## Threats

- Pilot Shortage
- GA Fleet Readiness for FAA NextGen Implementation.
- UAS growth



# **Current Status**

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## MASTER PLANNING PROCESS



<https://abilene.airportplans.com/>

## Current Status

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- Initial Site Visit and PSC Meeting Completed
  - SWOT Completed
  - Public Open House Completed
  - Draft Inventory Working Paper
  - Draft Forecast Working Paper
  - Project Website: <https://abilene.airportplans.com/>
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# Project Schedule

# Schedule Highlights

## Milestones

- Working Papers – after every planning element is completed
- Project Committee Meetings – to review working papers
  - October, 2017
  - December, 2017
  - March, 2018
  - June, 2018
  - December, 2018
- Tenant/Public Information Meetings and Council Briefings - After Kickoff, Recommended Alternative, and Final Draft
  - August, 2017
  - June, 2018
  - December, 2018--February, 2019





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**Questions??**