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## 1.0 MOBILIZATION

### INTRODUCTION

The mobilization phase of the Airport Master Plan is a critical element of the Master planning process. It includes the development, preparation, and distribution of a project workplan, a kick-off meeting with airport staff and key project personnel to determine goals, objectives, and protocols for the study. Additionally, the kick-off meeting includes the establishment of committees that would be involved in the project.

### GOALS

Both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the city of Wadsworth, Ohio funded the Airport Master Plan. This document outlines and discusses a planned program to improve the capacity, efficiency, and safety of the Wadsworth Municipal Airport. The document has been formatted to present an orderly development plan to improve the airport while maintaining compatibility between the airport and the surrounding area.

The impact of aviation on the world and United States over the last 100 years is well documented. The development of all aspects of aviation, from the advancement of aircraft technology to the development of community airports and navigational aids has had a direct impact on the global, national, and local economy. The need for aviation and airports has become an important part of the culture of the local communities. Airports, whether they are commercial or local community facilities, are a vital element in national and local economic stability. Understanding the importance of the Wadsworth Municipal Airport to the region's economic stability, the FAA and the city of Wadsworth have initiated the preparation of this Master Plan for the Wadsworth Municipal Airport to help ensure its continued contribution to the region.

The goals and objectives of this report are as follows:

- *To provide an effective graphic presentation of the future development for Wadsworth Municipal Airport and foster responsible land use and development in the vicinity of the airport.*
- *To develop a realistic schedule for the implementation of the proposed improvements.*
- *To develop a financially sound and obtainable plan that supports the implementation schedule and community financial goals.*
- *To ensure that the proposed airport improvements are investigated technically, environmentally, and financially.*
- *To develop a plan that complies with FAA requirements of the Through-The-Fence operators, while at the same time, meets the needs of the Trough-The-Fence Operators.*

- *To develop a plan that brings the facility into compliance with current FAA standards.*
- *To present a straightforward plan to the public that addresses local issues and satisfies local, state, and federal requirements and regulations.*

## 2.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

### INTRODUCTION

A Community Involvement Program is a very important element for the successful completion of a planning document. The community involvement program is a forum not only to disseminate information, but also to gather important input from the community, users, and neighbors. Through community involvement program meetings, this report has solicited opinions and insights on various components of the Master Plan Update's development.

### PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Wadsworth Municipal Airport Master Plan Update was realized, in part, through informal public workshops. During the workshops, representatives of the airport and the consultant met with the public and were available for one-on-one discussions of aspects of the Airport Master Plan that will be displayed on appropriate exhibits. Three public workshops were held, one each upon completion of the following stages of the Airport Master Plan:

- *The physical inventory and aviation forecasts.*
- *Demand/capacity, facility requirements, and preliminary alternatives.*
- *The Preferred Alternative and cost estimates.*

Preparations for public meetings have included facility arrangements, placement of advertisements and public notices, display board production, welcome and informational hand outs, and comment form/survey development. During the public meetings there will be formal presentations, small group discussions, and one-on-one discussions. Post public meeting activities include summarizing comment and survey forms, responding to questions and comments, and preparing meeting minutes. Table 2.0-A, Workshop Dates, provides the public meeting dates and the number of individuals that attended.



<b>TABLE 2.0-A, WORKSHOP DATES</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
July 21, 2005	6:30 p.m	City Hall, Council Chambers	Tom Palecek Mark Vasiloff Don Ferguson Don Nagey John Rohrer Max Willis Rick Hopkins
September 29, 2005	7:00 p.m	City Hall, Council Chambers	Mayor Renacci Chris Easton Jim Bozigar John Rohere Robin Laubauolt Chuck Potter J.E. Holland Jim Morrison Tim Remington Jim Cranston Vince Fodor Rick Hopkins Chuck SNyder
February 2, 2006	7:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers	Mayor Renacci Chris Easton Rick Hopkins Jim Bozigar Jack Holland Bernice Kammiller Gary Stanley Tim Remington Steve Zvada Jim Morrison

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A Technical Advisory Committee was organized to review and comment on work products prepared during the course of the master plan study. The Technical Advisory Committee was made up of airport representatives, various public agencies, community groups, airport staff, and lay personnel. A list of the individuals that were involved in the development of the Master Plan can be found on Table 2.0-B, Technical Advisory Committee.

<b>TABLE 2.0-B, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>Name</b>		<b>Organization</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	
Paul	Strack	Baker and Associates
Lance	Wanamaker	Baker and Associates
James	Renacci	City of Wadsworth
Chris	Easton	City of Wadsworth, Director Public Service
Tom	Palecek	City Council
Rick	Hopkins	Wadsworth Municipal Airport Management Co.
John	Rohrer	Rohrer Corporation
Tim	Remington	Remington Products, Inc.
Terry	Weyer	
W.	Hayduk	Local business owner
Steve	Zvada	
Jim	Bozigar	City of Wadsworth, Engineer
Dennis	Kreider	Township trustee
James	Morrison	
Robin	Laubaugh	City Council, President
Grace	Gaddis	
Norman	Brague	City of Wadsworth, Law Director
Byron	Shank	
Charles	Potter	City of Wadsworth, Director of Public Safety

Technical Advisory Committee members were selected by the City and invited to participate in the study. Tentative meeting dates with the Technical Advisory Committee were established in accordance with the overall Project Work Schedule.

### 3.0 INVENTORY

#### INTRODUCTION

An inventory of the existing facilities at Wadsworth Municipal Airport was completed through on-site inspections of the facilities as well as interviewing airport staff, city officials, airport tenants, and the fixed base operator (FBO). A review was completed of the previously approved (November 1992) Master Plan and Layout Plan, completed by R. W. Armstrong and Assoc., Inc., the unapproved (November 2003) Airport Layout Plan conducted by Whitworth-Borta and Co., and past construction documents. These documents were used as reference documents to determine which direction the plan had recommended and items that may have been completed as recommended. This Inventory section includes items such as airside and landside facilities, aircraft operations, land use patterns, airport access, utilities, as well as socioeconomic and demographic data. The following sections discuss the existing facilities and other pertinent information obtained through the data collection and inventory process.

#### 3.1 REVIEW OF EXISTING AVIATION PLANS AND STUDIES

##### **National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)**

The National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) database management system is a sophisticated planning tool that provides a fast, accurate means of evaluating alternative detailed development costs. See Exhibit 3.1-1 for NPIAS airports located in Ohio. The NPIAS is a congressionally mandated program for the development of a systematic national approach in planning for new airports, as well as expansions and improvements at existing airports. NPIAS identifies the estimated airport development and planning costs necessary to expand and improve the national system of airports. The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is a related database system consisting of planned capital expenditures at designated airports shown in five-year increments. It focuses on projects more likely to be funded. The AIP examines the estimated demand for projects, the federal share of funding for these projects, and the federal assignment of funds.

**NPIAS Role** - All airports tracked in the NPIAS database must fall into one of the categories listed below in Table 3.0-A. The categories are based on the level of service the particular airport provides to the community. The service levels also represent funding categories for the distribution of federal aid.

TABLE 3.0-A, AIRPORT CATEGORIES	
Designation	Service
PR	Commercial Service – Primary
CM	Commercial Service – Non-Primary
RL	Reliever Airport
GA	General Aviation Airport

# Ohio

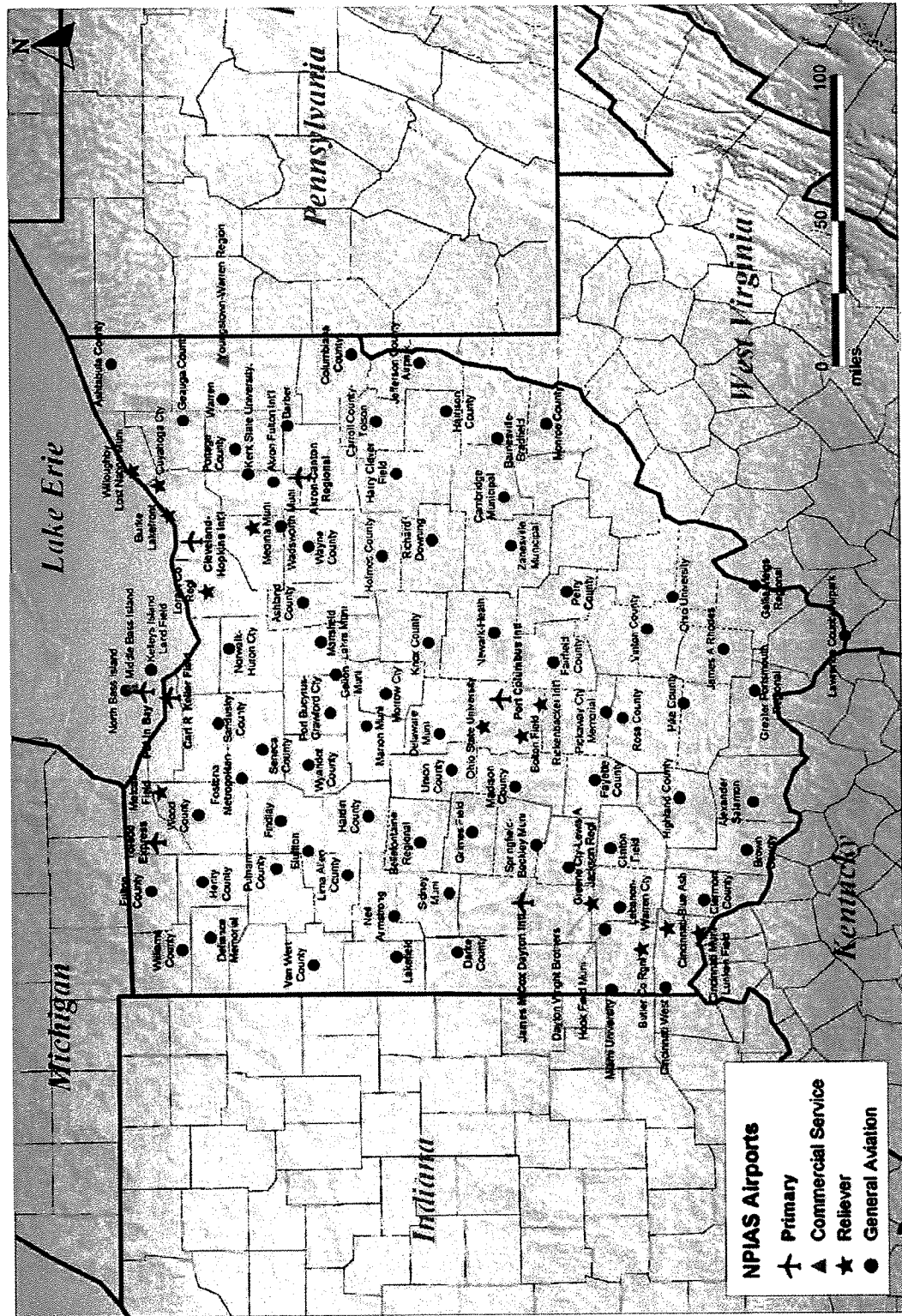


EXHIBIT 3.1-1 OHIO NPIAS AIRPORTS

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