

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is an Airport Master Plan?

An Airport Master Plan presents the community's and airport's vision for a 20-year strategic development plan based on the forecast of activity. The Master Plan is used as a decision-making tool and is intended to complement and integrate into other local, regional, and national plans. The Airport Master Plan consists of a report documenting existing conditions of the airport, a forecast of activity, facility requirements (the airport's needs based on the forecast and compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Design Standards for airports), development and evaluation of alternatives to meet requirements, and a funding plan for development.

### 2. What is an Airport Layout Plan, and why do we need one?

An Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is a graphical depiction of the information presented within the airport master plan. It contains a layout of existing and future development needed to meet the forecast needs in the 20-year planning period. The ALP sheet and the Exhibit 'A' Airport Property Inventory Map sheet, two of the drawings included within the ALP set, are required to be eligible for federal and state funding.

### 3. How often are Airport Master Plans and Airport Layout Plans undertaken?

FAA guidance recommends that Airport Master Plan Updates be completed every 5 to 10 years based on the development needs of the airport and market changes. ALPs should be always kept current to ensure compliance with FAA grant assurances.

### 4. Why are you doing this Airport Master Plan?

While ALP updates were made in the past, this is the first time that Tri-Cities Airport (TRI) is undergoing an Airport Master Plan. Therefore, this Airport Master Plan will provide a comprehensive 20-year strategic development plan. An ALP update is included with the Airport Master Plan process.

### 5. How much input will the community have in the planning process?

TRI Authority is excited to welcome community input at all stages of the Airport Master Plan process. Feedback can be provided on the master plan via email at [Aviation.Planning@atkinsrealis.com](mailto:Aviation.Planning@atkinsrealis.com). Additionally, the planning process will include one public meeting to invite the community to share ideas, opinions, and concerns regarding the future of TRI. To receive notification of future public meetings, please contact the Atkins North America Aviation Planning group at [Aviation.Planning@atkinsrealis.com](mailto:Aviation.Planning@atkinsrealis.com). Any other concerns can be directed to the TRI Authority Public Relations Department at [comments@triflight.com](mailto:comments@triflight.com).

A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) were created as part of the Airport Master Plan process to provide direct technical input on master plan materials. The TAC and CAC are comprised of key airport stakeholders, as selected by TRI Authority. This committee has been meeting periodically throughout the process, primarily during key milestones.

### 6. Will the Airport Master Plan report be made available to the public?

The Airport Master Plan final report and associated project materials will be posted on the TRI website for public review at <https://triflight.com>. From this page, please select the About tab, followed by Business with TRI, and then Public Documents.

### 7. What is the cost to prepare the Airport Master Plan study?

The cost to prepare the Airport Master Plan study is \$1,432,847. FAA grant 3-47-0004-081-2023 covers 90% of the cost with Airport providing a local match of 10%.

### 8. What level of environmental analysis will be conducted as part of the study?

The Airport Master Plan will include Environmental Overview and Sustainability Overview sections that will outline the environmental features and constraints on and surrounding the airport as well as sustainability planning and solid waste reduction plan. This overview will aid in the development of airport alternatives.