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Airport Master Plan Project Update – September 16, 2019

Role of Surveys

The intent of this update is to clarify the influence that various surveys undertaken over the past 15 months have on the airport master planning process.

Airport User Surveys 1 and 2 (Summer and Fall 2018):

User Survey #1 (which focused on existing airport users) serves as the basis for the aviation forecast section of the draft master plan. The conclusions of User Survey #2 (which was distributed to registered pilots within the seven state region) will not be incorporated into the airport master planning process based on a recommendation by the City's airport planning consultant, Mead & Hunt. City staff and the chairperson of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee concur with this conclusion. See Mead & Hunt's [Memorandum on Airport User Surveys](#) for details.

“2019 Middleton Resident Satisfaction Survey” (August 2019):

The City's annual resident survey (conducted August 2 – September 2) included a question concerning future options for the airport (question #13). This question is not a substitute for the community survey that will be conducted as part of the airport master plan process, nor will it be considered as input into the airport master planning process. Survey results will be posted within a couple weeks.

“Middleton Airport Expansion Community Survey” (May 2019):

The City of Middleton was not involved in the preparation or circulation of this survey, the results of which are posted on the Town of Middleton's website. This survey was circulated over a few days in May and is not a component of the airport master planning process. The City has committed to undertake an official community survey once a master draft plan is available (see below).

Official Community Survey (anticipated early 2020) and Project Update:

Mead & Hunt is in the process of addressing comments provided by the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the draft Aviation Forecasts chapter of the master plan. Once they have received FAA's concurrence, the firm will revise the draft Facility Requirements chapter as necessary before proceeding with the Alternatives Analysis chapter.

The master plan project will extend several months into 2020. Once a draft is available, the City remains committed to engaging the public through a community survey and to providing additional public input opportunities before the Common Council is asked to consider adopting the master plan.

For more information, see the [Airport Master Plan project website](#) or contact City Planner Mark Opitz.