



NEWS RELEASE

Community Meeting Master Plan Update

TAMPA, FL (January 12, 2005) – The Aviation Authority will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, to present information about the ongoing Master Plan Update for Tampa International Airport (TPA). The Master Plan for Tampa International Airport will serve as a guide for determining future facility needs and responding to demand growth at the airport.

“Our Master Plan is not geared toward establishing what year certain improvements are made,” said Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, Tampa International Airport. “Instead, we use it to determine what demand levels or set of circumstances will trigger development. It helps us gauge how soon we’ll need to make certain improvements as the Airport continues its growth. It is very important to us that the public be involved in this process.”

The Aviation Authority wants to ensure that the master planning process is a collaborative effort between the Airport, the community, airlines, airport tenants, public agencies and other stakeholders.

The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Avenue, Tampa. The public is invited to attend and hear a progress report presentation on the TPA Master Plan Update. The presentation will include an overview of the Master Plan Update process and will provide information on preliminary data and planning analyses.

Staff from the Aviation Authority and the planning consulting team will be present and available to answer any questions about the Master Plan Update. The public is encouraged to ask questions and offer input at the meeting. In addition, comment cards will be available for those who wish to submit their comments and questions in writing. For more information about the Master Plan Update, visit TPA’s Web site at www.tampaairport.com.

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