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NORFOLK AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
FOR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Norfolk, VA – The Norfolk Airport Authority invites the public to the first information session about the ongoing Airport Master Plan Update (MPU) on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn -- Norfolk Airport located at 1570 N. Military Highway, Norfolk, Virginia. A presentation will be at 6:15 p.m.

During this information session, a brief presentation will be offered and then participants will be invited to talk with team members and review more information at two work stations. These work stations will include master planning personnel from the consultant team and the Airport Authority, in addition to study materials to help facilitate questions and discussions. This format will allow citizens to move freely to various areas of interest and discuss each component individually. Citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the goals and objectives of the study, review the study process, hear information about the latest changes within the aviation industry and provide feedback about the future of the airport. The results of the recent Inventory of Airport will be provided for discussion through Draft Working Paper #1, which details the initial step in documenting the master planning process - the identification and inventory of the Airport's existing conditions. This includes airfield and landside facilities, passenger terminals, supporting facilities and more.

The public is encouraged to ask questions and offer input at the session. In addition, comment forms will be available for those who wish to submit their questions and comments in writing. The Airport 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 presentation and other meeting materials will be posted to the study website after May 30, 2018 and comments on this phase of the Master Plan Update are due by June 15, 2018.

Those unable to attend may send comments, questions or requests to be added to the MPU mailing list in one of the following ways:

- Online: www.ORFMasterPlan.com/content/contact/
- Email: ORFmpu@ORFMasterPlan.com
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“The Norfolk Airport Authority has undertaken the Master Plan Update to account for numerous changes that have taken place at the airport, in the aviation industry, and in the Hampton Roads region since completion of the airport’s 2008 Master Plan Update,” said Robert Bowen, airport executive director. “The master plan will be used to support growth and guide development to meet existing and future needs of the airport.”

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The MPU will provide a guideline for future airport development for the next 20 years. As part of this update, the airport and its consultants will be conducting the following work:

- Forecasting future aviation activity
- Analyzing the economic impact of the airport on our region
- Surveying airport tenants, general aviation and other businesses in Hampton Roads
- Further evaluate the proposed second runway to run parallel to the existing runway
- Evaluating the existing conditions of airport facilities and infrastructure
- Assessing future facility needs
- Determining how best to meet these needs through facility improvements
- Evaluating the potential environmental and financial issues associated with recommended facility improvements
- Preparing an updated, FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan that shows existing and recommended airport facilities

After a majority of the evaluation has been completed, the public will have another opportunity to review the MPU findings and recommendations at a second public information session scheduled for spring 2019 upon release of the draft report. The Norfolk Airport Authority hopes to complete the update by summer 2019.

The information session location is accessible to persons with disabilities. If guests require special assistance, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, they may call 757-460-4183, or TYY 711 by Friday, May 25.

Learn more about the Master Plan Update by visiting: www.ORFMasterPlan.com

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