

STAFF REPORT
August 7, 2008

No. 08CA027 - Amendment to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the City of Rapid City's Regional Airport Master Plan Update (May 2008)

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT/AGENT	City of Rapid City
PROPERTY OWNER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	No. 08CA027 - Amendment to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the City of Rapid City's Regional Airport Master Plan Update (May 2008)
DATE OF APPLICATION	7/11/2008
REVIEWED BY	Monica Heller / Mary Bosworth

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Amendment to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the City of Rapid City's Regional Airport Master Plan Update (May 2008) be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The Rapid City Regional Airport Master Plan Update (May 2008) is prepared to provide a long-term vision for the Airport and serve as a guide for future airport development. The Master Plan outlines demand-driven airport development plans that will accommodate future needs in a manner that is financially feasible and sensitive to the aviation, social and environmental interests of the community.

STAFF REVIEW:

The adopted Comprehensive Plan is a framework within which development rezoning, and transportation proposals are measured and evaluated. The plan is intended to guide the orderly growth of the community. In order for the plans to remain viable and to keep pace with a changing market place, periodic adjustments to reflect changing conditions will be required.

The Airport Master plan identifies four goals representing the City's strategic Vision for the Airport. The four goals include:

- Provision of quality air service
- Economic self-sufficiency
- Continued support of area tourism
- Optimization of on-airport land uses.

The Rapid City Regional Airport Master Plan forecasts aviation activity for a 20-year period. These forecasts of aircraft activity and passenger use of the Airport provide a basis for determining the type, size and timing of facility development. The master

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plan also defines the Airport's future facility needs based on existing facilities conditions, forecast aviation activity, and the strategic vision for the Airport. From these facility requirements, alternatives for facility development are created and evaluated to select the preferred development alternatives. Guidance is also given on implementing the recommendations of the master plan, particularly given the funding limitations and project sequencing challenges the Airport faces.

The Rapid City's Regional Airport Master Plan serves as a guide for the development and general layout of Airport properties. Since aviation is an element of the region's transportation system, the goals of airport development should be adopted as part of the Rapid City's Comprehensive Plan and should be used to evaluate new development within the airport's environs.

Staff recommends that the Amendment to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Rapid City Regional Airport Master Plan Update (May 2008), be approved.