



# Project Fact Sheet

The City of Lakeland and the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL) have begun a master planning process to define the vision and provide the necessary framework to guide airport development at the airport for the next 20 years.

## WHAT IS AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN?



An Airport Master Plan is a study to determine the long-term development plans for an airport including the extent, type and schedule of development required to meet the forecasted needs. Airport master planning is a strategic process used to establish guidelines for the

efficient development of airports that is consistent with local, state and national goals.

The purpose of an Airport Master Plan Update is to study and provide the Airport a 20-year development program that will create a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally responsible airport facility. This study will be capable of facilitating the demand for aviation services expected, meet the development goals of the Airport Authority, and create additional public value for residents in the Lakeland area and the aeronautical community at large.

The final product will serve as a critical tool for LAL depicting the existing airport facilities, and planned development initiatives. This document is vital for coordination between LAL, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for capital improvement needs.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Airport Master Plan project is an 18-month process that will be completed in the Spring of 2019.



The Airport Master Plan project is funded through a grant partnership with the FAA, FDOT and local funding sources. The Airport received an FAA grant for approx. 90% of project costs, and an FDOT grant for approx. 5% of project costs, with the City providing funding for the remaining approx. 5%.

## ABOUT THE AIRPORT

The Lakeland Linder Regional Airport is the primary public-use airport, serving the Lakeland Community. Situated along the I-4 corridor, the Airport is midway between Tampa and Orlando, with excellent access to I-4 via the Polk Parkway. The Airport is owned and operated by the City of Lakeland and managed by the Airport Director.

In 1940 the Lakeland City Commission passed a resolution to replace the City's municipal airport. Tentatively named Lakeland Municipal Airport No. 2 the planned location was leased to the War Department at the start of WWII. The U.S. Army Air Corps took possession of the planned airport and constructed three runways along with associated taxiways, ramps, hangars, and outbuildings to support flight training activities on heavy bombardment, medium bombardment, and fighter aircraft.

Today, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport is the 115th busiest airport in the United States, and the 19th busiest airport in the State of Florida. The Airport supports a variety of activities including: aerospace education (Central Florida Aerospace Academy and Polk State College – Aerospace); the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center; U.S. Customs Services; Department of Defense (DoD) Contractors (Draken International); aircraft export and ferrying; flight training; military training exercises, aircraft storage; aircraft rental; car rental; restaurants; hotels; special events; emergency relief staging and logistics distribution; air charter operations; and aircraft servicing, maintenance, painting, interior, and avionics shops among other non-aviation activities.

## GET INVOLVED



The City is dedicated to a transparent, complete and inclusive planning process. The Airport is excited to engage the community and stakeholders to gather feedback to develop the Airport Master Plan. You can participate in the Airport Master Plan Process in any of the following ways:

### Visit the Project Website

Located at [www.FlyLakeland.com/airportmasterplan](http://www.FlyLakeland.com/airportmasterplan) for Airport Master Plan updates and events, informational materials, and to submit public comment.

### Participate in a Public Workshop

To learn more about the project and provide feedback that will help shape the Airport Master Plan, a public workshop will be held during the planning process.

### Attend Advisory Committee Meetings

A Technical Advisory Committee will be composed of airport stakeholder representatives who will provide input throughout the planning process. Meetings will be held periodically, and the public is welcome to attend and provide comment.

