

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL SEEK PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANS FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Four community meetings scheduled to discuss update of DIA Master Plan

Denver International Airport will host four community meetings this month to seek public input on the airport's strategy for growth over the next 20 years. DIA's update to its Master Plan is scheduled to be finalized in the spring of 2010.

"The airport has always prided itself on being a good neighbor, and has worked with surrounding communities to resolve issues that have arisen," Aviation Manager Kim Day said Thursday. "As we consider how we will grow in future years, we want to make sure that our neighbors are given an opportunity to have their voices heard."

DIA's original Master Plan, completed in 1988, set a benchmark of 50 million passengers for the airport's first phase. That milestone was surpassed in 2008, when 51.2 million passengers used the airport.

"It is time to reassess our needs and strategies as we move forward to the next stage of our development," Day said. Several conceptual solutions have been suggested based on future air traffic projections and related facility needs, and the upcoming meetings will give the public a chance to review these proposed solutions.

Each meeting will consist of an open house where the public can review the concepts and talk with DIA staff and consultants, followed by a formal presentation by Ms. Day at 6 p.m. each night. The schedule is:

Monday, April 20, Commerce City Administration Building, 7887 E. 60th Avenue, open house 4-6 p.m., presentation during City Council Study Session.

Tuesday, April 21, Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, open house 4-8 p.m., presentation 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 15500 E. 40th Avenue, Denver, open house 4-8 p.m., presentation 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, Red Lion Hotel, 3200 S. Parker Road, Aurora, open house 4-8 p.m., presentation 6 p.m.

All locations are ADA accessible. Special needs should be requested by calling (303) 342-2279. For additional information, visit <http://www.flydenver.com/masterplan>