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MEMORANDUM

TO: DLH Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)

FROM: Kaci Nowicki

DATE: December 11, 2019

RE: Public Open House Summary
SEH No. 150733 14.00

The Duluth Airport Authority (DAA) hosted a public open house to kick off the Vision 2040 Master Plan for the Duluth International Airport on September 17, 2019. The event welcomed community, businesses and aviation stakeholders to learn about the Vision 2040 Master Plan and various ways to get involved during the two-year project. The Open House began at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 6:45 p.m. The Open House was held in the Duluth International Airport Terminal's Amatuzio Room. Roughly 25 attendees attended the Open House in addition to project and airport staff.

Meeting Overview

A presentation provided an overview of the Master Plan process and project goals. The presentation also covered ways stakeholders can get involved during the project. A copy of the presentation is available on the project website. Interactive stations were placed around the conference room to gain feedback on where attendees live and work, various ways they use the airport and what the airport means to them and the community. Airport and project staff were available throughout the event to answer questions from the public. Opportunity to sign up for project newsletters and updates was available at the sign-in table.

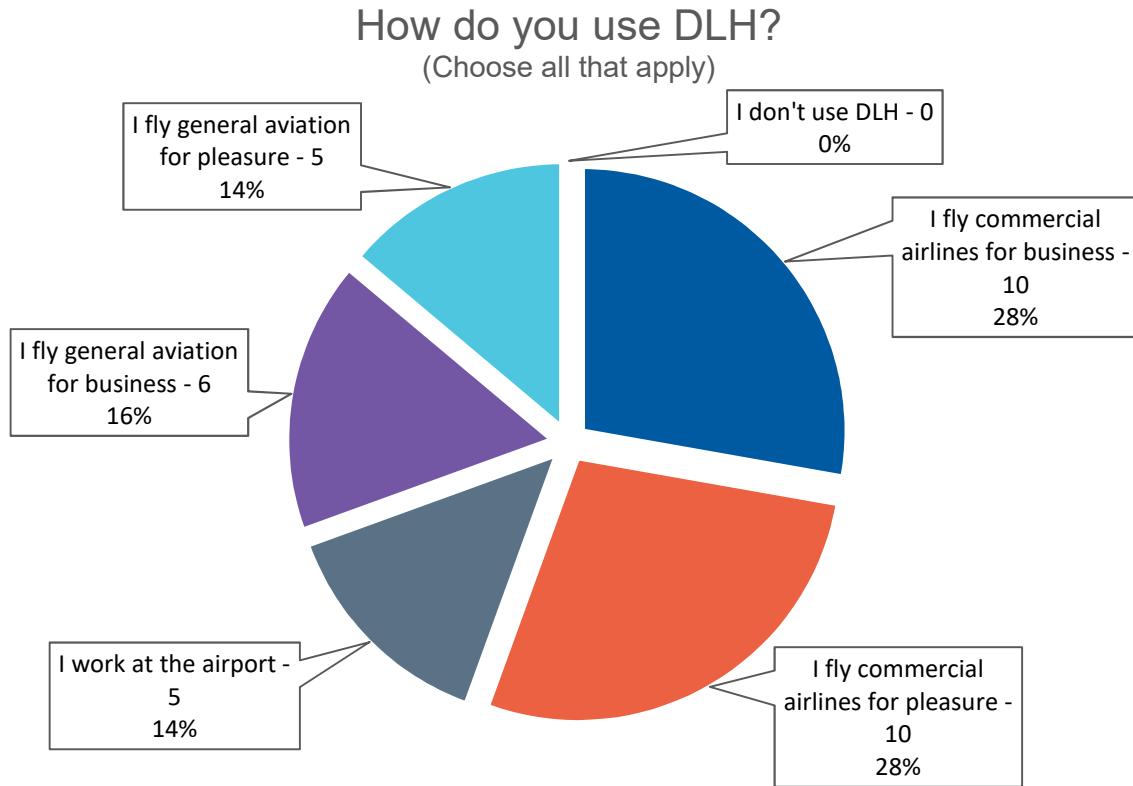
The DAA is completing a Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study concurrently with the Master Plan. While this Noise Study is separate from the Master Plan, how noise affects the surrounding community can influence elements of the Master Plan. Landrum & Brown staff were available to answer questions related to the Part 150 Noise Study at a station specific to that project.

Invitations and Notification

Invitations for the event were sent via US mail, email and shared on social media. Posters were placed at various public locations in the community and at the airport. Press releases were distributed to local media providing notification of the event. The event was publicized on local television media and covered in an article in the Duluth News Tribune prior to the event. Future invitations, project updates and newsletters will be sent via email throughout this two-year project.

Feedback Summary

Various stations allowed attendees to share feedback. A summary of the responses are below. Photographs of the boards with responses are included in this meeting summary packet.



1. What does the airport mean to the community? The following responses were given:
 - a. Connection to the world
 - b. Direct transport for business and pleasure travel
 - c. Gateway to tourist & business people to community
 - d. The chance to explore and meet new people
 - e. Connectivity
 - f. Home away from home
 - g. Convenience to travel
2. Why do I value the airport? The following responses were given:
 - a. Boosting our local economy
 - b. Vital link for the community to connect with the world
 - c. Connect us to the world
 - d. Supports economy
 - e. Because they're fun and connect us to our relatives, friends, and places
3. What concerns do I have? The following responses were given:
 - a. Need more airlines
 - b. Direct international flights/charters
 - c. Prices being competitive with Twin Cities flights
4. How can the airport better serve me, or the community? The following responses were given:
 - a. Warm vacation destinations
 - b. Direct flights to the west – Denver, L.A., Las Vegas

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