Goals and Objectives of the Master Plan Update

SAFETY

Maintain or enhance the safe operation of the Airport.

- Plan airfield facilities that meet or exceed established design and operational standards and best practices pertaining to airfield safety.
- Ensure compliant and safe access to the Airport Operations Area (AOA) for ground handlers and other airline support operations.
- Ensure existing runway and taxiway safety areas are clear and unobstructed.

EFFICIENCY

Maintain or enhance the efficient operation of the Airport.

- Plan airfield and airport facilities that accommodate aircraft operational demand and aircraft fleet mix within and beyond the planning horizon.
- Plan airport facilities that accommodate passenger demand within and beyond the planning horizon.
- Consider the impact of NextGen navigation aids and other navigation technological innovations to operational capacity and the efficient flow of aircraft traffic.
- Enhance vehicular traffic circulation in the passenger terminal and cargo areas.
- Provide adequate commercial vehicle staging areas and improve commercial vehicle access to the Airport.
- Consider the Airport’s role as identified within the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS).

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Minimize the impact of airport development through environmental awareness.

- Coordinate Airport development with local environmental mitigation efforts.
- Plan deicing operations that are in conformance with EPA deicing chemical effluent guidelines and applicable environmental standards.
- Consider the noise sensitivity of nearby neighborhoods and minimize noise impacts through the careful siting of airport operations that may generate noise.
- To the extent practical, minimize airport-related vehicular traffic impacts on airport roadways and on roadways surrounding the Airport.
FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Enhance the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Airport.

- Maximize the business effectiveness of the Airport.
- Consider the Airport’s role as an economic asset and its ability to promote economic growth locally, within the State, and globally.
- Encourage the use of existing assets and possible reuse of assets prior to investing in new or replacement infrastructure.
- Consider land as an asset and promote the potential for airport land to be acquired, developed or disbursed in support of the Airport’s fiscal sustainability goal.
- Support growth of cargo transfer operations.

COMMUNICATION

Engage stakeholders through open communication.

- Provide for open two-way communication throughout the duration of the Master Plan Update.
- Foster a good neighbor working relationship between the Airport and its stakeholders.
- Encourage public participation from all stakeholders that may impact or be impacted by the Airport.
- Respond to stakeholder comments.
- Provide education about the relationship between the FAA and Airport in ensuring the Airport’s continued safe and efficient operation.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Facilitate long-term Airport development through strategic land management planning.

- Prepare a long-range airport development vision.
- Promote the highest and best use of airport property to best serve the Airport while minimizing impacts to nearby residents.
- Consider land use compatibility and development recommendations proposed in the West Anchorage District Plan (WADP).