Draft Recommendations and CAC Comments

The following documents present a set of recommendations in the form of goals, strategies, and actions that have been developed through the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport project's public engagement process. The recommendations directly reflect feedback contributed by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and local residents over the past year, as well as best practices from other airports across the US that have been researched and incorporated by the Project Team.

Please click here to view full set of draft recommendations as shared at the Open Houses in November. The flow chart on the first page in the linked PDF illustrates the process and the organization of recommendations as presented.

Important terms to know and understand:

General Improvements

The process has identified a number of actions that can be implemented in the shorter term to improve conditions regardless of the Airport's future, meaning whether the County decides to pursue Airport closure or continue Airport operations in the long-term. These actions are labeled as General Improvements and include measures identified by community members and to address Airport-related issues of concern to the community.

Long-Term Scenarios

Two potential long-term scenarios for the Airport have been identified for special consideration within the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport process and throughout the development and evaluation of recommendations. These scenarios were developed with the understanding that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will make the decision on whether or not to pursue the airport closure process given their role as airport owner (known as the "Sponsor"). However, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) holds the final authority and decision about airport closure at this time due to federal grants in place that come with time-specific obligations that must be met.

The two long-term scenarios are - The County Board of Supervisors decides to:

1. Pursue Airport closure (Scenario 1)
2. Continue Airport operations (Scenario 2)

Conditional Improvements

The long-term scenarios identified through this process directly influence possible actions to be taken in the short-term as well. This means some recommended actions are only available to implement based on the future outcome of the Airport to be decided by the County Board of Supervisors. These actions are labeled "Conditional Improvements."

In other words, under Scenario 1 (Airport closure pursued), a number of recommendations addressing community-based issues and needs in the shorter-term are not feasible to implement due to funding and/or other requirements. The same is true for Scenario 2. This process can consider if and how desired long-term outcomes could be accommodated in some way alongside an operational Airport, including suggested land uses.

Goal 1: Reduce Community Exposure to Airport-Related Noise Impacts

ACTION	COMMENT
1.1.2	100% behind pursuing Part 150 FAA plan if the airport remains open. If lives are affected it should be remedied
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1.2.2A	100% behind pursuing Part 150 FAA plan if the airport remains open. If lives are affected it should be remedied
1.2.2B	NO, if the airport is going to close than this should not be pursued as airport noise will not be a factor
1.2.2B	We should pursue non-FAA funding options
1.3.1	NO, We are running businesses here and they should not be restricted. The noise this community experiences is from many sources
1.3.2	Only if airport remains open and it actually helps noise
1.3.3	NO There is not much night flying now, but night flying is required to get your pilot license. Any restrictions would have to be after 10pm
1.3.3	This shouldn't be voluntary
1.3.4	Good idea - how would you enforce?
1.3.5	Don't see how this could be implemented with surrounding areas already established

Goal 2: Improve Airport-Related Health and Safety Conditions

ACTION	COMMENT
2.1	Absolutely needed. Education is a missing piece.
2.2.1	Already in the works - If airport closes this is a NO. Why incur the added expense of fuel tank
2.2.2	Yes, the airport should be very receptive to inviting this to WHP as it is being developed. Would bring in more jobs for area
2.2.3	Up to the FAA
2.3.1	Already have FAAST meetings, can increase. How do you get the pilots to attend. I don't think public would attend they really don't care
2.3.2	This is already available if they care enough to look. Published every year FAA.GOV or printed in FARAIM and FARAMT

Goal 3: Expand and Improve Community Outreach and Communications

ACTION	COMMENT
3.1.1	We are already doing this. We have several spanish speakers at our facility, and can answer any questions.
3.1.2	Happy to do this, just need access to someone to translate. All materials currently available are english and spanish.
3.2.1	Anyone welcome anytime. This has been stated several times in the CAC meetings. They have to want to come
3.2.2	Already implemented. Covid changed things for a couple years, but outreach has existed for years and continues. Social Media is used also Again, you have to be interested enough to look. Information is there
3.2.3	Definitely behind this. But it's time consuming and need access to translator. Only spend the time and expense if airport remains open.
3.2.4	Definitely! - If airport remains open
3.3.1	This can be accessed in a number of places - if you care to look
3.3.2	Yes, if the airport remains open
3.3.3	For public entities this would be okay. For private business - none of anyones business.

Goal 4: Stimulate Job Creation for the Local Community

ACTION	COMMENT
4.1.1	Yes, but the community needs to be part of this endeavor. We have asked repeatedly to reach out to schools. We have asked for lists of non-profits that we could help. The community has not done any of this. It's a 2 way street
4.1.2	All for this. I am 100% behind trade schools. Everyone may not want to go to college and there are dozens of aviation careers - if airport is open
4.1.3	Excellent idea if airport remains open
4.2.1	Excellent idea if airport remains open
4.2.2	This is already in place. We just celebrated an employee and Pacoima resident for 20 years at our company. We have other Pacoima and Valley employees as well
4.2.3	This requires community participation and we have seen none of this. The airport has consistently reached out with no reciprocation

Goal 5: Provide Amenities and Services to Benefit the Broader Community

ACTION	COMMENT
5.1.1	This should have been done already and should always be kept up for the community and the airport tenant
5.1.2	This is a great idea as murals are a good visual representation of the area. If the airport stays open
5.2.1	This is the city's job, not the county's job
5.3.1	If the airport closes this will be the City's issue. If the airport stays open it would be great to open unused areas for use by the community
5.3.2	A complete waste of land. There are a dozen parks in the surrounding area. This per the 2019 study by Pacoima Beautiful will be developed
5.3.3	Should have been done already for community and tenants
5.3.4	Combined uses would be great as long as safety of the airport is maintained, as long as airport remains open
5.3.5	YES YES AND YES - This should be heavily pursued
5.3.6	If the airport remains open, this would be a wonderful idea.