



PRESS RELEASE/Groton-New London Airport Master Plan Update  
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### **Groton New London Master Plan Update Continues; Improvement Options Considered**

GROTON - As part of the ongoing Airport Master Plan Update, three possible alternatives in planning for the future of the Groton-New London Airport were presented to the Public Advisory Committee on April 26th. The Airport's Master Plan is being updated, with a revised plan scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Of the three possible alternatives, the first approach is to look at a "No Build" or do nothing strategy, an approach that is mandated as part of the federal transportation planning process. Considering the No Build strategy allows airport planners and the state to assess the effects of a no-growth plan, both the benefits and potential liabilities. It also acts as a baseline comparison to other, more active strategies. The second option is a conservative, "Minimum Development" approach, and the third is a "Full Build Out" approach. The scenario that will move forward will likely be a combination of the Minimum Development and Full Build Out strategies.

Any enhanced development being considered at the Airport is confined to changes in the building and hangar configurations, not the runways. Study findings indicate that the runways and safety areas are in excellent condition and there is no need to consider enlarging this infrastructure in this Airport Master Plan Update.

Any changes ultimately made at the Airport would be need-driven, designed for the sole purpose of allowing the Airport to generate more income and jobs in the community. The Master Plan Update will provide the Connecticut Department of Transportation with a blueprint in order to be prepared to support Connecticut's economy should the opportunity arise.

A Public Meeting to explain and receive feedback on the three proposed approaches will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at the City of New Groton Council Chambers. Information on the Master Plan is available at <http://www.groton-newlondonairport-ampu.org>.