



FAI Airport Community Outreach Plan

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Airport, FAI	Fairbanks International Airport
COF	City of Fairbanks
DOT&PF	Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FACC	Fairbanks Airport Communications Committee
FNSB	Fairbanks North Star Borough
GAA	General Aviation Association
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OPN	Online Public Notice
SOA	State of Alaska

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) plays a vital role not only in our community but also on the global stage. As one of the northernmost international airports in the United States, FAI is strategically located along the great circle routes between North America and Asia—making it a key stopover for trans-Pacific and polar aviation. This unique position allows Fairbanks to support both international and domestic flights, connecting our region to global markets while also serving the essential needs of Alaskans across the state.

FAI is more than just a travel hub; it's a critical piece of Alaska's transportation network. Many communities in Alaska are not accessible by road, and FAI serves as a lifeline—linking rural areas to medical care, supplies, and economic opportunities. As one of only a few U.S. airports offering 24/7 customs and border protection services, Fairbanks is fully equipped to handle passenger and cargo traffic from around the world.

What sets Fairbanks International Airport apart is its versatility and resilience. With one of the most advanced cold weather testing environments in the country, FAI is regularly used by global aircraft manufacturers like Boeing and Airbus. Its 11,800-foot runway can accommodate the world's largest aircraft, while its around-the-clock operations—free of curfews or major congestion—make it an efficient and reliable technical stop for long-haul cargo flights (**Figure 1**).

Beyond logistics and infrastructure, FAI is a gateway to exploration. Whether its supporting Arctic research missions, welcoming visitors chasing the Northern Lights, or providing a base for bush pilots and medevac operations, the airport plays a diverse and essential role in Alaska's daily life and future growth.

This community outreach plan is designed to foster understanding, build partnerships, and highlight the value that FAI brings to our local economy, quality of life, and global connectivity. Together, we can ensure that Fairbanks International Airport continues to serve as a proud symbol of progress, opportunity, and connection for generations to come.

Figure 1
Airport Boundary Map



SECTION 2 AIRPORT CONTACT INFORMATION

Airport Address:

6450 Airport Way, Suite 1
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Airport Web Addresses:

Main website:

<https://dot.alaska.gov/faiiap/index.shtml>

Contact us link:

<https://dot.alaska.gov/faiiap/contact.shtml>

Airport Telephone Contacts:

Airport General Information Line:
(907) 474-2500

Online Public Notice and GovDelivery:

Sign up for an automatic email list to receive information about the Airport:

GovDelivery:

<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new>

State of Alaska Online Public Notice:

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>

SECTION 3

FAI AIRPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN

3.1 AIRPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PHILOSOPHY

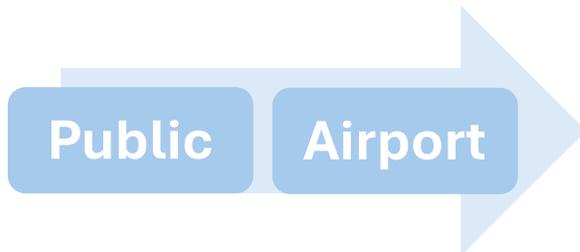
Community Outreach Plan Mission: Communicate openly, engage thoughtfully, and involve meaningfully.

The Airport is committed to keeping travelers, local residents, and the broader Alaskan community informed about its operations and events that matter to them.

The Airport is dedicated to keeping the community informed and engaged by using a variety of communication tools – such as press releases, online updates, and public meetings – to share information about activities and decisions that may affect residents and businesses.

The Airport collaborates regularly with community and government organizations and is committed to maintaining transparent, positive relationships with businesses, neighborhoods, public officials, interest groups, and other stakeholders. The FAI Community Outreach Plan outlines the Airport’s mission and guidelines for effective, two-way communication with these groups.

3.2 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS TO AIRPORT



The Airport has established clear communication channels to ensure the public has access to information about its operations and development, and to provide timely responses to reasonable inquiries. Individuals and organizations with questions, comments, or concerns related to the Airport are encouraged to use one or more of the following recognized methods of communication:

- Submit comments, complaints, and questions through recognized and established means and methods such as email, calling and/or visiting the Airport Administration office (see contact information in Section 2)

3.3 AIRPORT COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC



3.3.1 REQUIRED COMMUNICATION

The Airport will respond to requests for meetings and/or information as requested by:

- U.S. Congressional Delegation
- State of Alaska Legislature
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor's Office
- City of Fairbanks Mayor's Office
- Other elected officials
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – The Airport will comply with NEPA as needed to meet FAA requirements.

3.3.2 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Airport is responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations related to public notice, including the Open Meetings Act (AS 44.62.310-312), which governs how notice is provided for public meetings. For any Airport-related event requiring public notice, the Airport will publish notices at least 7 days in advance, with a goal of providing notice 10 to 14 days in advance.

Required public notice will include:

- Posting on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System (OPN)
- Posting in the FAI Airport Administrative Office

In addition to the regulation requirements, the Airport will provide additional public notice by:

- Emailing via GovDelivery

The Airport will comply with any changes in public notice regulations that may occur in the future.

3.3.3 LEASE AND PERMIT PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice requirements for Airport land leases, terminal space, and concessions are governed by the Alaska Administrative Code (Title 17, Chapter 42). Certain types of permits—such as float slip assignments, aircraft tie-downs, and select building permits—are not subject to public notice requirements.

When lease application materials for Airport land are ready for public review and comment, the Airport will issue public notice through the following channels:

- Posting on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System
- Posting in a public location on or near the Airport

In addition to the regulation requirements, the Airport will provide additional public notice by:

- Emailing via GovDelivery

Public notices for land leases must include specific content, such as:

- Applicant name
- Lease location
- Term length
- Lease rate
- Authorized uses

Depending on the nature of the lease, whether it is a new lease, a renewal, or a material modification, public notice may either serve to invite competitive interest or to provide information only.

All public notices posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System will include a location exhibit for reference.

The Airport will comply with any future updates to public notice regulations as they are adopted.

3.3.4 REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS

The Airport actively engages in bi-annual meetings organized by the General Aviation Association (GAA), where it shares updates on projects, developments, and other topics relevant to the general aviation community at FAI.

3.3.5 COMMUNICATION REGARDING AIRPORT SPECIAL PROJECTS, MANAGED BY CONTRACTORS

The Airport engages in a variety of required and voluntary studies and planning efforts. Certain special projects, such as environmental and planning studies, are subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, including public participation requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and are managed by contractors. These contractors collect public input and conduct follow-up communications.

Examples of such projects include:

- Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study
- Airport Master Plan Updates

When special projects are led by contractors, the Airport coordinates closely with them to ensure all public comment requirements are met.

The Airport will:

- Clearly communicate how and when public comments can be submitted in alignment with applicable regulations, guidelines, and deadlines.
- Make public comments and corresponding responses reasonably accessible to the public.

3.3.6 AIRPORT RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

To ensure respectful and responsive engagement, the Airport will follow these guidelines when receiving questions and comments from the community:

- To share your feedback or ask a question, please visit the following website: <https://dot.alaska.gov/faiiap/contact.shtml>
- When appropriate, inquiries will be forwarded to the relevant Airport subject matter experts, who will respond either directly or through an authorized representative.

3.3.7 AIRPORT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Alongside the communications initiatives outlined in this plan, the Airport maintains active involvement in the following organizations to support collaboration and community engagement:

- Explore Fairbanks
- Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
- Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation
- Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA)

3.4 MEDIA INQUIRIES

For all media-related questions, please contact the Communications & PR Specialist at (907) 474-2596.

3.5 OUTREACH PLAN REVIEW AND RENEWAL

Every 4 years starting in 2025, FAI will review and update the Community Outreach plan. As part of this process, FAI will invite public input by requesting comments and suggestions on proposed changes. A 30-day public comment period will follow the request, allowing interested parties to provide feedback for consideration.

Revisions to the FAI Community Outreach Plan may be made based on both public input and internal evaluation.

To share comments, suggestions, or edits regarding this update, please email fai.admin@alaska.gov or call (907) 474-2596.