

Open House Overview

The DAAPS Team held an open house on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Fifteen people joined online at peak attendance, and seven joined in person.

Attendees were able to review information about the DAAPS Kickoff Survey and the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). Attendees were invited to “vote” on the draft vision and goal statements created by the SAG, either using Feedback Frames in the room or the meeting chat online. They were also asked several questions about resiliency. Finally, attendees were encouraged to ask questions of the DAAPS Team and provide general comments.

Meeting Location

The open house was held at the Tri-Valley Community Center in Healy, AK, and online via Teams.

Meeting Themes

- ▶ Additional outreach to community corporations, like the Ferry Community Corporation.
- ▶ The role and purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Group was not clear.
- ▶ People are concerned about the environmental impacts and noise pollution of airports.
- ▶ Tourism is important, but not the only factor that should be considered.
- ▶ The need for different infrastructure for medevac and wildland firefighting response is unclear.
- ▶ Residents value the rural character of the Denali Borough.

FAQs

How were the SAG member organizations selected?

The SAG member organizations were selected to represent a broad range of interests, from residents to pilots to business owners, and to comply with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5070-7, Change 1. The goal of this broad representation is to encourage the DAAPS Team to consider differing perspectives. The SAG does not have decision making authority.

The member organizations shown on the meeting poster are all the organizations that were initially emailed about joining the SAG. Several organizations did not respond or did not attend the first meeting. In addition, the Denali Citizens Council was added to the SAG after the initial emails were sent.



System Planning Guidance Documents

- ▶ FAA Advisory Circular 150/5070-7, Change 1: The Airport System Planning Process
 - Section 403, Stakeholders and Their Roles
- ▶ FAA Advisory Circular 150/5050-4A: Community Involvement in Airport Planning
- ▶ FAA Advisory Circular 150/5070-6B, Change 2: Airport Master Plans
- ▶ Advancing the Practice of State Aviation Planning, 2022 (National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine)

Why aren't there more SAG member organizations representing the public/residents?

While there are some SAG member organizations representing residents, the hope of the DAAPS Team is that members of the public will engage with this project through the website, project email, and public meetings. The survey results showed us that not all residents agree about what the priorities of this study should be, so we believe that hearing from individuals directly will give us a better understanding of public opinion than relying solely on a few representatives.

Community groups and corporations are encouraged to reach out to the DAAPS Team to provide comments, ask questions, and stay engaged with the study.

Can I still take the survey?

The survey closed on August 31, 2024. You can still share comments by emailing DenaliAirportStudy@respec.com.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to determine where future investments should be focused to best serve the community and meet the FAA goals for a National Airspace System.

Public-Use



Public-use airports are used for public purposes but may be publicly or privately owned.

