



# KOTZEBUE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STAGE I: AIRPORT RELOCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

## Leaseholders or Other Airport Users Questionnaire

### EXISTING AIRPORT

*If the existing airport is to be improved, what concerns need to be addressed?  
Please check one rating for each item.*

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Improvement of Runway 8-26 safety area .....	4	3	1
Adequacy of itinerant/general aviation aircraft parking .....	3	3	1
Leaseholder tie-down areas within taxiway safety area .....	1	4	3
Condition of fire station .....	5	3	0
Runway security compromised by road at west end .....	1	3	4
Condition of maintenance equipment building .....	1	5	2
Expansion of automobile parking .....	1	3	4
Scarcity of gravel resources (for construction or maintenance) .....	6	2	0
Accommodation of future lease lot demand .....	2	5	1
Accommodation of float planes .....	1	4	3
Local difficulties with national security requirements .....	1	3	4
Community involvement in airport development and operation .....	3	3	2
Access to beach recreation west of the runway after Lagoon Road construction.	2	4	2
Aircraft fueling facilities' penetration of airspace .....	2	5	1
Multi-user passenger terminal building .....	2	0	6
Pavement maintenance .....	4	4	0
Funding for airport development .....	4	4	1
Funding for overall airport maintenance .....	5	5	0

***Please list any other issues.***

- ◆ Age and condition of NAV, lighting, power and communications equipment supporting air traffic operations .....
- ◆ Snow removal .....
- ◆ Paving ramp area for commercial operators .....
- ◆ GA aircraft need access to electricity .....
- ◆ Maintain ski strip in winter: ISSAC Lk access .....
- ◆ Ski plane strip – development of .....
- ◆ Continued flight service manned station .....
- ◆ Approach and departure of 08/26 now avoids airspace over populated areas .....
- ◆ A crosswind airport over the present N/S surface should be favored .....

### AIRPORT RELOCATION

*If the airport is relocated, what concerns would you have? Please select one response and add any further explanation below.*

*What is a reasonable distance from the community?*

*On the attached map, what area do you feel may be the most appropriate for relocation of the Airport? (circle one).....*

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	3	1	

*Please explain:*

- ◆ Noise, but yet it must be accessible, which means a costly road would have to be built and maintained.
- ◆ Do not relocate airport!
- ◆ Shorter distance to build ramp and maintain during winter, also shorter distance for fuel trucks to travel.
- ◆ I'd prefer to keep airport where it is, planes are accessible during storms and security is good.
- ◆ It should not be relocated. It is a waste of money, and very inconvenient.
- ◆ Close proximity to community; ease of snow removal for runway access in winter.

*Are there other specific sites within the areas shown on the map that should be considered or avoided?.....*

	Yes	No
	3	2

*Where (also show on the attached map):*

*Please explain:*

- ◆ Leave in present location
- ◆ US Lot #2, less costly as roadway is approximately 1/2 way to the site.
- ◆ Areas 2 & 3 – subsistence activities occur there.
- ◆ Avoided – during dark stormy winter months people would be racing out to the airport to make their flight in poor visibility, low temps and there will be deaths.

*Is the cost of building a new facility a concern? .....*

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
	7	1	

*Please explain:*

- ◆ For the number of passengers served would the millions of dollars be worth the investment?
- ◆ Astronomical costs - unnecessary - in fact relocation would cause more inconvenience, hazards, and problems.
- ◆ Expanding current airport costs should be weighed against building the new airport and its infrastructure (i.e. sewer, water, electric, etc.)
- ◆ It is a terrible waste of taxpayer money!

*Is disruption of existing land use, or subsistence uses outside of Kotzebue a concern?.....*

	3	1	3

*Please explain:*

- ◆ Airport has and will have minimal support
- ◆ Yes, but so land use is inevitable and must occur for the long term good of the area.
- ◆ Important, but if located correctly then would be minimal impact.
- ◆ Won't happen if not moved.

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
<i>Is maintenance of an access road to a new airport a concern?.....</i>	5	2	
<i>Please explain:</i>			
◆ Large amounts of gravel would be required. Snow plowing would also be very expensive and hard to do.			
◆ It would be, especially during winter.			
◆ All roads are hard to maintain in this area, so it has to be designed so nature will help.			
◆ For 5-7 months of the year the access would have to be plowed of snow on almost a daily basis and many times more than once a day.			
◆ During bad weather the road cannot be maintained. I think people will die on a 13-mile stretch of road trying to get to or from the airport.			
◆ Avoidable if not moved.			
<i>Is there a need for a float plane pond?.....</i>	2	2	3
<i>Please explain:</i>			
◆ Facilities already exist for this.			
◆ Yes, but it is adequately addressed by present use of lagoon and old lovebucket (??) (ISRAC) lakes.			
◆ There is still float work and a good float pond would help to increase float plane availability. The current system is dangerous.			
◆ Float planes could remain at current location.			
◆ But equally important is a ski plane strip, there are more folks on skis than floats.			
◆ Not informed.			
<i>What other issues should be considered if the airport is relocated?</i>			
◆ Existing facilities, current projects such as the ARFF building and runway safety area improvements .....	1		
◆ Relocation will create many problems. ....			
◆ Needs to be access for ski planes from tie down to a maintained ski strip.....			
◆ Runway lengths, should the runways be longer to accommodate larger planes, mainly cargo. ....		1	
◆ Who would maintain a road? The City and DOT have a hard time plowing the road and parking lot to Alaska Airlines after a blizzard, when the first flight arrives. ....			
◆ The real adequacy of the present site after improvements.....			
◆ Extension of Runway 8 and 26 may be worth consideration. ....			
◆ Direction of Runways – will runways continue to require planes to fly over town (noise).....	1		
◆ Extension of Runway 17 and 35 may be worth consideration.....			
◆ Disposal – what is the State plan for current runway, will plans help to offset costs on new facilities. ....	1		
◆ In future send surveys with pre-paid postage. ....			
◆ Type of Surface and Subsurface: Unstable permafrost would cause buildings and runway surface to shift – high maintenance costs	1		
◆ Valuation on Replacement of Existing Buildings: Acquisition of existing buildings on leased lots, fair market value acquisition or replacement without service interruptions	1		
◆ Service Interruptions Minimized: Ease of transition from old to new airport should be seamless	1		

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