

## **RIAC Announces June Master Plan Public Workshops**

**WARWICK, RI, JUNE 7, 2019:** The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) today announced it will hold two workshops later this month to involve the public in the Master Planning Process for T.F. Green Airport.

The two public workshops will be held on:

- Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick
- Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 pm at the Wyndham Providence Hotel, 1850 Post Road, Warwick

“To meet the FAA’s requirement for continued funding, RIAC is in the midst of updating its master plan. We have had great help from community members. We are now at a point where we have defined some initial concepts that we would like to share with the public. This will be an interactive workshop to provide an opportunity for the community to further comment on the concepts as well as garner input regarding the future of T.F. Green Airport,” said Iftikhar Ahmad, President and CEO of RIAC. “We look forward to the active involvement of our stakeholders and the greater Warwick community in this process.”

RIAC announced in March that it would update the Master Plan for T.F. Green Airport as required by the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) guidance. No runway lengthening or realignment is under consideration. This process will focus on defining feasible and flexible development plans to accommodate forecasted demand over a 20-year period. The FAA ties federal funding to availability of such plans by airports.

Master Plan recommendations are due to be finalized in October of 2019.

The FAA defines the master planning process for airports nationwide and encourages updates to provide the framework needed to guide future airport development. By their nature, master plans strive to balance the anticipated pace of airport growth and the cost-effectiveness of aviation demand. Importantly, Master Plans also provide the airport with the necessary tools to react to uncertainties by examining key trends in the aviation industry, technology improvements and economic development variables.

A dedicated webpage for the Master Plan process has been developed and may be accessed at <https://www.pvdairport.com/corporate/pvd-master-plan-update>. The webpage allows for commentary to be received and answered. Additionally, the community is also encouraged to follow the airport’s social media channels including:

Facebook: T.F. Green Airport (PVD)

Twitter: @tfgreenairport

*The Rhode Island Airport Corporation is a quasi-public agency responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the state’s commercial airport, T.F. Green Airport, and five general aviation airports throughout the state: Block Island, Newport, North Central, Quonset and Westerly.*