



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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**Subject:**

Resolution approving the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Master Plan.

**Recommended Action:**

Approval of the resolution approving the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (Airport) Master Plan prepared by Environmental Science Associates.

- The Master Plan provides the guidance to satisfy the aviation demand in a financially feasible and responsible manner, while at the same time addressing the aviation, environmental, and socioeconomic issues of the community.
- Adoption of the Airport Master Plan by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) does not constitute Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements.
- Any major capital improvement project or development will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

**Strategic Plan:**

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity

**Summary:**

The Master Plan provides Pinellas County and the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) with a planning tool to guide short and long-term development to PIE to meet the future operational demands that may be required of this facility over the next 20 years. The Master Plan provides the guidance to satisfy the aviation demand in a financially feasible and responsible manner, while at the same time addressing the aviation, environmental, and socioeconomic issues of the community.

Adoption of the Airport Master Plan by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) does not constitute final Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements and, as such, any major capital improvement project or development will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

**Background Information:**

On December 21, 2004, the Board received and accepted PIE's Master Plan Update. On September 26, 2017, the Board approved an Agreement with Environmental Science Associates for professional planning, environmental and engineering services for a new Airport Master Plan.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not approve the Master Plan document; rather they approve the forecasts of aviation activity and the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) that is a product of the Master Plan process. The ALP is required in order to receive grants in financial aid from the FAA and

the Florida Department of Transportation. The services provided by ESA have been completed and the new Master Plan is now presented to the Board for adoption.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Thomas R. Jewsbury, Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

**Partners:**

Federal Aviation Administration

Florida Department of Transportation

**Attachments:**

Proposed Resolution

Airport Master Plan - complete document is on file in Board Records

NO. 20-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADOPTING THE ST. PETE-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) received and accepted the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport's (Airport) Master Plan;

WHEREAS, said Master Plan now requires updating to adequately reflect the Airport's role in serving the aviation needs of Pinellas County and the traveling public;

WHEREAS, a new Master Plan has been prepared by County staff and professional aviation consultants as a planning tool to guide short and long term airport development to meet changing aviation needs:

WHEREAS, said Master Plan has been submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and their comments have been received;

WHEREAS, an adopted Master Plan is an essential component to be eligible to receive grants-in aid from the FAA and the FDOT;

WHEREAS, the Board's adoption of the new Airport Master Plan does not in and of itself constitute final Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements as each major capital improvement project or development therein will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a meeting assembled this 17th day of November, 2020, the Board adopted the new Airport Master Plan and whereas, the adoption of the Master Plan by the Board does not constitute final Board approval of each of the Master Plan's elements and, as such, any major capital improvement projects or development will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

Commissioner Justice offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Seel and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Flowers, Justice, Long, Peters, and Seel

NAYES: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Michael A. Zas  
Office of the County Attorney