



# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

## Regional Aviation System Plan



### Did You Know?

Matanuska-Susitna Borough has the highest concentration of airports in the nation



Registered aircraft in MSB more than doubled in the last 20 years



There are ten public airports in the MSB and over 200 privately owned airports



MSB has 1 aircraft for every 63 residents



The aviation industry contributes significantly to the regional economy

## Public Meeting No. 1

**Thursday, October 12, 2006**

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Upper Susitna Seniors, Inc. Building  
Mile 98 Parks Highway, Talkeetna, AK

**And again on:**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2006**

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Cottonwood Creek Elementary School  
800 N. Seward Meridian Road, Wasilla, AK

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) has hired DOWL Engineers to work on a Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) over the next 18 months. The initial goals of the RASP are to develop a system of public and private airports that:

- Meets the short and long term aviation needs of the MSB
- Enhances aviation safety
- Encourages compatibility between airports and other land uses
- Promotes economic development, tourism, and recreational flying
- Is consistent with other MSB plans and policies

### Meeting Agenda

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Open House
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Presentation
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Open House
8:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Debrief and Final Questions

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***Please stop by one of the public meetings to learn more about the project and share your thoughts about MSB aviation issues that the study should address.***

A survey is available on the project website, [www.regionalaviation.info](http://www.regionalaviation.info). All interested parties are encouraged to participate in these public meetings and the survey.

## Please let us know your ideas by taking the survey!

The survey is available on the project website, [www.regionalaviation.info](http://www.regionalaviation.info). The survey deadline is November 6, 2006.

Some survey results to date include:

- 78% agreed/strongly agreed that radio communication in high traffic areas should be required.
- 92% agreed/strongly agreed that landowners should be notified of the proximity to an airport prior to purchasing property.
- 84% agreed/strongly agreed protection of *public* airports from encroaching development is a major concern; 60% agreed/strongly agreed protection of *private* airports from encroaching development is a major concern.

## Technical Advisory Committee Update

A Technical Advisory Committee was created to provide input on the project. The committee has met twice, and a summary of the top issues relating to aviation in the MSB identified by the group include:

- Protection of floatplane access to lakes
- Incompatible land development
- Airports built without safety standards
- Protection of new and existing airports
- Increase involvement of aviation community in aviation issues
- Assess economic impact of aviation in the MSB
- Improve pilot communication and provide better airspace information
- Expand and improve aviation facilities

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