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To Preserve and Enhance the Airports of Central Ohio.

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FACT SHEET

OSU Airport North Runway Extension

Why is the runway extension needed?

The extension of the North runway to 6000 feet will increase safety to the airport users. The FAA recommends a 6500 foot runway for the Gulfstream, the largest aircraft routinely flying into OSU Airport, but that runway length is not feasible.

Does this mean larger airplanes?

No. The runway extension will provide an extra margin of safety. The runways and taxiways will not handle aircraft heavier than the Gulfstream.

Is the airport increasing its size, services, and operations?

Gradually. The area surrounding the airport has grown tremendously over the last 20 years, while the airport has not. No runways have been extended since the 1970's. The airport Master Plan of 1990 recommended this runway extension to better serve the airport's users. **All** communities surrounding the airport were active participants in the 1990 Master Plan, and **all** agreed to the need for the runway extension. This current proposed runway extension is just the result of the 1990 planning process.

Who uses the airport?

Over 200 aircraft are based here for business and pleasure travel, including the OSU Flight School facility. Worthington Industries, Advanced Drainage, Jack Nicklaus, Cardinal Health, MetLife, Dow Chemical, Quest Communications, Ashland Chemical, and Wendy's are among Central Ohio employers using the Airport. The Airport contributes over **\$100 million** of local economic vitality.

What are other benefits of the extension?

The runway extension will reduce the total noise level over adjacent neighborhoods because of the precision landing guidance system proposed. This extension also provides a redundant runway to the 5000 ft South runway for situations including runway maintenance and snow removal. Also, this redundant runway provides greater operational flexibility for air traffic control.

Why extend the runway now?

To better serve the Airport's growing customer base. No Ohio State University money goes into running or improving the Airport.

Columbus Flight Watch is a membership organization of Central Ohio aviation enthusiasts dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the airports, the airspace, and the land immediately surrounding these vital aviation assets of Central Ohio.