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## **Public Meeting Notice: ROA to Host Public Workshop for Airport Master Plan**

**ROANOKE, Va.** – Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport will host the first of three public information workshops to share details and solicit public comment regarding the airport’s Master Plan process, a 20-year plan and strategic framework for future airport development.

The public is encouraged to attend an open house on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Appalachian Room of the Courtyard by Marriott Roanoke Airport**. RS&H, the engineering firm selected by the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission to undertake the study, will present the airport’s goals and core areas of focus for the study including facilities and land use needs to accommodate economic and development trends for the region.

The previous Airport Master Plan update was completed in 2008. Tim Bradshaw, executive director of Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, says the Master Plan is necessary to prepare for anticipated increases in demand for aviation services.

“Traffic through the airport continues to increase year after year as this region expands,” says Bradshaw. “We must continue to take into account community issues that go beyond air service development to reflect environmental, socio-economic, and economic interests and opportunities in order to maintain our ability to service the Roanoke and New River Valleys and support their growth.”

With the first of its public meetings, the Master Plan study enters its public phase, following seven months of airport inventory and forecasting research to benchmark anticipated passenger growth for the next two decades, the details of which will be shared on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The dates of additional workshops will be forthcoming to coincide with critical junctures where public feedback will play a critical role in the study’s progress.

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport has launched a website – <https://flyroa.com/master-plan/> – to update citizens, businesses, and community stakeholders regarding the study and to solicit questions and feedback regarding potential plans.

### **ABOUT THE ROANOKE-BLACKSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT**

The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is the primary airport for Virginia’s Blue Ridge and the New River Valley. ROA serves over 710,000 passengers per year via 4 airlines (American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air) with nonstop service to 6 (Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, New York LaGuardia, Philadelphia, and Washington Dulles) hub cities as well as weekly flights to Orlando Sanford International Airport and St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. To learn more, please visit [www.flyroa.com](http://www.flyroa.com).

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