

**BELFAST MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN UPDATE  
FINAL DRAFT**



**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Airport Layout Plan Update (ALPU) is to identify potential development options specifically associated with closed Runway 10-28 at Belfast Municipal Airport. The existing Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is an integral component of the Airport Master Plan Update (AMPU) completed in 1999, which was based on data compiled in the mid 1990s, and is now nearly 10 years old. Since that time a number of critical growth and operational issues have surfaced that need to be assessed and factored into the preferred layout plan. Included in this assessment is a fresh look at terminal area development, growth within the adjoining (off-airport) industrial park, and an evaluation of airport land usage for aeronautical/nonaeronautical purposes.

This ALPU will help the community focus on the best course of action for continued development of the airport, by identifying the key critical issues the airport faces in the next five to ten years.

Belfast is in a multiyear airport development plan that includes the reconstruction of Runway 15-33, expansion of hangar and aircraft parking facilities, construction of an airport access road, plus plans for the development of a new terminal building, expanded aircraft parking, and fueling facilities. The airport is now in a position to start focusing on long-term landside development, particularly along the closed runway, with a realistic assessment of the existing terminal area configuration on the east end of the closed runway. An equally important component of this study is the identification of aviation development limits on the west end of the closed runway over the next 20 years. These limits are critical to future expansion of both the airport and adjacent industrial park.