

Jobs, Expansion and Transportation (JET) Task Force

***Regional
Transportation Center
Working Group
Meeting
May 30, 2014***

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR



COLUMBUS
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mayor Michael B. Coleman appointed a task force to maximize one of our community's strongest assets, Port Columbus.

Jet Task Force Members

- Dan Rosenthal, Milestone Aviation Group, Task Force Chairman
- Ted Adams, L Brands
- Elizabeth Blount, Uniglobe Travel Designers
- Kacey Brankamp, Create Columbus Commission
- Jean Carter-Ryan, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority
- Geoffrey Chatas, Ohio State University
- Michael Dalby, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Johnson, East Columbus Civic Association
- Stephen Lyons, Columbus Partnership
- Jolene Molitoris, former director of Ohio Department of Transportation
- William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Mark Patton, Jobs Ohio
- Anthony Precourt, Columbus Crew
- Jonathan Ramsden, Abercrombie & Fitch

Jobs, Expansion and Transportation (JET) Task Force

- ***Purpose:*** Develop an actionable plan for increasing direct flights, expanding economic development and examining the feasibility of making Port Columbus a regional transportation center.
- ***Vision:*** Redefine our airport as an economic hub and the center of transportation for the region.

Jobs, Expansion and Transportation (JET) Task Force

Three Working Groups:

- Economic Development
- Regional Transportation Center
- Air Service

Regional Transportation Center

William Murdock, Chair, with Jolene Molitoris and Kacey Brankamp

Purpose:

Evaluate transportation options for enhancing multimodal infrastructure, rail, bus and more efficient car services and connectivity to and from Port Columbus to Downtown Columbus and other key job centers and destinations (i.e. Easton and OSU).

Maximizing Regional Economic Growth

Economic Impact Study Update

	CRAA's Airports	LCK Inland Port	Total Impact
Total Jobs	38,374	15,798	54,172
Total Payroll	\$1.3B	\$.5B	\$1.8B
Total Output	\$4.6B	\$1.9B	\$6.6B

- CRAA Airports and Inland Port are an important transportation resource for Central Ohio
- Critical economic catalysts
- Airport impact growth since 2004:
 - Employment has increased 28%
 - Annual payrolls has increased 68%
 - Annual output has increased 69%

New Developments

- NetJets world headquarters completed in 2012.
- New Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites to open August 2014.
- Flight Safety relocation / expansion across from NetJets beginning in 2014.
- Daimler development on north airfield beginning in 2014.

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Port Columbus Area Development Partnership

- Columbus, Gahanna, and Whitehall partnered to craft economic development strategies for entire area around Port Columbus
- Recommendations made from the 2007-2008 Partnership Study can provide guidance for the JET Task Force Working Group to prioritize and help implement.

Port Columbus as Multi-Modal Hub

Intercity Passenger Rail – The City helped fund a feasibility study and business plan on high speed rail service to Chicago and proposes a downtown station and one along with some maintenance services at Port Columbus;

Light Rail – We share an interest in light rail. We should explore direct service from the airport to downtown, including the use of the Ohio Panhandle line as a foundation for light rail to the eastern part of the Columbus region;

COTA, pedestrian and bicycling, and private sector services, like taxis and car rentals – We should examine how we can use other transportation modes to connect the airport to other important visitor destination and job centers like Downtown, OSU, Easton, defense logistics, and health services;

Intercity Bus Service – We should explore feasibility of creating a regional hub for private bus carriers, including Greyhound and Mega Bus, in the airport area.

Loop Road Study

The City has committed to fund a supplemental scope of work to an existing Airport Authority funded Loop Road Study which is evaluating future on-airport land uses including best locations for multiple surface transportation options to and from the Airport.

Loop Road Study will:

1. Complete an inventory of existing infrastructure in and adjacent to Port Columbus.
2. Identify and document potential corridors for rail access to Port Columbus and identify how rail could interface with a multimodal transportation center.
3. Identify opportunities for increased connectivity and service enhancements and establish multimodal goals and objectives.
4. Submit recommendations for future capital investments and prioritization of investments to enhance multimodal infrastructure.

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