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The airport system planning process consists of seven primary activities:

- ➔ maintaining inventories of airport facilities, services and activities;
- ➔ forecasting aviation activity;
- ➔ classifying airports with respect to their service level, role, design standard and functional classification;
- ➔ conducting a public-participation program;
- ➔ identifying the capital improvements needed at each system plan airport and the associated costs;
- ➔ preparing the annual capital improvement program; and
- ➔ conducting special studies such as the economic impact of civil aviation activity, preparing action plans for specific system plan airports, preparing airport layout plans and conducting an airport-pavement evaluation and management program.

Airport inventories are maintained through an annual airport inspection program and recorded using the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 5010-1, Airport Inspection Program. This information becomes a part of the national database and is reported in aeronautical publications such as the *Airport/Facility Directory* and the *Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Airport Directory*.

The various classifications used for airports included in the Oklahoma Airport System Plan (OASP) are explained in detail in the section on airport system plan classifications.

Regional Planning Meetings

The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (Commission) has conducted an extensive public participation process annually since the summer of 1995. At these meetings, information is provided on the system planning process, the classifications used in the system plan, the airport classifications and the associated capital improvements identified in the system plan for each airport and the capital improvement program.

Airport sponsors are asked to provide information on economic activity such as business locations and expansions, travel and tourism, agriculture, oil and gas activity, industrial development, sales tax revenue trends, and more. The economic activity of a community and the classification of the airport are closely linked.

These meetings provide the Commission staff with a formal opportunity to better understand the economic dynamics of the community. This economic activity in turn impacts the system plan airport classification appropriate for the community's airport. Airport sponsors are also asked to provide information on the amount of aviation activity and type of aircraft that are using their airport. Comments are requested on the information shown on the airport development worksheet and the priorities for the identified development.

Following each meeting, summaries are prepared and the airport development worksheets are updated. These meetings provide a structured process for updating the OASP on a continuous basis.

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