

Jackson Aerotropolis: Project Information and Data Requests

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1. General Information.

- A. Pertinent reports or studies on the strengths and challenges of the Jackson metropolitan economy to be regionally competitive.
- B. Reports or studies on Jackson airport-linked commercial development (existing or proposed). 
- C. Latest airport master plan including 8½"×11" renderings of current airport infrastructure and facilities and planned future airport infrastructure and facilities (i.e., airport property, layout of runways, passenger terminals, cargo facilities, commercial facilities—present and planned). 
- D. Size of airport property (acres) and available land on airport property and nearby areas for future commercial or cargo development. Designate locations on airport property where new facilities can be located and any plans for such facilities.   
- E. Terminal and terminal-linked retail, hotel, and commercial services (existing and planned). 
- F. Broader airport-area business parks, logistic parks, technology parks, industry parks, et cetera, and plans (or potential for future business clusters, including retail, hotel, conference, convention and exhibition complexes, et cetera).
- G. Description of major outside the airport fence available parcels for development and of major planned redevelopments. 
- H. Brief history of the airport.   
- I. Any economic impact studies of the airport has been conducted over the past ten years.

2. Transportation Infrastructure.

A. Airport Connectivity.

- 1. Jackson-Evers International Airport annual passenger, cargo and aircraft movements (historical to 2007 and forecasted).     
- 2. Number and names of domestic and international airlines serving Jackson-Evers International Airport and destinations served. If possible, separate out all-cargo

(freighter) airlines. Also, if possible, provide 8½"×11" renderings of domestic and international routes. 

B. Highways.

1. All major highways in broader airport region, noting, if possible, their strengths, such as interstate or multi-lane expressway, and weaknesses, such as congestion, choke points, delays on specific airport access and regional highways.
2. Needed highway upgrades and improvements, including any new highways required or planned in the airport area.
3. 8½"×11" map or renderings of (1) major highways in the broader Jackson metro region and (2) highways or substantial roadways in the airport area. Note any highway access problems in the immediate airport area and required improvements.

C. Rail Service.

1. Number and location of rail lines and terminals in Jackson area, both passenger and freight.
2. Any future plans for passenger rail connectivity to the airport or airport area. Add map or diagram of planned routes if available.

D. Description of Mississippi River and Gulf port access and cargo handled.

1. Distance and time to river and Gulf ports. 

E. Maps or renderings of highway and rail connectivity from airport area to Mississippi river ports and to Gulf ports

1. Distances
2. Transit times.

3. Intermodal Assets and Gaps.

- A. Intermodal (rail/truck) facilities that exist in the airport area and potential future intermodal sites near the airport.
- B. Inland ports (existing and proposed) with description of any planned future intermodal logistics complexes in the Jackson region.
- C. Intermodal gaps and needs. (What's needed to improve intermodal infrastructure).

4. Jackson Logistics Service Providers.

- A. Freight forwarders (how many and names of largest firms).
  - B. Third-party logistics providers (how many and names of largest firms).
  - C. Less than truckload (LTL) trucking firms (how many).
  - D. Any reports or assessments of Jackson's overall logistics environment and needs.
5. Telecommunications Assets (Jackson metro and airport area).
- A. Overview of the quality of Jackson's telecommunications infrastructure.
  - B. Airport and airport-area fiber-optics and wireless infrastructure (brief description). 
  - C. Any telecom or IT gaps and needs at the Jackson metro or airport area levels.
6. Education Assets.
- A. Number and quality of higher education institutions (from community colleges to research universities) in the Jackson metropolitan area. Any ones near the airport?
  - B. Logistics education and training facilities (Jackson metro and airport area). Brief description of education and training programs offered by particular institutions.
7. Jackson's Labor Force.
- A. Current size and forecasted size of Jackson metro population and labor force.
  - B. Jackson labor force characteristics, strengths and weaknesses.
8. Business and Industry Recruitment Incentives Provided by the State and Local Governments for Jackson and for the Airport Area.
- A. Existing incentives.
  - B. Needed new incentives or problems to be overcome.
9. Government Rules, Regulations, Policies, et cetera that either Facilitate or Hinder Airport Growth and Airport-Linked Commercial Developments.
- A. Dirk's and other local leaders' views on what needs to be done to improve the situation for Jackson-Evers International Airport to prosper and for a successful aerotropolis to form.
10. Multiple-Level Government Jurisdictions and Overlapping Governments in the Airport Area.
- A. Any problems with this regarding airport and airport area development.

11. Information or Comments on the Overall Physical Appearance of the Immediate Airport Area or Along Airport Corridors and What Needs To Be Done To Improve that Appearance.
  - A. Steps being taken.
  
12. Key Stakeholders and Decision-Makers Who Must Be Brought To the Table for Coordinated Airport-Area and Aerotropolis Planning and Action.
  - A. Airport owners and operators.
  - B. Federal, state and local government officials or agencies.
  - C. Key businesses or business leaders.
  - D. Associations and local institutions.
  
13. Any Critical Environmental Barriers To Current and Future Airport Area Development.
  - A. At Jackson-Evers International Airport.
  - B. Airport surrounding area.
  - C. Jackson region
  
14. Who Are the Individuals or Organizations I Need To Meet with During My Next Trip To Jackson To Provide Important Information or Perspectives?