

Quick Facts

Project:

The City of Bend is working together with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the State of Oregon, Deschutes County, other agencies, and partners to design and construct an air traffic control tower for the Bend Municipal Airport. The airport is located approximately six miles northeast of the city.

Bend's airport is one of the busiest in Oregon but has no air traffic control tower. The addition of a control tower is a vital improvement for the safety and efficiency of airport operations. The airport is also a significant contributor to the region's economy.

The project consists of three main components: 1) an Air Traffic Control Tower structure approximately 115 feet tall including a rotating beacon, antennas, and lightning rods; 2) an access road, a parking area, utility connections and security fences; and 3) supplemental weather sensors on a mast.

The FAA-approved site is an undeveloped area of airport property, approximately 500 feet east of Runway 16-34.

Team:

On Oct. 4, the Bend City Council approved a contract of nearly \$1.4 million with the architectural and engineering firm of Morrison-Maierle to design the air traffic control tower. The council also authorized the city manager to approve contract amendments up to approximately \$205,000. Morrison-Maierle is leading a multidisciplinary team of professionals to complete this work.

Cost:

The total cost for design and construction of the Bend Air Traffic Control Tower is estimated to be \$15 million. Funds are expected to come from federal, state, and local sources, including grants.

Public process and key dates:

As part of the Bend Municipal Airport master planning process, the air traffic control tower project has cleared several important hurdles, including Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and environmental assessment reviews.

During those reviews, City of Bend and Bend Municipal Airport staff conducted extensive community outreach, disseminating information to stakeholders, and inviting the public to comment on the project.

Construction of the tower is expected to begin in the summer of 2024. Project completion is anticipated in the fall of 2025.

Location:

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How to stay informed about the air traffic control tower project:

Updates on the City of Bend website and in the Bend Municipal Airport newsletter will be provided throughout the duration of the project.

Contact for project information and media inquiries:

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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc., please contact Tracy Williams at **airport@bendoregon.gov** or (541) 693-2168. Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.