



December 15, 2023

Dear Madras Airport tenants, pilots, business owners, and aviation enthusiasts:

Abbreviated briefing:

Fill out the survey, return by Dec. 30, RSVP & attend the Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 13th.

Standard briefing:

I'm excited to share that through a turn of events I am now currently working at the Madras Airport as the Airport Operations Lead. This position allows me to be a liaison between the city and the ones that keep our amazing airport alive and thriving - you! Many of the pilots and tenants already know me. I have been a pilot for over 20 years and have lived in Madras for 8 years. Aviation is one of my passions and I have a strong business background.

As we adjust to straight and level, out of the clouds, and into clear view, I look forward to finding out how the City of Madras can work with all of us to keep our airport the place that all of us have come to enjoy. Aviation is an interesting world that not everyone may understand. Please know that I am right there with you, understanding our needs. As we share the joy of flight with others, it opens a whole new world and perspective. As our aviation community inevitably will grow, we must work together for the good of the current and future of this airport.

Let's begin to sort out the facts and the fiction. One fact: No, the city does not plan to remove any of the current hangars. This rumor may have begun with the necessity for the city to have a lease on file for all the tenants. This is essential for business. This is not intended to be a difficult task. Let's work together to keep the airport maintained. One of my objectives is to assist the city in updating their lease policy to better fit the needs of future tenants.

To ensure that I start off on the right foot I want to hear your feedback. What do you love about the Madras Airport? What could we do better? The following page includes a brief survey. The feedback that is received will provide talking points for a Town Hall Meeting. Weather permitting, we will meet on Saturday, January 13th at 3PM.

To determine the size of the Town Hall meeting location please call or text: 541-777-4935 or email: Lmartinelli@cityofmadras.us to let me know if you will attend. We will plan to meet at the airport office but will find another location on the airport if attendance is large. Priorities at the Town Hall meeting will include discussion on the hangar waitlist and an update on airport improvements.

Kindly take a few minutes to let your voice be heard. It would be helpful if you include your name, but I also understand if you would like to keep your comments anonymous. Although I am aiming to reach many of our fellow aviators, there are certainly some I may miss. Please feel free to share this letter with others. The more input, the better.

1. What can the Madras Airport do better to serve your needs?
2. Are there any safety concerns you have that should be addressed?
3. What services would you like to see available at our airport?
4. What events and activities would you like to see occur at our airport?
5. Other concerns, suggestions, and questions:

To be included in the first wave of responses and action, please return this survey by December 30th to Lmartinelli@cityofmadras.us or by mail/in person to 2028 NW Berg Dr, Madras OR 97741.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

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