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BEND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IS OVERDUE FOR AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

3rd BUSIEST AIRPORT IN OREGON

The Bend Municipal Airport is the third busiest airport in the state of Oregon and one of the few high activity airports without an Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). The estimated cost to construct an ATCT is $7,500,000.

TOP 5 BUSIEST AIRPORTS IN OREGON

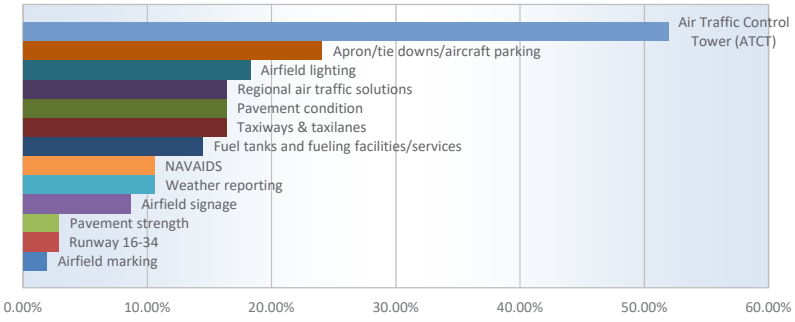
Airport	Tower
Portland International Airport	yes
Hillsboro Airport	yes
Bend Municipal Airport	**no**
Troutdale Airport	yes
Redmond Municipal Airport	yes

Based on FAA Terminal Area Forecast (TAF)

BEND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AN ATCT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

SURVEY QUESTION

What airside facility improvements would improve your overall experience at Bend Municipal Airport?



> "Seattle ATC frequently observes numerous aircraft operating in the traffic pattern and within close proximity to KBDN. The lack of an ATCT serving the airport fosters an extremely difficult operating environment for arriving and departing aircraft. The construction of an ATCT would organize the flow of traffic and absolutely facilitate safer, more efficient aircraft operations at KBDN.
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> *Kevin Miller – SEA ARTCC, Air Traffic Specialist*

THE NEED FOR AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER CONTINUES TO GROW

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2008 — PRELIMINARY SITING ANALYSIS CONDUCTED

A preliminary ATCT siting analysis was completed for the Bend Airport. Preliminary Benefit/Cost analysis did not qualify for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Contract Tower (FCT) Program.

2012 — REMOVED FROM THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Initial ATCT siting analysis was reevaluated in the 2012 Airport Master Plan (AMP). The ATCT was removed from the Airport Layout Plan at the request of the FAA Seattle Airport District Office.

Since 2012 flight training operations have **more than doubled** at the Airport.

2019 — SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED

In a survey conducted as part of the 2019 AMP the addition of an ATCT was identified by more than 50% of respondents as the most important airside facility improvement.

2020 — AIRPORT IS ACCEPTED AS CANDIDATE FOR THE TOWER PROGRAM

On October 14, 2020, the City received a letter from the FAA accepting the Bend Airport as a candidate for the FCT Program.

FUNDING REQUIRED
Estimated cost to construct an ATCT is $7.5M

2025 — DEADLINE FOR PROVIDING A FULLY FUNCTIONAL ATCT

The culmination of years of effort, the FAA FCT letter specifies that Bend has until October 14, 2025 to provide a fully operational ATCT.

2019 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESPONDENT QUOTES

"I've had numerous close encounters at this airport with other aircraft on the ground and in the air."

"I believe an air traffic control tower would alleviate many of the issues of congested airspace in and around the Bend airport. It would vastly increase safety and expedite the flow of air traffic."

"There is only one must-have improvement and that is a control tower. I have personally witnessed and intervened to prevent multiple near misses on approach and in the traffic patterns that would not ever happen at a towered airport. It is just a matter of time before we have a mid air and multiple fatalities."