



- The first is the Airport's **Minimum Standards** established by the CT DOT to be met by on-airport businesses engaged in commercial aeronautical activities. Commercial operators are FBOs, aircraft repair, flight training and aircraft rental and others. Many benefits can be derived from updating the Minimum Standards including: increased safety; high level of service equitable treatment of all tenants to qualify, or otherwise compete, to occupy available airport land or buildings; and foster mutually beneficial tenant-landlord relationships.
- The second is the **Master Plan Update** which provides planning guidelines to CT DOT for future development of GON. The development needs identified as a result of the Master Plan Update are intended to satisfy present and future aviation demand, while being compatible with environment, community development and other transportation systems. The current Master Plan was completed in 1999, and many of the projects identified in the Plan have been constructed or are planned for construction. Because of this, an update is required to ensure that the airport continues to grow and support economic growth in the region and the state. The study will identify and analyze the socioeconomic changes that have occurred in the region and surrounding towns and will assess these effects on GON. It will review changes that have occurred in both the airline industry and general aviation. These analyses will be used to develop realistic forecasts of aviation activity, which reflect the current trends. The Airport Master Plan will develop a list of projects for GON that are fiscally & environmentally feasible.

#### **AIRPORT PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS**

The CONNDOT is proud of the Airport's cooperative partnerships with:

- Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce & Groton Business Association
- Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut
- Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District
- Military Community Council of the Submarine Base Realignment Coalition Committee
- American Association of Airport Executives - Northeast Chapter
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SE CT COG)

Airport Management reports airport statistics and project updates at public quarterly meetings of the Airport Advisory Committee hosted by the SE CT COG. Stats include local aircraft noise complaints, based aircraft and air traffic counts.

#### **GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT (GON) HISTORY**

The Airport was established as the first State of Connecticut airport in 1929. Originally named the Trumbull Airport after Governor Jonathan Trumbull, the airport was transferred for operation to the United States Navy during World War II. The Navy built the runway and taxiway system before the State resumed ownership in 1949. Today, the Airport is one of six State-owned airports operated by the Bureau of Aviation & Ports in the CT Department of Transportation.

The State of Connecticut remains committed to maximizing Groton-New London Airport as a regional asset that is attractive to both the aviation business community and traveling public, offers a variety of services, and aims to fill Southeastern Connecticut's aviation needs. The Airport is a transportation asset about which few local communities can boast.

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