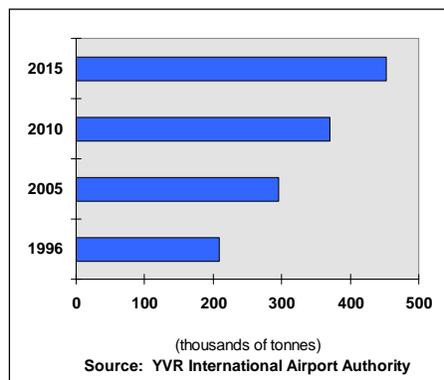


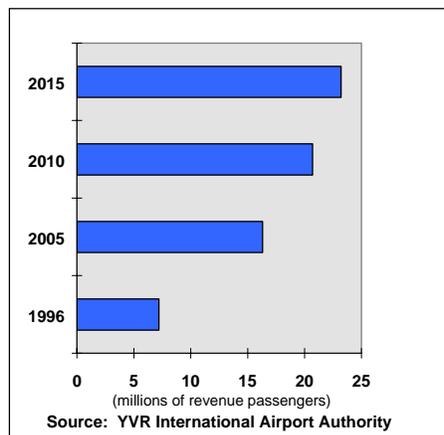


2.2 AIRPORT

Projected Cargo Growth 1996 – 2015 (Major Schedule and Charter Services)



Projected Passenger Growth 1996-2015



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The Vancouver International Airport, located on Sea Island, is a significant economic generator, with direct and spin-off benefits for the local, regional, and provincial economy. Its role as Canada’s Pacific Rim gateway is recognized in the 1996 Airport Master Plan adopted by the Vancouver International Airport Authority to guide the significant growth expected to continue well into the 21st century. In 1994, an accord was signed between the City of Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport Authority. This accord recognizes the multi-jurisdictional nature of airport operations, involving both national and local concerns. For Richmond, key planning issues arising from airport operations include (references to other policy sections are noted below):

- Adequate transportation links (highway, transit, bridge) and management to meet the significant flow of passenger, freight, and commuter travel, and to reduce traffic and associated environmental impacts (see 4.0 Transportation, and 5.0 Natural & Human Environment);
- Ensuring compatible land use on Sea and Lulu Islands to achieve mutual benefit between airport operations and the local community (see 2.3 Industry);
- Managing the impact of aircraft noise on residents and workers (see 5.0 Natural & Human Environment);
- Conserving the natural areas on Sea Island and enhancing their habitat and recreation potential through the Sea Island Parks and Recreation Plan (see 5.0 Natural & Human Environment);
- Reliance on areas outside Richmond to fully meet the housing needs generated by airport employment due to Richmond’s finite population capacity (in 1997, 23% of airport workers lived in Richmond).

OBJECTIVE 1:

Support The Economic Development Vision Of The Airport Master Plan.

POLICIES:

- a) Continue to co-ordinate and consult on airport land use development and servicing through the Accord signed between the City of Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport Authority;



The Vancouver International Airport Strategic Vision “The North Star” has the following goals:

- *Extensive international air services to four continents;*
- *North American gateway of choice;*
- *Major North American intermodal freight distribution centre;*
- *International gateway to Supernatural B.C.;*
- *“Number One” traveller rating in North America and “Top Three” in the world.*

- b) Encourage co-ordinated planning between provincial and regional agencies and the Vancouver International Airport Authority to fully meet the transportation and housing needs generated by the airport throughout the region.