



Meeting Notes Topic: Public Information Meeting #3 Date/Time: June 14, 2007

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick,
Rhode Island Notes EIS Team
Taken by:

Summary of FAA Public Information Meeting

The meetings were hosted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as part of public outreach to support the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Location, Time, and Attendance:

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI – June 14, 2007 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM – Approximately 400 members of the public were in attendance.

Meeting Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview of the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Program EIS Environmental Consequences (i.e. information on the environmental and community impacts including land use, economic factors, social factors, noise, air quality, wetlands, water quality, roadways, historic, and archaeological resources, among others), to discuss the feasibility of constructing the airport projects, present a new 8,700-foot alternative, and describe the next steps in the EIS process. The meetings provided an opportunity for the public to speak with and ask questions of the FAA, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC), and the EIS team, and to provide input on the methodology and findings of the environmental impact analysis. The presentation slides and boards are posted on the EIS website (www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/outreach.asp).

Meeting Notices:

The meeting was advertised in the local and state newspapers (Warwick Beacon, Warwick Daily Times, and Providence Journal), and on COX Cable television. Notification was also made through individual mailings, meeting poster distribution to community bulletin boards, email notification, web postings, and telephone calls.

Meeting Summary

Upon entering the meeting venue, and before the start of the presentation, meeting attendees were invited to view the following board displays for detailed meeting information:

Boards

- Meeting Information
- Handouts
- Question and Input Session
- Part 150 Voluntary Land Acquisition Program
- Level 5 Alternatives

During the first hour, the EIS team presented a slideshow to the meeting attendees. **Susanna Liller**, the Facilitator from Barton and Gingold, welcomed the group and explained how the meeting would be run and clarified the purpose of the meeting in the context of the EIS process. **John Silva**, FAA Project Manager, and **Brenda Pope**, Vice President of Environmental Management Systems, introduced themselves. These introductions were followed by a presentation by **Carol Lurie**, Project Manager from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (consultant to the FAA), discussing the results of the



environmental impact analysis of the five Airport Improvement Program Alternatives. Environmental and community categories that were addressed include land use, economic and social factors, noise, air quality, wetlands, water quality, roadways, historic, and archaeological resources, among others. The presentation also included detailed information on the implications of the environmental findings, the construction and cost feasibility of the five IP Options under consideration: **Based on the extent of the environmental and community impacts, and the project costs associated with the extension of Runway 5-23, the FAA proposed a shorter runway length alternative for Runway 5-23.**

The meeting attendees were then invited to provide questions and input to the EIS panel, which included the FAA, RIAC, and members of the consultant team, who responded to questions and input. Topics of the questions and input included:

- General opposition to the project
- Schedule
- Purpose and need of the project
- Utility and use of Runway 5-23 and Runway 16-34
- Consideration of other air quality studies, specifically the RIDEM study
- Program element costs
- Impacts to Cranston community
- Noise impacts (nighttime noise, flight tracks, cargo noise impacts, sound insulation)
- Increased communication with Warwick elected officials
- Logistics of future property acquisitions
- Detail on water quality impacts and water resources protection
- Air quality impacts
- Consideration of other airports
- Clarification on environmental impacts being studied
- Consideration of other roadway alternatives
- Airport Improvement Program Projects
- Property Acquisition Process/ home values
- Clarification of Traffic Impacts

The FAA is taking the input received at the public meetings into account as the environmental impact analyses move forward. The Frequently Asked Questions available on the project website will be updated to address questions/input received at the meetings.

<http://www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/faqs.asp>.

The public information meeting will be broadcast in two parts on local access cable television on Kent County Channel 18 on July 2, 2007 and July 9, 2007 from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM. This meeting summary, presentation slides, and boards are available on the EIS website at:

www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/outreach.asp.

Upcoming public meetings on the EIS will be held in the fall of 2007. Notification of times and locations will be posted on the website as soon as they are confirmed.

Note: There is no formal public comment period for the alternatives analysis. If you have input, please provide it to:

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