



with staff members from the FAA, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC), and the EIS team, in order to ask specific questions and receive input on an individual basis.

Automated Slideshow

The informational meeting format included an automated slideshow with audible narration which was repeated every 30 minutes, and is available on the EIS website (www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/outreach.asp). The slideshow summarized the progress on the EIS and included an overview of the new Alternative B4 with a comparison to Alternatives B1 and B2, described how the preferred alternative will be selected in the future, and explained next steps in the process.

The presentation slideshow is available in a printable format at the Public Outreach portion of the EIS website: www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/outreach.asp.

Informational Boards

Detailed presentation boards were on display and EIS team members were standing by to explain the findings of the environmental impact analysis of the Airport Improvement Program Alternative B4, answer specific questions, and receive input from the public. Environmental and community impact categories displayed included: land acquisition; noise; social and economic factors; air quality; wetlands; roadways; historic; and archaeological resources, among others. Meeting staff were also on hand to help residents specifically identify if their property is located within the three types of possible Land Acquisition Programs: Mandatory-Construction; Voluntary-Noise; or Voluntary-Runway Safety Area. The materials also depicted the proposed construction phases of the airport projects and described the next steps in the EIS process.

Input

Attendees were able to provide input on Alternative B4 by filling out Public Input forms, which were collected by meeting staff. In addition, meeting staff throughout the venue recorded public input received verbally from community members, and every person who signed in received an input form. The following is a summary of the written and/or verbal comments submitted as public input:

- General opposition to the project
- Logistics/timing/location/funding of Voluntary Property Acquisition process
- Acquisition zones / desire to include more homes in Voluntary Land Acquisition Program (VLAP)
- Long-term airport expansion possibilities after Airport Improvement Program (i.e. 35+ yrs)
- Current/future air quality concerns
- Aesthetics/quality of Airport Improvement Program elements including new roadways
- Property value concerns
- Noise concerns (cargo impacts, flight tracks, nighttime etc...)
- Purpose and need for the Airport Improvement Program
- Program costs/tax revenue impacts
- Process taking too long
- Meeting organization/format
- Roadway/traffic concerns
- General support for the project

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>).



Next Steps

It is anticipated that a formal Public Hearing will be held 45-60 days after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is filed. Notification of times and locations will be posted on the website once they are confirmed.

If members of the public have further input this can be provided through the three options below:

- ▶ Send an email to: tfgreen@vhb.com
- ▶ Fill out a comment form on the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Program website at: <http://www.vhb.com/pvd/eis/contact.aspx>
- ▶ Contact the Federal Aviation Administration
Regional Environmental Program Manager,
Richard Doucette, at (781) 238-7613 or at richard.doucette@faa.gov