

Public Notice of Availability: FAA Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex Draft Environmental Assessment Release

Summary: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 C.F.R. parts 1500-1508, the FAA issues this notice that it has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex (CLE-DTW Metroplex) Project and has made it available for public review and comment. The Draft EA considers the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the Project. The Project's Proposed Action would improve the efficiency of airspace in the Cleveland and Detroit Metroplex by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure routes at the EA Study Airports, including Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and 10 satellite airports throughout the Cleveland and Detroit area. A complete list of Study Airports is provided in the Draft EA. The Project involves changes to aircraft flight routes and altitudes in certain areas. The Proposed Action does not increase the number of aircraft operations within the Metroplex, nor result in ground disturbance. Potential environmental impacts discussed in the EA were analyzed in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*. The General Study Area includes 11 Study Airports in Cuyahoga, Lucas, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Summit and Wayne Counties; and one located within Canada (Windsor Airport). The boundary extends approximately 50-80 miles north, 75-85 miles west, and 91-111 miles south of Detroit, MI; and 138-148 miles west, 60 miles east and 88-92 miles south of Cleveland, OH. **Availability:** Electronic copies of the Draft EA and supporting materials are available at the following locations:

- 1) Online at:
http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html
- 2) Electronic versions of the Draft EA have been sent to 69 libraries in the General Study Area. A complete list of libraries with electronic copies of the Draft EA is available online at
http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html

Public Workshops: The FAA invites the public to attend informational workshops for the Draft EA at the times and locations listed below. Representatives from the FAA will be available to answer questions about the Project. Written comments will be accepted at the public workshops.

Detroit Area Workshops	
November 28, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Hubbard Ballroom) 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI, 48126
November 29, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dozier Recreation Complex (Meeting Lounge) 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI, 48141
November 30, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Sumpter Township Community Center (Gymnasium) 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI, 48111

Cleveland Area Workshops	
December 5, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Don Umerley Civic Center (Memorial Hall) 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH, 44116
December 6, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Gunning Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium) 16700 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44135
December 7, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Baldwin Wallace University, Student Union/Strosacker Hall (Sandstone 3 Conference Room) 120 East Grand St., Berea, OH 44017

Attendees with special communication or accommodation needs may contact Bill Keller of ATAC Corp. at (408) 736-2822 at least 2 days prior to the workshop. Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made.

Comments: The public comment period will commence on November 10, 2017 and will close on December 11, 2017. The FAA encourages interested parties to review the Draft EA, and provide written comments during the public comment period. Written comments will be accepted by the FAA until December 11, 2017. The public is invited to submit comments at the workshops, by mail, or via email. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Email comments to: 9-ASW-CLE-DTWOAPM-Comment@faa.gov

Comments can be submitted by regular mail to:

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