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The Hon. Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
400 Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Reference: South-Central Florida Metroplex (FL Metroplex)
Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) – Notice of Availability**

Dear Governor DeSantis,

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the potential environmental impacts for implementation of the South-Central Florida Metroplex (FL Metroplex) project.

A “metroplex” is a major metropolitan area with multiple airports, where heavy air traffic and environmental constraints combine to hinder efficient aircraft movement. The FL Metroplex project would improve the efficiency of the national airspace system in the South-Central Florida area airspace by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure procedures at a number of airports.

The Study Airports are:

Major Study Airports

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International
Airport – FLL
Orlando International Airport – MCO
Miami International Airport – MIA
Palm Beach International Airport – PBI
Tampa International Airport – TPA

South Satellite Study Airports

Ocean Reef Club Airport – 07FA
Boca Raton Airport – BCT
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport – FXE
Miami-Opa Locka Executive Airport – OPF
Witham Field Airport – SUA
Miami Executive Airport – TMB

North Satellite Study Airports

Kissimmee Gateway Airport – ISM
Lakeland Linder International Airport – LAL
Leesburg International Airport – LEE
Melbourne International Airport – MLB
Orlando Executive Airport – ORL
Punta Gorda Airport – PGD
St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport – PIE
Orlando Sanford International Airport – SFB
Sarasota Bradenton International Airport – SRQ
Venice Municipal Airport – VNC

The project involves changes in aircraft flight paths and altitudes in certain areas. Specifically, the FAA proposes to publish and implement optimized standard arrival and departure instrument procedures, serving instrument flight rules (IFR) air traffic flows only into and out of airports in the FL Metroplex airspace area. The proposed action would not require any ground disturbance or increase the number of aircraft operations within the FL Metroplex airspace area. The analysis of potential environmental impacts in the EA was conducted in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*.

On May 11, 2020, the Draft EA will be released and made publicly available for review and comment. Electronic copies of the Draft EA and supporting materials are available at the following locations:

- 1) Online at: <http://metroplexenvironmental.com>
- 2) Electronic versions of the Draft EA have been sent to 117 libraries in the General Study Area. A complete list of libraries with electronic copies of the Draft EA is available online at the above website link and is presented below.
- 3) Or, if you are unable to access the document through one of these means, by contacting Lisa Favors at 404-305-5604.

County	Library Name	Address	Phone
Alachua	Alachua County Library HQ	401 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601	352-334-3900
	Millhopper Branch Library	3145 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606	352-334-1272
	Tower Road Branch Library	3020 SW 75th St., Gainesville, FL 32608	352-333-2840
Brevard	Catherine S. Rood Central Library	308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922	321-633-1792
	Franklin T. DeGroot Library	6475 Minton Rd. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32908	321-952-6317
	Suntree/Viera Library	902 Jordan Blass Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940	321-255-4404
Broward	Broward County Main Library	100 S. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301	954-357-7444
	Weston Branch Library	4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332	954-357-5420
	Leon Slatin Branch Library	1856A W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442	954-357-7740
	Northwest Regional Library	3151 N. University Dr., Coral Springs, FL 33065	954-357-7990
	West Regional Library	8601 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324	954-765-1560
Charlotte	Englewood Charlotte Library	3450 North Access Rd., Englewood, FL 34224	941-681-3736
	Mid-County Regional Library	2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952	941-613-3160
	Punta Gorda Charlotte Library	401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-833-5460
Citrus	Coastal Region Library	8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River, FL 34428	352-795-3716
	Homosassa Public Library	4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446	352-628-5626
	Lakes Region Library	1511 Druid Rd., Inverness, FL 34452	352-726-2357
Collier	East Naples Branch Library	8787 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL 34113	239-252-7140
	Everglades City Branch Library	102 Copeland Ave. N, Everglades City, FL 34139	239-695-2511
	Immokalee Branch Library	417 N. 1st St., Immokalee, FL 34142	239-252-7073
DeSoto	DeSoto County Library	125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266	863-993-4851
Flagler	Main Palm Coast Library	2500 Palm Coast Pkwy. NW, Palm Coast, FL 32137	386-446-6763
	Bunnell Branch Library	103 E. Moody Blvd., Bunnell, FL 32110	386-437-7390
Glades	Glades County Library	201 Riverside Dr., Moore Haven, FL 33471	863-946-0744
Hardee	Hardee County Library	315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873	863-773-6438

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Hendry	Clewiston Public Library	120 W. Osceola Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440	863-983-9194
	Barron Library	461 N. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33934	863-675-0833
	Florida B. Thomas Library	1010 J Harlem Academy Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440	863-902-3322
Hernando	Hernando County Main Library	238 Howell Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601	352-754-4043
	Spring Hill Branch Library	9220 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34608	352-754-4043
	East Hernando Branch Library	6457 Windmere Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602	352-754-4043
Highlands	Lake Placid Memorial Library	205 W. Interlake Blvd. #9643, Lake Placid, FL 33852	863-699-3705
	Avon Park Library	100 N. Museum Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825	863-452-3803
	Sebring Public Library	319 W. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870	863-402-6716
Hillsborough	Bloomingtondale Regional Library	1906 Bloomingtondale Ave., Valrico, FL 33596-6204	813-273-3652
	Jan K. Platt Regional Library	3910 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611-1214	813-273-3652
	Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library	2902 W. Bearss Ave., Tampa, FL 33618-1828	813-273-3652
	New Tampa Regional Library	10001 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647-2581	813-273-3652
	SouthShore Regional Library	15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL 33573-4903	813-273-3652
	Town 'N Country Regional Library	7606 Paula Dr., Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33615-4116	813-273-3652
Indian River	Indian River County Main Library	1600 21st St., Vero Beach, FL 32960	772-770-5060
	North Indian River County Library	1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian, FL 32958	772-589-1355
Lake	Astor County Library	54905 Alco Rd., Astor, FL 32101	352-759-9913
	East Lake County Library	31340 S. County Rd 437, Sorrento, FL 32776	352-383-9980
	Cagan Crossings Community Library	16729 Cagan Oaks, Clermont, FL 34714	352-243-1840
Lee	Fort Myers Regional Library	2450 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901	239-533-4400
	East County Regional Library	881 Gunnery Rd. N, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971	239-533-4400
	South County Regional Library	21100 Three Oaks Pkwy., Estero, FL 33928	239-533-4400
Levy	Williston Public Library	10 SE First St., Williston, FL 32696	352-528-2313
	Luther Callaway Public Library	104 NE 3rd St., Chiefland, FL 32626	352-493-2758
	A.F. Knotts Public Library	11 56th St., Yankeetown, FL 34498	352-447-4212
Manatee	Downtown Central Library	1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W., Bradenton, FL 34205	941-748-5555
	Braden River Library	4915 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203	941-727-6079
Marion	Marion County Library HQ	2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470	352-671-8551
	Dunnellon Public Library	20351 Robinson Rd., Dunnellon, FL 34431	352-438-2520
	Fort McCoy Public Library	14660 NE Hwy. 315, Fort McCoy, FL 32134	352-438-2560
Martin	Elisabeth Lahti Library	15200 SW Adams Ave., Indiantown, FL 34956	772-597-4200
	Peter & Julie Cummings Library	2551 SW Matheson Ave., Palm City, FL 34990	772-288-2551
	Hobe Sound Public Library	10595 SE Federal Hwy., Hobe Sound, FL 33445	772-546-2257
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Main Library	101 W. Flagler St., Miami, FL 33130	305-375-2665
	North Dade Regional Library	2455 NW 183 St., Miami Gardens, FL 33056	305-625-6424
	West Kendall Regional Library	10201 Hammocks Blvd. #159, Miami, FL 33196	305-385-7135
	West Dade Regional Library	9445 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165	305-553-1134
	South Dade Regional Library	10750 SW 211 St., Cutler Bay, FL 33189	305-233-8140
Monroe	Key West Public Library	700 Fleming St., Key West, FL 33040	305-292-3595
	Key Largo Public Library	101485 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo, FL 33036	305-664-4645

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	Marathon Public Library	3251 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, FL 33050	305-743-5156
Okeechobee	Okeechobee County Public Library	206 SW 16th St., Okeechobee, FL 34974	863-763-3536
Orange	Alafaya Branch Library	12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826	407-835-7323
	North Orange Branch Library	1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703	407-835-7323
	Orlando Public Library	101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801	407-835-7323
	South Creek Branch Library	1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837	407-832-7323
	West Oaks Branch Library	1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761	407-835-7323
Osceola	West Osceola Branch Library	301 Campus St., Celebration, FL 34747	n/a
	Poinciana Branch Library	101 N. Doverplum Ave., Kissimmee, FL 34758	n/a
	Kenansville Branch Library	1154 S. Canoe Creek Rd., Kenansville, FL 34739	n/a
Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Main Library	3650 Summit Blvd., W. Palm Beach, FL 33406	561-233-2600
	Belle Glade Branch Library	725 NW 4th St., Belle Glade, FL 33430	561-996-3453
	Acreage Branch Library	15801 Orange Blvd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470	561-681-4100
	West Boynton Branch Library	9451 Jog Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437	561-734-5556
	Okeechobee Blvd. Branch Library	5689 Okeechobee Rd., W. Palm Beach, FL 33417	561-233-1880
Pasco	Hudson Regional Library	8012 Library Rd., Hudson, FL 34667	727-861-3040
	Land O'Lakes Branch Library	2818 Collier Pkwy., Land O'Lakes, FL 34639	813-929-1214
	South Holiday Branch Library	4649 Mile Stretch Dr., Holiday, FL 34690	727-834-3331
Pinellas	Palm Harbor Library	2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor, FL 34683	727-784-3332
	Clearwater Main Library	100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755	727-562-4970
	Barbara S. Ponce Public Library	7770 52nd St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781	727-369-0669
	St. Petersburg Main Library	3745 9th Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33713	727-893-7724
Polk	Lakeland Public Library	100 Lake Morton Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801	863-834-4280
	Winter Haven Public Library	325 Avenue A NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881	863-291-5880
	Dundee Public Library	202 E. Main St., Dundee, FL 33838	863-439-9426
	Lake Wales Public Library	290 Cypress Garden Lane, Lake Wales, FL 33853	863-678-4004
	Fort Meade Public Library	75 E. Broadway St., Fort Meade, FL 33841	863-285-8287
Putnam	Putnam County HQ Library	601 College Rd., Palatka, FL 32177	386-329-0126
	Bostwick Public Library	125 Tillman St. Bldg. 2, Bostwick, FL 32007	386-326-2750
	Crescent City Public Library	610 North Summit St., Crescent, FL 32112	386-698-2600
	Interlachen Public Library	133 N. County Road 315, Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-1600
	Melrose Public Library	312 Wynnwood Ave., Melrose, FL 32666	352-475-1237
Sarasota	Betty J. Johnson Public Library	2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34234	941-861-1360
	Elsie Quirk Public Library	100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL 34223	941-861-1200
	W. H. Jervy Jr. Public Library	300 Nokomis Ave. S, Venice, FL 34285	941-861-1330
	Osprey Public Library	337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229	941-918-4037
Seminole	Jean Rhein Central Library	215 N. Oxford Rd., Casselberry, FL 32707	407-665-1500
	Seminole County Library East Branch	310 Division St., Oviedo, FL 32765	407-665-1560
	Seminole County Library North Branch	150 N. Palmetto Ave., Sanford, FL 32771	407-665-1620
St. Lucie	Susan B. Kilmer Library	101 Melody Ln., Fort Pierce, FL 34950	772-462-1615
	Paula A. Lewis Library	2950 SW Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34953	772-871-5470

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	Morningside Branch Library	2410 SE Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952	772-337-5632
Sumter	Bushnell Public Library	402 N. Florida St., Bushnell, FL 33513	352-689-4567
	Panasoffkee Community Library	1500 County Road 459, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538	352-689-4567
	Villages Public Library at Belvedere	325 Belvedere Blvd., The Villages, FL 32162	352-689-4567
Volusia	Daytona Beach Regional Library	105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114	386-257-6036
	Deltona Regional Library	2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona, FL 32725	386-789-7207
	Port Orange Regional Library	1005 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL 32129	386-322-5152
	Oak Hill Public Library	125 E. Halifax Ave., Oak Hill, FL 32759	386-345-5510
	Pierson Public Library	115 N. Volusia Ave., Pierson, FL 32180	386-749-6930
	DeLand Regional Library	130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand, FL 32724	386-822-6430

Public Workshops: The FAA invites the public to attend informational virtual workshops for the Draft EA at the times and locations listed below. Representatives from the FAA will be available virtually to answer questions about the South-Central Florida Metroplex Project. All times listed below are Eastern time zone.

Please reference the following web address for all FAA led workshops:

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_involvement/florida/

- Workshop 1 Focused on the Palm Beach area of proposed procedures
June 3, 2020 at 6:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 2 Focused on the Tampa/St. Pete-Clearwater area of proposed procedures
June 4, 2020 at 6:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 3 Focused on the Tampa/St. Pete-Clearwater area of proposed procedures
June 5, 2020 at noon Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 4 Focused on the Orlando area of proposed procedures
June 8, 2020 at 6:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 5 Focused on the Fort Lauderdale area of proposed procedures
June 9, 2020 at noon Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 6 Focused on the Miami area of proposed procedures
June 9, 2020 at 4:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 7 Focused on the Fort Lauderdale area of proposed procedures
June 10, 2020 at 3:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 8 Focused on the Miami area of proposed procedures
June 10, 2020 at 6:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 9 Focused on the Miami area of proposed procedures
June 11, 2020 at noon Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 10 Focused on the Fort Lauderdale area of proposed procedures
June 11, 2020 at 6:00pm Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A
- Workshop 11 Focused on the Palm Beach area of proposed procedures
June 12, 2020 at noon Eastern. 2 hours minimum for presentation and FAA Q&A

If you wish to provide comments, please provide them by mail, email, or through the FAA Community Engagement website comment form until July 10, 2020. This 60-day Public Comment period from May 11, 2020 and concluding July 10, 2020 is opened upon the public release of the documents to receive general comments on the text, exhibits, tables, and appendices, as well as comments related to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act via the following:

Mail to:

South-Central Florida Metroplex Draft EA
 Federal Aviation Administration
 Eastern Service Center – Operations Support Group
 1701 Columbia Avenue
 College Park, GA 30337

Email to:

9-AJO-MIA-FL-Metroplex-Comments@faa.gov
 9-AJO-FLL-FL-Metroplex-Comments@faa.gov
 9-AJO-PBI-FL-Metroplex-Comments@faa.gov
 9-AJO-MCO-FL-Metroplex-Comments@faa.gov
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Web comment form available at: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_involvement/florida/

The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts and the adequacy of the proposed action or merits of alternatives. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the Draft EA and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft EA may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA has an opportunity to address them.

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.

FAA would like to thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions about the information provided, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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