Notice of Public Hearing, Dallas Executive Airport, Dallas County, Texas

The City of Dallas (City) proposes to undertake certain improvements at Dallas Executive Airport to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance and policies to improve the safety and protection of people and property by correcting identified deficiencies in the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of Runway 13 and the Runway Safety Area (RSA), Runway Object Free Area (ROFA), and RPZ of Runway 31. The City has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed undertaking, dated August 4, 2016, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines implementing NEPA. The federal agency with jurisdiction over civil aviation is the FAA, which must review and approve all proposed facilities and development on airport property to ensure compatibility with safe airport operations.

The City proposes to correct the deficiencies by:

1. Shifting the Runway 13 endpoint by 685 feet northwest and all associated improvements (including grading and drainage improvements).
2. Displacing the Runway 31 threshold by 500 feet to the northwest.
3. Displacing Runway 13 threshold by 1,085 feet to the northwest and implementing declared distances.
4. Extending Taxiway B to the shifted Runway 13 end.
5. Relocating the localizer, glideslope, runway lighting, and automated surface observation system (ASOS); replacing the visual approach slope indicator (VASI); and installing a new precision approach path indicator (PAPI) at RW 13-31.

The two major proposed actions are the shift of Runway 13 by 685 feet northwest and the displacement of both thresholds on Runway 13-31. The remaining actions are necessary to construct the runway and taxiway so that they provide the necessary lighting and navigational support. Temporary runway use during construction will involve relocating the Runway 13 threshold 948 feet. Additionally, declared distances for Runway 13 and 31 will be adjusted during construction to allow for construction staging.

Federal actions necessary for implementation of the proposed airport improvements include revising or amending all necessary air traffic procedures to accommodate the proposed action.

The city anticipates the potential for temporary adverse impacts to biological and water resources during construction of the proposed action. No permanent environmental impacts or other temporary environmental impacts are anticipated.

The City will conduct an open house to answer questions about the draft EA, immediately followed by a public hearing on October 6, 2016. The open house will be conducted between
6:00 pm and 7:00 pm and the public hearing will be conducted between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Both the open house and public hearing will be at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, 5150 Mark Trail Way, Dallas, Texas, 75232. The draft EA will be available for review at the open house and public hearing.

The purpose of the open house and public hearing is to address the proposed actions, the potential economic, social, and environmental impacts resulting from those actions, and the project’s consistency with the goals and objectives of the affected area’s land use or planning strategy.

The draft EA will be also be available for review, beginning with the publication of this public notice, online at www.dallasexecairport.com and as printed copies at the following locations:

- Hampton-Illinois Branch Library, 2951 South Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75224.
- Polk-Wisdom Branch Library, 7151 Library Lane, Dallas, TX 75232.
- Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, 5150 Mark Trail Way, Dallas, TX 75232.
- Dallas Executive Airport, 5303 Challenger Road, Dallas, TX 75232.

Comments on the draft EA may be submitted by any interested party verbally or in writing during the public hearing. Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on October 17, 2016 by mail or email at:

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