

By letters dated January 3 and January 5, 2005, the Aircraft Electronics Association, Washington, DC and the National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, VA requested that the FAA extend the comment period for AC 145-RSTP for 60 days. These and other industry associations stated that the original 30-day comment period did not allow repair stations adequate time to consider, review, and respond to the draft Advisory Circular while continuing to operate their businesses. All commenters requested an extension of the comment period by 60 days to provide sufficient time to evaluate this document before submitting comments to the FAA.

The FAA concurs with the requests for an extension of the comment period on AC 145-RSTP. The FAA agrees that additional time for comments will allow repair stations to review the document and formulate their comments while continuing to conduct their business. This will also allow commenters who may have anticipated an extension in the comment period to submit their comments by a certain date. Absent unusual circumstances, the FAA does not anticipate any further extension of the comment period for this AC.

#### Extension of Comment Period

Commenters have shown a substantive interest in the proposed AC and good cause for the extension. The FAA also has determined that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for AC 145-RSTP Repair Station Training Program is extended until March 22, 2005.

Issued in Washington, DC, January 14, 2005.

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Acting Director, Flight Standards Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability for the O'Hare Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL; Notice of Availability; and Notice of Public Hearing Dates, Times, and Locations

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the O'Hare Modernization Draft

Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and notice of intent to conduct public hearings.

**Location of Proposed Action:** O'Hare International Airport, Des Plaines and DuPage River Watersheds, Cook and DuPage Counties, Chicago, Illinois (Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 41 North, Range 10 East, 3rd P.M.). Please see the airport location maps showing the locations of the wetlands and Waters of the U.S. potentially affected by the Build Alternatives from the DEIS available on the FAA's Web site at <http://www.agl.faa.gov/OMP/DEIS.htm> under the title of Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS and Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that the O'Hare Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois is available for public review and comment.

The DEIS identifies alternatives intended to address the projected needs of the Chicago region by reducing delays at O'Hare, thereby enhancing capacity of the National Airspace System, and ensuring that terminal facilities and supporting infrastructure can efficiently accommodate airport users. All of the development alternatives would result in wetland, property acquisition, air quality and noise impacts, as well as other impacts.

The FAA intends to host public hearings on the DEIS with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water. The public hearings on the DEIS will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at the Avalon Banquets, 1905 East Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007; Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at the Waterford Conference Center, 933 South Riverside Drive, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126; and Thursday, February 24, 2005, at the White Eagle, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714. All three of these hearings will start at 2 p.m. (central standard time), and registration to participate in the hearings will conclude by 9 p.m. (central standard time). Representatives of FAA, USACE and IEPA will be available to provide information about the DEIS at an informational session held at the same time as the public hearings. Spanish language translators will be available at the hearings. The procedural rules governing the hearing are available from Michael W. MacMullen.

The comment period is open as of the date of this Notice of Intent and closes Wednesday, March 23, 2005. All comments are to be submitted to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA, at the address shown below. The USACE and IEPA have requested that the FAA be the recipient of all comments regarding their actions. These comments must be sent to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA at the address shown below, and the comments must be postmarked and email must be sent by no later than midnight, Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

The USACE is participating in the public hearings because implementation of any development alternatives, if selected, would require the USACE to approve issuance of a permit to fill wetlands under section 404 of the Clean Water Act Section. The IEPA is participating in the public hearings because implementation of any wetland development alternative, if selected, would also require IEPA to issue a Water Quality Certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The city of Chicago (City), Department of Aviation, as owner and operator of Chicago O'Hare International Airport (O'Hare or the Airport), PO Box 66142, Chicago, IL, 60666, proposes to modernize O'Hare to address existing and future capacity and delay problems. The City initiated master planning and the process of seeking FAA approval to amend its airport layout plan to depict the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The City is also seeking the other necessary FAA approvals to implement the OMP and associated capital improvements and procedures. The FAA has prepared a DEIS addressing specific improvements at and adjacent to Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois. FAA's DEIS presents an evaluation of the City's proposed project and reasonable alternatives. Under the City's concept, O'Hare's existing seven-runway configuration would be replaced by an eight-runway configuration, in which six runways would be oriented generally in the east/west direction, the existing northeast/southwest-oriented Runways 4L/22R and 4R/22L would remain, and Runways 14L/32R and 14R/32L would be closed.

Please see the airport location maps showing the locations of the wetlands and Waters of the U.S. potentially affected by the Build Alternatives from the DEIS available on the FAA's Web site at <http://www.agl.faa.gov/OMP/DEIS.htm> under the title Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS and Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearings.

The Draft EIS is available for review until March 23, 2005, at the following libraries:

Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 North Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights;  
 Bellwood Public Library, 600 Bohland Ave., Bellwood;  
 Bensenville Community Public Library, 200 S. Church Rd., Bensenville;  
 Berkeley Public Library, 1637 Taft Ave., Berkeley;  
 Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale;  
 College of DuPage Library, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn;  
 Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Ave., Des Plaines;  
 Eisenhower Public Library, 4652 N. Olcott Ave., Harwood Heights;  
 Elk Grove Village Public Library, 1001 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove;  
 Elmhurst Public Library, 211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst;  
 Elmwood Park Public Library, 4 W. Conti Pkwy., Elmwood Park;  
 Franklin Park Public Library, 10311 Grand Ave., Franklin Park;  
 Glendale Heights Library, 25 E. Fullerton Ave., Glendale Heights;  
 Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview;  
 Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St., Chicago;  
 Hoffman Estates Library, 1550 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates;  
 Itasca Community Library, 500 W. Irving Park Rd., Itasca;  
 Lombard Public Library, 110 W. Maple St., Lombard;  
 Maywood Public Library, 121 S. 5th Ave., Maywood;  
 Melrose Park Public Library, 801 N. Broadway, Melrose Park;  
 Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove;  
 Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect;  
 Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles;  
 Northlake Public Library, 231 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake;  
 Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St., Oak Park;  
 Oakton Community College Library, 1616 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines;  
 Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge;  
 River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest;  
 River Grove Public Library, 8638 W. Grant Ave., River Grove;  
 Schamburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg;  
 Schiller Park Public Library, 4200 Old River Rd., Schiller Park;  
 Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park; and

Wood Dale Public Library, 520 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale.

The public will be afforded the opportunity to present oral testimony and/or written testimony pertinent to the subject of the hearing. Testimony from a group or agency representative will be limited to 5 minutes. All others will be given 3 minutes. Written comments, faxes and e-mails should be submitted to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA. The comment period is open as of the date of this Notice of Intent and closes Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Forms for providing written comments will also be available at the public hearings. Comments received via e-mail can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Additional court reporters will be present outside of the main hearing room to record oral testimony. Spanish language translators will be available at the hearings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael W. MacMullen, Airports Environmental Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Telephone: 847-294-8339, FAX: 847-294-7046; e-mail address: [ompeis@faa.gov](mailto:ompeis@faa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Air Quality Conformity Determination for Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final General Conformity Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) along with the Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Final General Conformity Determination has been prepared for the proposed Master Plan Improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Los

Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. FAA is seeking comments on revised and updated information and analyses disclosed in Volume A of the Final EIS and related appendices (Appendices A-1, A-2a, A-2b, A-3a, A-3b, A-3c, A-3d, and A-4).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David B. Kessler, AICP, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, AWP-611, Airports Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, Telephone: 310/725-3615. Comments on Volume A of the Final EIS and associated appendices must be submitted to the address above and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time, Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as lead agency and the Federal Highway Administration, as a cooperating agency has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Master Plan Improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). FAA has also prepared its Final General Conformity Determination for Alternative D of the LAX Master Plan. The need to prepare an EIS is based on the procedures described in FAA Order 5050.4A, Airport Environmental Handbook. LAX is located in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. FAA, in conjunction with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a unit of the City of Los Angeles government that is responsible for management of City-owned airports published a joint Draft EIS/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in January 2001. The Draft EIS/EIR was prepared by FAA pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and by LAWA pursuant to the California Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (CEQA). The Draft EIS/EIR assessed the potential impacts of three proposed Master Plan development alternatives (Alternatives A, B, and C) and the No Action/No Project Alternative. Pursuant to NEPA and CEQA, in July 2003, the FAA and LAWA published a joint Supplement to the Draft EIS/EIR to address the potential impacts of a new LAX Master Plan Alternative (Alternative D). In April 2004, LAWA issued a Final EIR for use in the local decision-making process.

Information and analyses have been updated and/or refined for purposes of the Final EIS to comply with particular aspects of Federal law and regulation. That information and analysis is