

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT SECTION 4(f) DETERMINATION FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS 2016-2020 AT BALTIMORE / WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT LINTHICUM, MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA) in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and FAA Orders 1050.1F and 5050.4B has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft U.S. Department of Transportation - Section 4(f) Determination for proposed improvements at Baltimore / Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport) in Linthicum, Maryland in Anne Arundel County.

The improvements include, but not limited to, pavement rehabilitation, obstruction removal, terminal improvements, taxiway construction / relocation, helipad relocation, construction of aircraft maintenance facilities, vehicle service roadway construction, aircraft firefighting facility expansion, and fire training facility relocation.

The Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination is available for review online at <http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/environmental/environmentaldocs.html> and hard copies are available for review at the following locations during regular business hours until February 5, 2018:

Federal Aviation Administration
Washington Airports District Office
23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210
Dulles, VA 20166

Maryland Department of Transportation
Maryland Aviation Administration
Office of Environmental Services
991 Corporate Boulevard
Linthicum, MD 21090

Anne Arundel County Library
Linthicum Branch
400 Shipley Road
Linthicum, MD 21090

Anne Arundel County Library
Glen Burnie Regional Library
1010 Eastway
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

In addition, the MDOT MAA invites the public to attend a public workshop on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A&B at the MDOT MAA Offices located at 991 Corporate Boulevard, Linthicum, MD 21090. The purpose of the public workshop, which will be held in an "open house" format, is to share information and invite comments. Graphics will be on display to illustrate the information provided in the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination including the purpose and need, alternatives, and potential impacts as well as provide information on the EA process and schedule. Representatives from the MDOT MAA and its Project Team will be available to answer questions throughout the public workshop. In addition, a brief presentation describing information provided in the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination will be made at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

It should be noted that the proposed improvements included in this Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination will have no impact on flight track location and use at BWI Marshall Airport and will also not affect the types and/or times of day that aircraft operate at the Airport. The proposed improvements reviewed in the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination are not related to the recent changes to flight tracks associated with FAA's DC Metroplex initiative. Separate public outreach has been established for the DC Metroplex efforts with information available on MDOT MAA's community relations website (<http://www.maacommunityrelations.com/>).

Written comments on the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination are requested from interested parties and can be submitted during and after the public workshop. After the workshop, written comments may be submitted to:

Ms. Robin M. Bowie
Director, Office of Environmental Services
Maryland Department of Transportation
Maryland Aviation Administration
P.O. Box 8766
BWI Airport, MD 21240

Comments will also be accepted by fax at 410-859-7082 or by email at rbowie@bwiairport.com no later than February 5, 2018. Any comments that are mailed, faxed, or emailed after this date will be considered to the extent practical.

Those interested in attending the public workshop with special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Kim Hughes (khughes@hntb.com or 703-824-5100) at least 5 days prior to the workshop. Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made.

Run Dates: Friday, January 5, 2018; Sunday, January 14, 2018