PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

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RE-ISSUANCE OF UPDATED 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 an Updated Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Section 4(f) Determination for proposed improvements at Baltimore / Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport) in Linthicum, Maryland in Anne Arundel County.

A Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination for this project was previously published for public comment on January 5, 2018 and a public workshop was held. In order to ensure maximum visibility of the Updated Draft EA, which now incorporates comment responses, additional agency coordination, refined project planning and impact analyses, an updated aviation activity forecast, and other changes, the FAA has requested an Updated Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination be reissued to the public. The improvements evaluated include 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 Updated Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination is available for review online at [http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/environmental/environmentaldocs.html](http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/environmental/environmentaldocs.html) and hard copies are available for review at the following locations during regular business hours until March 26, 2020:

Federal Aviation Administration
Washington Airports District Office
13873 Park Center Road, Suite 490S
Herndon, VA  20171

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

Howard County Library System
Savage Branch
9525 Durness Lane
Laurel MD 20723

Howard County Library System
East Columbia Branch
6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia MD 21045

Howard County Library System
Central Branch
10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy
Columbia, MD 21044

Publication Date(s):
The Baltimore Sun – 2/6/20 and 2/9/20
Howard County Times – 2/6/20
The Capital Gazette – 2/6/20
In addition, the MDOT MAA invites the public to attend a public workshop on March 11, 2020 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 Updated 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.

It should be noted that the proposed improvements included in the Updated Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination will have no impact on flight track location and the number of operations 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 Updated Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination are not related to the past changes to flight tracks associated with FAA’s Washington D.C. Optimization of the Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex. The environmental review of the D.C. Metroplex was completed in 2013. Separate public outreach has been established by MAA in response to the DC Metroplex and information is available on MDOT MAA’s community relations website (http://www.maacommunityrelations.com/).

Written comments on the Updated Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination are requested from interested parties and can be submitted during the public workshop or via mail or email by March 26, 2020. Any comments that are mailed or emailed after this date will be considered to the extent practical. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to rbowie@bwiairport.com or in writing to the address below:

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

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.