The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and FAA Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B, has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed improvements at Martin State Airport (MTN) in Baltimore County, Maryland.

The proposed improvements are the Phase I Improvements shown on the approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Update, including reconstructing Runway 15-33, relocating the Runway 15 and Runway 33 ends/thresholds, removing obstructions, reconfiguring taxiways, relocating a helipad, relocating navigational aids, redeveloping the general aviation facilities, and relocating the Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT).

The MAA invites the public to attend a scoping meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company Station (1100 Wilson Point Road, Middle River, MD). The purpose of the scoping meeting, which will be held in an “open house” format, is to share information and invite comments. Graphics will be on display to illustrate the proposed improvements, introduce the purpose and need, highlight the preliminary alternatives, show the scoping and EA processes, and provide the EA schedule. Representatives from the MAA and its Project Team will be available to answer questions throughout the public scoping meeting.

Written comments are requested from interested parties and may be submitted during and after the public scoping meeting. After the scoping meeting, written comments may be submitted to:

Ms. Robin M. Bowie  
Manager, Division of Environmental Planning  
Maryland Aviation Administration  
P.O. Box 8766  
BWI Airport, MD 21240

Comments will be accepted by fax at 410-859-7082 or by email at rbowie@bwiairport.com no later than November 25, 2013. Any comments that are mailed, faxed, or emailed after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

In accordance with Executive Order 11988 and Department of Transportation Order 5650.2 this scoping meeting will also provide the public with an early opportunity to review the potential encroachment to the 100-year floodplain. The proposed improvements would involve constructing facilities within the 100-year floodplain.

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