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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT and FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF SHERATON FOUR POINTS HOTEL AT
BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT
LINTHICUM, MARYLAND

The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B, has completed a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed demolition of the Sheraton Four Points Hotel at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) in Linthicum, Maryland.

The FONSI sets forth the FAA final determinations and environmental approvals for the federal actions necessary to implement the Proposed Demolition of the Sheraton Four Points Hotel at BWI Marshall. Issuance of this FONSI signifies that the FAA will not prepare an EIS and has completed the NEPA process for the proposed action. The issuance of a FONSI does not mean that the agency has decided to act, only that it has found that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment.

The purpose of the Proposed Demolition of the Four Points Hotel (the proposed action) is to eliminate potential safety hazards and financial obligations associated with the aging hotel by demolishing the structures and outdoor swimming pool associated with the project site. The proposed action is needed for the following reasons: there are public safety hazards on the site, including an outdoor swimming pool; the vacant hotel building structures present increased liability exposure for the airport; the added expense to maintain and provide security for the unoccupied hotel is impacting the airport's operating budget; and removing the aging building complex will allow for the future use of this land.

The FONSI completes a thorough and careful environmental decision making process. This includes public disclosure and review by the FAA decision maker of the analysis of alternatives and their potential impacts that are described in the Final EA. This FONSI has been prepared and issued by FAA in compliance with NEPA (42 USC § 4321, et seq.), its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and FAA directives (Orders 5050.4B, Airport Environmental Handbook and 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures).

This FONSI demonstrates and documents FAA's compliance with the procedural requirements for airport development. FAA arrived at these determinations by considering public and agency comments and reviewing the environmental analysis in the Final EA and all other relevant documents that comprise the EA record.

An electronic copy of the Final EA is available on the MAA website at <http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/environmental/environmentaldocs.html>. Hard copies of the document are available at the following locations during regular business hours until October 6, 2014:

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

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Office of Planning and Environmental Services
991 Corporate Boulevard
Linthicum, MD 21090

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