

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of Impacts to Wetlands and Floodplains in Accordance with Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order (E.O) 11988, Floodplain Management; Section 2(b) of E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands; and Section 7 of DOT Order 5650.2 Floodplain Management and Protection

PROJECT: Short-Term Development Program

LOCATION: Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (SAV), Savannah, GA

SPONSOR: Savannah Airport Commission

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Savannah Airport Commission (Commission) is making available for public and agency review and comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the airport development projects identified in the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport Short-Term Development Program. After comments from the public and federal, state and local agencies are considered and responded to in the Final EA, the Final EA will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for the agency's environmental determination.

Proposed Airport Improvements: The proposed improvements, collectively referred to in the Draft EA as the Proposed Project, include the following development actions: 1) relocating the existing air cargo area to the north of Gulfstream Road and extending Taxiway G; 2) connecting existing segments of Taxiways A and G south of Gulfstream Road and improving segments of existing taxiways; 3) reconstructing deteriorated pavements on the north apron are within the southeast quadrant of the airport; 4) improving general aviation (GA) areas by removing, replacing, and relocating deteriorated hangars and other buildings, constructing a new taxiway, and providing new buildings, and expanding aircraft movement areas; and (5) treating and attenuating stormwater runoff generated from new impervious surfaces associated with the proposed development in the airport's southeast quadrant by constructing a new stormwater pond.

The Proposed Project will affect approximately 13.2 acres of wetlands and overlaps approximately 1.5 acres of 100-year floodplains. The Proposed Project includes mitigation measures for unavoidable impacts to these resources.

Draft EA Availability: A copy of the Draft EA is available for public review on the SAV website at <https://savannahairport.com/business/airport-business/commission-meetings/>. The document will also be available for review during regular business hours at the locations listed below:

- Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, Third Floor – Engineering Department, 400 Airways Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31408
- Pooler Library, 216 South Rogers Street, Pooler, Georgia 31322
- Southwest Chatham Library, 14097 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419
- Garden City Library, 104 Sunshine Avenue, Garden City, Georgia 31405
- Bull Street Library, 2002 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

Combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing: A combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Savannah Airport, located at 145 West Mulberry Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31407.

The purpose of the combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing is to receive and consider public comments on the social, economic and environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The Public Information Workshop portion of the proceedings will begin at 6:00 PM, where representatives of the Commission will be available to answer questions in an Open House format. The Public Hearing will convene at 7:00 PM, where

attendees will be given the opportunity to submit written comments or give verbal comments to a court reporter. No formal presentation will be made.

Comment Period: Written comments on the Draft EA will also be accepted by mail if they are postmarked no later than Friday, December 13, 2019. All comments will be carefully reviewed and addressed in a Final Environmental Assessment. Written comments can be submitted at the Public Hearing or mailed to:

Savannah Airport Commission
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport
Attention: Mr. George Fidler, Director of Engineering
Third Floor – Engineering Department
400 Airways Avenue
Savannah, GA 31408

Please note that comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, it cannot be guaranteed that it will be withheld.

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