

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR
NON-AVIATION DEVELOPMENT AT
JACKSONVILLE EXECUTIVE AT CRAIG AIRPORT, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A), notice is hereby given that the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) proposes to lease approximately 102 acres along the southern boundary of the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport to a private developer who would develop the site to accommodate an industrial distribution/warehouse facility. The proposed development includes approximately 65 acres of clearing and grading, construction of a 180,825 sq. ft. industrial distribution facility, and a new access road that will connect to Atlantic Boulevard. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to disclose the potential economic, social, and environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.

Pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1F and Executive Order 11990, notice is given that the Proposed Project would affect 2.85 acres of wetlands. Potential wetland impacts and mitigation measures are described in the Draft EA. Additionally, the project would result in temporary impacts to approximately 3.9 acres of a 100-year floodplain located within the Proposed Project Site during the reshaping of an existing ditch. These activities would be temporary and would not result in a high probability of loss of human life, have substantial encroachment-associated costs or damage due to flooding, or cause adverse impacts on natural and beneficial floodplain value. The developer would obtain the required floodplain development permits on the final design of the Proposed Project prior to construction. In addition, the developer would coordinate with the appropriate local jurisdiction to determine if a hydraulic analysis is required on the final design. Therefore, the Proposed Project is not anticipated to result in significant impacts to floodplains. Effects on known or previously recorded historic and archeological sites are not anticipated.

The operation of the warehouse/distribution facility would result in an increase in motor vehicles on Atlantic Boulevard from employee vehicles, delivery vans, and delivery trucks. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was prepared and coordinated with the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Transportation. The TIS concluded the Proposed Project, which includes the implementation of access roads and intersection improvements at the new Atlantic Boulevard intersection, would maintain an acceptable level of service on the surrounding roadways and no mitigation is required.

Copies of the Draft EA are available at the following locations: the JAA Administrative Office, 14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218; Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, 855-1 St Johns Bluff Road N, Jacksonville, FL 32225; and the Jacksonville Public Library Regency Square Branch, 9900 Regency Square Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32225. A digital version of the Draft EA will also be available via the JAA website: <https://www.flyjacksonville.com/jaxex/content.aspx?id=52>

The public review and comment period is 30 days, beginning June 2, 2023 and ending on July 3, 2023. Written comments on the information in the Draft EA may be sent to gaby.elizondo@landrumbrown.com or addressed to: Ms. Gaby Elizondo, Landrum & Brown, 4445 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 700, Cincinnati, OH, 45242 or JAA, Attn. Ms. Lauren Scott, Senior Manager of Aviation Planning, 14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL, 32218. Electronic and hand-delivered comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time on July 3, 2023. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than July 3, 2023. Be advised that all 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 (PIP) in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your PIP – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your PIP, the JAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

The FAA will afford the public an opportunity to request a Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing, if one is held, would be to solicit additional comments regarding the Proposed Project. Any person interested will have 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Availability to request a Public Hearing. In deciding whether a hearing is appropriate, the FAA shall consider whether there is substantial environmental controversy; substantial interest in holding a hearing; or a request for a hearing by an agency with jurisdiction (supported by reasons why the hearing would be helpful). If a hearing is scheduled, the date and location will be announced in a separate notice.

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