

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
CONCOURSE B
AT
JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority (Authority), in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction and operation of the proposed replacement Concourse B passenger terminal building at the Jacksonville International Airport (JAX), in Duval County, Florida. Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A) and Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Draft EA is being circulated for review and comment from the public and federal, state, and local agencies.

Comments from the federal, state, and local agencies, and the public, will be considered as part of the Final EA. The Final EA will be submitted to the FAA for the agency's environmental determination.

Proposed Development Project: The Authority proposes to construct a new three-level, approximately 190,000 square foot, Concourse B passenger terminal building with six aircraft boarding gates. The concourse will be constructed in the same location as the previous Concourse B, which was removed in 2009. The proposed project also includes an associated ramp area, relocation of Taxiway V, raising the existing Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR), relocating the existing Remote Transmitter Receiver (RTR) and Surface Weather Station (SWS) systems, and demolishing an unused on-Airport building. The purpose of the proposed terminal is to to maintain its current level of service, proactively prevent near-future congestion, and continue safe passenger operations. The project is needed to accommodate increasing number of passengers using the airport, provide additional aircraft boarding gates, and supply additional holdroom space.

Summary of Impacts: A Draft EA has been prepared to disclose the potential economic, social, and environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The EA discusses the Proposed Project, alternatives, and environmental effects in areas including Air Quality/Climate, Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention, Natural Resources and Energy Supply, Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use, Surface Transportation, and Visual Effects. The research and analysis provided in the EA concluded that none of the impacts were significant

Draft EA Availability: The Draft EA is available for public review on the Airport's website <https://www.flyjacksonville.com/> and at the following locations:

Jacksonville Aviation Authority
14201 Pecan Park Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Highlands Regional Library
1826 Dunn Ave,
Jacksonville, FL 32218

How to Comment: Comments on the Draft EA should focus on the Proposed Project's economic, social, and environmental effects. Electronic comments may be sent to David.Alberts@rsandh.com or Lauren.Scott@flyjacksonville.com. Written comments can be mailed to either of the recipients below:

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Attn: Mr. David Alberts
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Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Attn: Ms. Lauren Scott, A.A.E., ACE
14201 Pecan Park Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218

The public comment period is 30 days and will begin on **March 19, 2024** and will close on **April 18, 2024**. Electronic and hand-delivered comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on **April 18, 2024**. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than **April 18, 2024**.

Be advised that all comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. All comments received, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The FAA and the Authority 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. If a hearing is scheduled, the date and location will be announced in a separate notice. Request for a hearing should be received no later than **April 3, 2024, 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time**.