

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOP
Environmental Assessment for Runway Safety Area Improvements
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (the Authority) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of enhanced Runway Safety Areas (RSA) and related improvements at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The RSA improvements include relocation of the Runway 1 threshold by 300 feet to the south, extension of taxiway pavement to the relocated threshold, relocation of the glide slope antenna and approach lights for Runway 1-19, and the rerouting an existing service road. Related improvements include relocation and expansion of an aircraft hold apron, and resurfacing of Runway 1-19. **Under the preferred alternative, all construction would take place on existing Airport land except for the reconfiguration of the approach lights which are located on a pile-supported pier.**

The EA is being prepared pursuant to the requirements and guidelines of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*.

The RSA enhancements are required to bring the RSA into compliance with FAA Order 5200.8, *Runway Safety Area Program*, and related FAA orders. This program is intended to provide an enhanced measure of safety for aircraft taking off and landing on the runway.

The Authority invites the public to attend a workshop that will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Historic Main Terminal adjacent to Terminal A at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Representatives from the Authority and its Consultant Team will be available to answer questions throughout the public workshop, and graphics will be on display illustrating the Airport, the FAA's RSA program, the preliminary purpose and need for the proposed improvements, alternatives considered, the Authority's preferred RSA alternative based on previous studies, the EA and scoping processes, and the schedules for the EA and implementation of the preferred alternative.

An opportunity to submit written comments will be provided during and after the public workshop. Written comments may be submitted to Charles Baummer, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Planning Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, One Aviation Circle, Reagan Washington National Airport, Washington, DC 20001-6000, or by e-mail to environmental.comments@mwaa.com. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM Eastern Time, August 15, 2008.

Those interested in attending the public workshop who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Lisa Reznar of Ricondo & Associates, Inc. at (312) 606-0611, x105 at least 2 days prior to the workshop. Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made. This notice and graphics of the

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