

Chapter J – Consultation

INTRODUCTION. The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport FAR Part 150 Noise Study Update involved an extensive public participation process, in accordance with the requirements of the regulation. The Airport set an inclusive tone by requesting that the community and users be actively involved throughout the process. Many opportunities were presented to solicit public and key stakeholder input during the study process. The kick-off meeting for the Study was held on February 29, 2012.

Study Input Committee

A Study Input Committee was developed to provide input during the Study process. The Committee met nine times during the course of the Study, on February 29, 2012; May 10, 2012; November 7, 2012; February 12, 2013; June 4, 2013; August 20, 2013; November 19, 2013; March 6, 2013; and July 9, 2014. The Committee was composed of airport users, aviation representatives, community council representatives, members of the public, Municipality of Anchorage representatives, FAA representatives, and State of Alaska representatives, and other interested parties. Presentations, meeting notes, and sign-in sheets from the Committee meetings as well as a membership list are contained in the **Consultation Appendix**. At each meeting, a working paper was presented and discussed. The Committee meetings were open to the public, and members of the public attended several meetings. Upcoming Committee meetings were announced on the project website.

In addition to the Committee meetings, five public workshops were held to present information to the public and receive comments from the public, on February 29, 2012; November 7, 2012; November 19, 2013; April 24, 2014; and September 30, 2014. Prior to the first public workshop, an informational card was sent by mail to a list of addresses created from noise comments/complaints submitted to the Airport, informing them about the Study and the initial kick-off meeting. Prior to each workshop, an advertisement informing the public of the date, location, and content of the workshop was placed in the Anchorage Daily News. The public workshops were also announced on the project website, the State of Alaska Online Public Notices website, and the Alaska Department of Transportation website.

In addition, announcements for the public workshops were sent via e-mail to those members of the public who had requested to be placed on the e-mail list for receiving project updates and announcements as well as to Study Input Committee members. Several written comments were received during the public workshops, as well as many verbal comments. Comments received at the public workshops and through the Study website were addressed and taken into account during the Study process and during development of the Study. The kick-off meeting mailing card, workshop presentations, sign-in sheets, proofs of publication, and submitted comments for the public workshops are contained in the **Consultation Appendix**.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the Recommendations was held on November 12, 2014. Approximately 61 people attended. Both verbal and written comments were received. The verbal comments were given before a Court Reporter, and the written comments were accepted both at the Hearing and until November 24th, subsequent to the Hearing. The Public Hearing presented the forecasts of airport operations, the Existing and Future Noise Exposure Maps with affected population, the Recommendations, and a map of the proposed eligibility boundary area for voluntary residential sound insulation. The Hearing date and location was announced twice prior to the Hearing in the Anchorage Daily News, on the project website, the State of Alaska Online Public Notices website, and the Alaska Department of Transportation website. In addition, prior to the hearing, an informational card was sent by mail to four zip codes within the vicinity of the Airport, informing them about the hearing. A public hearing announcement was also sent via e-mail to those members of the public who had requested to be placed on the e-mail list for receiving project updates and announcements as well as to the Study Input Committee members. There was an official comment period during which official comments could be submitted, beginning with the Hearing and extending two weeks after the hearing, from October 10, 2014 to November 24, 2014. In the Response to Comments section of the **Public Hearing-Comment Period Appendix**, the Study Team formally responded to each comment submitted at the Hearing and during the official comment period. The Hearing mailing card, proof of publication, presentation, transcripts, sign-in sheets, and a copy of all submitted comments at the Hearing and during the comment period are also contained in the **Public Hearing-Comment Period Appendix**.

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Acceptance

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has approved and accepted the Draft Part 150 Study. The Letter of Approval/Acceptance of the Recommendations, Noise Exposure Maps, and Part 150 Study by Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is contained in the **Approval Appendix**.

FAA Noise Exposure Map Acceptance and Record of Approval

The Federal Aviation Administration accepted the Noise Exposure Maps on July 27, 2015 and approved the Noise Compatibility Program on November 18, 2015 by issuing their Record of Approval. The Record of Approval contains those approved elements that would be eligible to receive federal funding to implement aircraft noise mitigation. A copy of the 2015 Record of Approval is included at the beginning of this document.