

responsibilities under the TVA Act of 1933.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Public Notice for Waiver for Aeronautical Land-Use Assurance at Fort Worth Spinks Airport, Fort Worth, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent for Waiver of Aeronautical Land-Use.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal to change a portion of the airport from aeronautical use to nonaeronautical use and to authorize the conversion of the airport property. The proposal consists of one parcel of land containing a total of approximately 2.583.

The property was acquired using City and FAA funds through the AIP Program from 1983-1987. The land comprising this parcel is outside the forecasted need for aviation development and, thus, is no longer needed for indirect or direct aeronautical use. The airport wishes to develop this land for compatible commercial, nonaeronautical use. The income from the conversion of this parcel will benefit the aviation community by reinvestment in the airport.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the conversion of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. The disposition of proceeds from the conversion of the airport property will be in accordance with FAA's Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 1999. In accordance with Section 47107(h) of Title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this document to Mr. Cameron Bryan, Federal Aviation Administration, Acting Manager, Texas Airports Development Office, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bill Welstead, Aviation Director, City of Fort Worth, 4201 N. Main St. Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76106, telephone (817) 392-5400, or Mr. Anthony Mekhail, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Program Manager, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, telephone (817) 222-5663, FAX (817) 222-5989. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the above locations.

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**Ignacio Flores,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Compatibility Program Notice, Lafayette Regional Airport, Lafayette, Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by Lafayette Airport Commission under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On April 4, 2012, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by Lafayette Airport Commission under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On November 23, 2015, the FAA approved the Lafayette Regional Airport noise compatibility program. Both of the recommendations of the program were approved.

**DATES:** The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Lafayette Regional Airport noise compatibility program is November 23, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DOT/FAA Southwest Region, Tim Tandy, Environmental Protection

Specialist, ASW-640D, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. Telephone (817) 222-5644.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the noise compatibility program for Lafayette Regional Airport, effective November 23, 2015.

Under section 47504 of the Act, an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise

compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Regional Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Lafayette Airport Commission submitted to the FAA on November 29, 2011 the noise exposure maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from August 14, 2013 through August 6, 2014. The Lafayette Regional Airport noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on April 4, 2012. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2012.

The Lafayette Regional Airport study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from August 6, 2014 to the year 2017. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a noise compatibility program as described in section 47504 of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on May 25, 2015 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new or modified flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained two proposed actions for noise mitigation off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the FAA effective November 23, 2015.

Outright approval was granted for both of the specific program elements. A preventive land use mitigation measure would offer owners of vacant residential

parcels located within the existing DNL 65 contour the opportunity to participate in the Avigation Easement Acquisition Program. A remedial measure would offer owners of residential properties located within the DNL 65 contour the opportunity to participate in the Avigation Easement Acquisition Program.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval signed by the FAA Southwest Region Airports Division Manager on November 23, 2015. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the Lafayette Airport Commission. The Record of Approval also will be available on-line at <http://www.faa.gov/arp/environmental/14cfr150/index14.cfm>.

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**Ignacio Flores,**

*Manager, Airports Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Gainesville Municipal Airport in Gainesville, Texas

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport property.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Gainesville Municipal Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Cameron Bryan, Acting Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas 76177.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Barry Sullivan, City Manager, at the following address: 2300 Airport Drive, Gainesville, Texas 76240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Anthony Mekhail, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, Telephone: (817) 222-5663, email: [Anthony.Mekhail@faa.gov](mailto:Anthony.Mekhail@faa.gov).

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Gainesville Municipal Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21.

The following is a brief overview of the request: City of Gainesville requests the release of 20 acres of non-aeronautical airport property. The property is located on the southeast side of the airport, bordered by US HWY 82 to the south. The property to be released will be sold and revenues shall be used to enhance development, operations and maintenance of the airport. Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents relevant to the application in person at the Gainesville Municipal Airport, telephone number (940) 668-4500.

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**Ignacio Flores**

*Manager, Airports Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0180]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated February 9, 2016, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. Specifically, DCTA is requesting an extension of its existing relief from the following parts and specific regulations of 49 CFR part 238, Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (Sections 238.115, 238.121, 238.223, 238.305, 238.309, and Appendix D); Part 229, Railroad