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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of the Availability for the O'Hare Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement, Final Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, and Final General Conformity Determination, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the O'Hare Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Final Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, and Final General Conformity Determination.

Location of Proposed Action: O'Hare International Airport, Des Plaines and DuPage River Watersheds, Cook and DuPage Counties, Chicago, Illinois (Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 416 North, Range 10 East, 3rd P.M.). Please see the airport location maps showing the locations of the wetlands and non-wetland Waters of the U.S. potentially affected by the Build Alternatives from the FEIS. The Notice of Availability is also available on the FAA's Web site at <http://www.agl.faa.gov/OMP/FEIS.htm> under the title Notice of Availability of the O'Hare Modernization Final EIS, Final Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, and Final General Conformity Determination.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that the O'Hare Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Final Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, and Final General Conformity Determination, for Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, are available for public review. The FAA will accept comment on specific sections of the FEIS that have

been updated and/or refined for purposes of the FEIS, in part, because of response to comments on the Draft EIS, Draft Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, and Draft General Conformity Determinations.

The comment period is open as of the date of this Notice of Availability and closes Tuesday, September 6, 2005. The FAA will accept comments on updated and/or refined information in the following sections of the FEIS and the associated appendices:

(1) Sections 3.6 and 3.7, of Chapter 3, Alternatives.

(2) Section 5.6, Air Quality, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.

(3) Subsections 5.21.4 through 5.21.11, of Section 5.21, Environmental Justice, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.

(4) Section 5.8, Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Resources, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.

(5) Section 5.22, Other Issues Relating to Cemetery Acquisition, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.

(6) Section 5.23, Issues Relating to Due Process Claims and Formal Adjudicative Processes, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.

(7) Chapter 7, Mitigation.

The FEIS identifies alternatives intended to address the projected needs of the Chicago region by reducing delays at O'Hare, thereby enhancing capacity of the National Airspace System, and ensuring that terminal facilities and supporting infrastructure can efficiently accommodate airport users. All of the development alternatives would result in wetland, property acquisition, air quality and noise impacts, as well as other impacts.

All comments are to be submitted to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA, at the address shown below. The USACE and IEPA have requested that the FAA be the recipient of all comments regarding their actions. These comments must be sent to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA at the address shown below, and the comments must be postmarked and e-mail must be sent by no later than 5 p.m., central standard time, Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

The USACE participated in the EIS process because implementation of any

development alternative, if selected, would require the USACE to approve issuance of a permit to fill wetlands under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Section. The IEPA participated in the EIS process because implementation of any wetland development alternative, if selected, would also require IEPA to issue a Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Chicago (City), Department of Aviation, as owner and operator of Chicago O'Hare International Airport (O'Hare or the Airport), PO Box 66142, Chicago, IL 60666, proposes to modernize O'Hare to address existing and future capacity and delay problems. The City initiated master planning and the process of seeking FAA approval to amend its airport layout plan to depict the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The City is also seeking the other necessary FAA approvals to implement the OMP and associated capital improvements and procedures. The FAA has prepared a FEIS addressing specific improvements at and adjacent to Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois. FAA's FEIS presents an evaluation of the City's proposed project and reasonable alternatives. Under the City's concept, O'Hare's existing seven-runway configuration would be replaced by an eight-runway configuration, in which six runways would be oriented generally in the east/west direction, the existing northeast/southwest-oriented Runways 4L/22R and 4R/22L would remain, and Runways 14L/32R and 14R/32L would be closed.

Please see the airport location maps showing the locations of the wetlands and non-wetland Waters of the U.S. potentially affected by the Build Alternatives from the FEIS. This Notice of Availability is also available on the FAA's Web site at <http://www.agl.faa.gov/OMP/FEIS.htm> under the title Notice of Availability of the Final EIS.

The Final EIS is available for review until September 6, 2005, at the following libraries:

Arlington Heights Memorial Library	500 North Dunton Ave	Arlington Heights.
Bellwood Public Library	600 Bohland Ave	Bellwood.
Bensenville Community Public Library	200 S Church Rd	Bensenville.
Berkeley Public Library	1637 Taft Ave	Berkeley.
Bloomington Public Library	101 Fairfield Way	Bloomington.
College of DuPage Library	425 Fawell Blvd	Glen Ellyn.
Des Plaines Public Library	1501 Ellinwood Ave	Des Plaines.
Eisenhower Public Library	4652 N Olcott Ave	Harwood Heights.
Elk Grove Village Public Library	1001 Wellington Ave	Elk Grove.

Elmhurst Public Library	211 Prospect Ave	Elmhurst.
Elmwood Park Public Library	4 W Conti Pkwy	Elmwood Park.
Franklin Park Public Library	10311 Grand Ave	Franklin Park.
Glendale Heights Library	25 E Fullerton Ave	Glendale Heights.
Glenview Public Library	1930 Glenview Rd	Glenview.
Harold Washington Library	400 S. State St	Chicago.
Hoffman Estates Library	1550 Hassell Rd	Hoffman Estates.
Itasca Community Library	500 W. Irving Park Rd	Itasca.
Lombard Public Library	110 W Maple St	Lombard.
Maywood Public Library	121 S. 5th Ave	Maywood.
Melrose Park Public Library	801 N. Broadway	Melrose Park.
Morton Grove Public Library	6140 Lincoln Ave	Morton Grove.
Mount Prospect Public Library	10 S Emerson St	Mount Prospect.
Niles Public Library	6960 W Oakton St	Niles.
Northlake Public Library	231 N. Wolf Rd	Northlake.
Oak Park Public Library	834 Lake St	Oak Park.
Oakton Community College Library	1616 E. Golf Rd	Des Plaines.
Park Ridge Public Library	20 S Prospect Ave	Park Ridge.
River Forest Public Library	735 Lathrop Ave	River Forest.
River Grove Public Library	8638 W. Grand Ave	River Grove.
Schaumburg Township District Library	130 S Roselle Rd	Schaumburg.
Schiller Park Public Library	4200 Old River Rd	Schiller Park.
Villa Park Public Library	305 S Ardmore Ave	Villa Park.
Wood Dale Public Library	520 N Wood Dale Rd	Wood Dale.

Written comments, faxes and e-mails should be submitted to Michael W. MacMullen of the FAA. The comment period is open as of the date of this Notice of Availability and closes at 5 p.m. central standard time, Tuesday, September 6, 2005. The FAA will accept comments on updated and/or refined information in the following sections of the FEIS and the associated appendices:

- (1) Sections 3.6 and 3.7, of Chapter 3, Alternatives.
- (2) Sections 5.6, Air Quality, of Chapter 5, Environmental Consequences.
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- (7) Chapter 7, Mitigation.

Comments received via e-mail can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael W. MacMullen, Airports Environmental Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Telephone: 847-294-8339, FAX: 847-294-7046, e-mail address: ompeis@faa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of availability and request for comment on a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Horizontal Launch and Reentry of Reentry Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST) is the lead Federal agency for the development of this PEIS.
ACTION: Notice of Availability and Request for Comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the Draft PEIS for Horizontal Launch and Reentry of Reentry Vehicles. Under the proposed action, the FAA would license the launch of horizontally launched vehicles and the reentry of reentry vehicles (RVs). The FAA has evaluated three horizontal launch vehicle (LV) design concepts and both powered and unpowered RV concepts. This PEIS assesses the potential programmatic environmental effects of licensing horizontal launches and reentries of RVs, as well as the licensing

of launch facilities that would support horizontal launches and reentries. The information in the PEIS is not intended to address all site-specific launch issues. This PEIS will be used to tier subsequent environmental analyses for site-specific launches, reentries, or the operation of a launch or reentry site. To facilitate these site-specific environmental analyses the FAA has provided guidance throughout the PEIS in various sections and technical appendices. This PEIS is intended to update and replace the 1992 *Final PEIS for Commercial Reentry Vehicles and complement the 2001 PEIS for Licensing Launches*.

DATES: The public comment period for the NEPA process begins with the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice in the **Federal Register**. To ensure that all comments can be addressed in the Final PEIS, comments must be received by the FAA no later than September 12, 2005. The FAA has developed a public participation Web site (http://ast.faa.gov/lrra/PEIS_Site.htm), where the public can submit comments electronically. Materials on the web site include a downloadable electronic version of the Draft PEIS; information about licensing and the NEPA process; frequently asked questions; and a public comment form. Public hearings may be requested by organizations or individuals that feel their concerns cannot be met through the available opportunities to comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written and oral comments regarding the Draft PEIS should be submitted to, Mr. Doug Graham, FAA Environmental Specialist, FAA PEIS, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax,