

Chapter Five

Agency and Citizen Coordination

5.0 INTRODUCTION

Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Order 1050.1D, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, states that:

Strategic planning is needed to successfully integrate public involvement and NEPA. Failure to complete public participation can delay the process and, therefore, the proposed action. In many instances, hearings, workshops, or meetings provide timely opportunities to discover potentially controversial issues. Some factors that are helpful in deciding if a hearing, workshop, or meeting is needed include: (1) the proposed action's magnitude in terms of environmental impact, environmental controversy, cost and/or extent of the affected geographical area; (2) the degree of interest that Federal, State, Tribal, or local authorities or the public exhibit; (3) the complexity of issues;...

The preparation of this Environmental Assessment (EA) was coordinated with various city, county, township, state, and federal units of government. Many of these agencies were a source of data through the review process necessary for the completion of this document.

5.1 AGENCY COORDINATION

Coordination with public agencies insures that appropriate local, state and federal governmental units have an opportunity to review the Sponsor's Proposed Action for conformance with the requirements of their jurisdictions and programs and to make known any concerns they may have. Early Coordination letters were sent to public agencies at the start of the project. The following is a list of agencies that provided a written response to the early project coordination:

- ◆ US Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service
- ◆ US Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Illinois Department of Transportation
- ◆ Illinois Department of Transportation – District One
- ◆ Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Office of the Resource Conservation
- ◆ Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Ecological Assessment Compliance Tool (EcoCAT)
- ◆ Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (SHPO)
- ◆ Illinois Department of Agriculture

Comments received from these agencies, along with responses, are included in **Appendix B**. Any necessary changes, based on comments received, have been incorporated into this document.

The following is a list of public agencies/municipalities that received the Draft EA for review and comment:

- ◆ US Department of Transportation - FAA, Great Lakes Region - Chicago Airports District Office
- ◆ US Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service
- ◆ US Department of the Army – Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
- ◆ US Department of Agriculture - Will-South Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District
- ◆ US Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Aeronautics
- ◆ Illinois Department of Transportation – District One
- ◆ Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Office of Realty and Environmental Planning
- ◆ Illinois Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- ◆ Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
- ◆ Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)
- ◆ Regional Transportation Authority
- ◆ Cook County Highway Department
- ◆ Village of Lansing
- ◆ Village of Lynwood
- ◆ Town of Munster
- ◆ Town of Dyer

Written comments received from these agencies, along with any necessary responses, are included in **Appendix B**. Any necessary changes, based on comments received, have been incorporated into this document.

5.2 CITIZEN COORDINATION

Several methods are utilized to inform the public and interested parties of proposed airport development projects and to receive comments with respect to potential environmental impacts. The primary method of general citizen involvement is through the Public Hearing process. Concurrent to the agency review period, a 30-day advance Notice for a Public Hearing was

placed into The Times newspaper on February 17, 2012. The certificate of Publication can be found in **Appendix E**. During the 30-day notice period the Draft Environmental Assessment was made available to the general public at several locations throughout the area and on the Airport's development website at www.igqdevelopment.com. Additionally, the Town of Dyer posted a public hearing notice on their website on March 1, 2012. The posting can be found in **Appendix E**. A Public Hearing, regarding the Sponsor's Proposed Action, was conducted on March 21, 2012 at the airport administration buildings. The general public was afforded the opportunity to present oral and/or written testimony in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposed development documented in the Draft Environmental Assessment. The public hearing transcript, written comments and responses are included in **Appendix C, Citizen Coordination**. Comments raised during the public hearing process were analyzed to determine the need to revise the Draft Environmental Assessment. In some instances, changes have been made and are reflected in the Final Environmental Assessment.