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**FAA AND MWAA TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ON THE PROPOSED
NEW RUNWAYS AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR
WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WASHINGTON – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has identified what it believes are the most feasible alternatives for construction of two new runways and related improvements at Washington’s Dulles International Airport. The agency will present and discuss the environmental outcomes of the proposed alternatives at two public workshops in the airport area next week.

The workshops are part of the current Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process carried out by the FAA in cooperation with the airport’s owner and operator, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA). The agencies have invested more than a year in comprehensive environmental study, engineering evaluation and gathering of public comment.

The public workshops will gather further public comment about the proposed alternatives and present preliminary environmental impacts. Potential impacts to noise, air quality, wetlands and more will be displayed. Study engineers and FAA representatives will discuss the findings and answer questions. The public may attend either one of these identical workshops:

Loudoun County
Tuesday, April 20, 2004
5 p.m.- 8 p.m. (Open House)
Farmwell Station Middle School
44281 Gloucester Parkway
Ashburn, VA

Fairfax County
Wednesday, April 21, 2004
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Open House)
Westfield High School
4700 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA

Two alternatives or “build” choices and a “No-Action” alternative considered in the earlier study have been retained for further examination. Details and a map of the proposed

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alternatives will be available at the public meeting and on the study Web site at <http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/RunwaysEIS.htm>

Highlights of the Alternatives include:

No-Build Alternative

Build Alternative 3

- New Runway 1L/19R
9,473 ft. in length
Runway separation of 4,300 ft.
- New Runway 12L/30R
10,500 ft. in length
Runway separation of 4,300 ft.
- Property acquisition of approx. 180.6 acres
- Tier 3 concourse construction

Build Alternative 4

- New Runway 1L/19R
9,218 ft. in length
Runway separation of 5,000 ft.
- New Runway 12L/30R
10,500 ft. in length
Runway separation of 4,300 ft.
- Property acquisition of approx. 337.1 acres
- Tier 3 concourse construction

Following the workshops, the study team will compile all comments and incorporate them into a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Once the Draft EIS is released this summer, hearings will be held to offer the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS.

Comments may be sent at the workshops or by mail to Brad Mehaffy, FAA, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166; or by fax to 703-661-1370. Comments should be received by May 7. For those who require special assistance to attend or participate in the meetings, please call Janette Crumley at least 48 hours before the meetings at 757-460-4183.

For more information about MWAA or the studies, please visit:

www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/RunwaysEIS.htm