

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
CHICAGO ROCKFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

This Finding has been prepared for proposed development items and associated actions at the **Chicago Rockford International Airport** to support existing and future aviation needs. Some of the proposed development items and associated actions have independent utility from each other. The Environmental Assessment (EA) examined the cumulative impacts of their implementation. A description of the proposed development items and associated actions, evaluated in the attached EA, are as follows:

NORTHWEST AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT

- Construct, light and mark northwest air cargo apron to accommodate up to 10 wide-body aircraft parking positions (Boeing 747-800 capable);
- Construct proposed service and access roads;
- Construct proposed truck and vehicular parking facilities;
- Grading, drainage and storm sewer improvements;
- Construct new detention area to accommodate additional impervious surfaces; and
- Security and wildlife fencing modifications and installation.

MIDFIELD AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT

- Construct, light and mark partial parallel taxiway to Runway 7/25, connecting taxiways and taxilane;
- Construct, light and mark midfield air cargo apron to accommodate up to 12 wide-body aircraft parking positions (Boeing 767/777 capable);
- Construct new air cargo building (approximately 1 million square feet);
- Construct new ground support equipment and maintenance (GSE) buildings, covered storage and equipment staging area;
- Construct, light and mark proposed truck dock and truck parking area (approximately 14 acres);
- Construct, light and mark proposed employee parking lot (approximately 16 acres);
- Construct new truck and employee entrance/access roads connecting to Beltline Road, including associated intersection improvements;
- Construct new service/access roads;
- Grading, drainage and utility extensions/improvements (water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and electricity);
- Construct new detention areas to accommodate additional impervious surfaces; and
- Security and wildlife fencing modifications and installation.

The **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S** proposed actions are:

1. To issue an environmental finding to allow approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Sponsor's Proposed Action for the development listed above;
2. To issue final airspace determinations for the development listed above;
3. To issue a final determination of potential airspace obstructions to navigable airspace per an aeronautical study outlines under 14 CFR Part 77; and

4. To issue a final certification that the proposed aeronautical development is reasonably necessary for use in air commerce or for national defense.

COMMITMENTS

The following commitments will be implemented by the **Greater Rockford Airport Authority (GRAA)** in the name of the **Chicago Rockford International Airport** as a condition of approval of the proposed development. Prior to the issuance of Federal and/or State funds, as appropriate, for any of the development listed herein, the following permits and/or actions must be promulgated, and written demonstration of the action provided to the FAA:

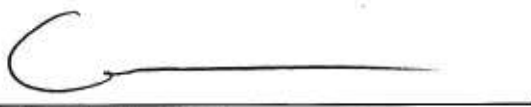
- A National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit(s) will be obtained to satisfy Paragraph (x), Construction Activity and Operational Activity of 40 CFR §122.26(b)(14);
- All contract documents concerning construction of the proposed airfield improvements shall incorporate, as appropriate, provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) "Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control" and the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5370-10A "Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports". The guidelines will be used to avoid and/or reduce potential degradation of local air and water quality and will minimize impacts to surrounding homes and businesses.
- The Airport will complete a Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program Study Update to assess and remediate noise impacts that would be generated at the Airport in the future.

After careful and thorough consideration of the facts contained herein, the undersigned finds that the proposed FAA actions are consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and that they will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or otherwise include any condition requiring consultation pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of NEPA.

Having met all relevant requirements for environmental considerations and consultation, the proposed development/actions are authorized to be undertaken at such time as other requirements have been met. These decisions are taken pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40101 et. seq., and constitute an order of the Administrator which are subject to review by the courts of appeal of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Section 1006 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Approved: 

Disapproved: _____



Deb Bartell, Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Region
Chicago Airports District Office



DATE