

FAR PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY

MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S



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Introduction

The Milwaukee County General Mitchell International Airport FAR Part 150 Study involved an extensive public participation process, with several components exceeding the requirements of the regulation. An inclusive tone was set by the Airport from the very beginning by requesting that the community and users be actively involved throughout the planning process.

Study Advisory Committee

A Study Advisory Committee was developed to provide input during the Study process. The Committee met six times during the course of the Study (see Committee membership list in the Appendix) on July 14, 2003; September 15, 2004; December 13, 2005; May 9, 2006; April 25, 2007; and June 27, 2007. The Committee was composed of airport tenants, airport users, airlines, military representatives, citizen representatives, elected officials, FAA representatives, State of Wisconsin representatives and other interested parties. At each meeting a Working Paper was presented and discussed. The Committee meetings were open to the public and several members of the public attended each meeting. In addition to the Committee meetings, four public workshops were held to present information to the public and receive comments from the public. Each public workshop was preceded by a newsletter detailing the information that would be presented at the workshop, the location and other pertinent information which was mailed to approximately 53,000 households. The public workshops were held on September 22, 2004; May 9, 2006; June 27, 2007; and October 18, 2007.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the Recommendations was held on October 18, 2007. Approximately 200 people attended (attendance sheets are in the Appendix). Both verbal and written comments were received. The verbal comments were given before a Court Reporter and the written comments were accepted both at the Hearing and for two weeks subsequent to the Hearing. The Hearing transcript and a copy of all written comments are in the Appendix, along with a Response to Comments section. The Public Hearing presented the forecasts of airport operations, the Existing and Future Noise Exposure Maps with affected population, the Recommendations and two sets of

proposed eligibility boundary maps, one map showing the Airport proposed eligibility boundary and the other showing the preliminary FAA agreed eligibility boundary.

Airport Noise Advisory Committee/TPW Committee

After the Public Hearing, Airport Staff and consultants presented the Recommendations and the summary of comments to the standing Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC). On November 13, 2007 the ANAC approved the Recommendations. The Recommendations were then presented to the Transportation and Public Works Committee of the County Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2008. The TPW Committee approved the Recommendations 7 to 0.

County Board of Supervisors

A presentation was made to the County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2008. The Board approved the Recommendations with a vote of 18 to 0, and directed Staff to submit the maps and recommendations to the FAA. The Resolution is in the Appendix.