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

Dulles, Virginia, April 13, 2004 – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) today announced that new information is available about the proposed new runways and associated improvements study at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). After more than a year of comprehensive environmental study, engineering evaluation and gathering of public comment, the FAA has identified the most feasible Alternatives for the construction of two new runways and related improvements. Environmental outcomes of the proposed Alternatives will be presented at two public workshops as part of the on-going Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently underway.

The public workshops are designed to gather public comment about the proposed Alternatives and to present preliminary environmental impacts. Potential impacts to noise, air quality, wetlands and more will be displayed. Study engineers and FAA representatives will be on hand to discuss study findings and answer questions. The public is invited to 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

Currently, two Alternatives or “Build” scenarios (Alternatives 3 and 4) and a No-Action Alternative have been retained for further study. Detailed information and a map of the

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proposed Alternatives will be available at the public meeting and on the study Web site at <http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/newrunwaysEIS/index.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 in Summer 2004, public hearings will be held to offer the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS.

Comments may be submitted at the workshops or by mail to Mr. Brad Mehaffy, FAA, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166; or fax to 703-661-1370. Comments should be received by May 7, 2004. For those who may require special assistance to attend or participate in the meetings, please call Janette Crumley at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings at 757-460-4183.

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

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