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Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority Receives Environmental Clearance From The Federal Aviation Administration

The Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority District received environmental clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for runway 4-22 safety improvements. This clearance means that the FAA finds no significant environmental impact as a result of the proposed runway safety improvements.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority District submitted a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Runway 4-22 Safety Area Improvements to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) following a 30-day review period for the draft findings. A public hearing was held on June 3, 2010 to provide an opportunity for public comments to be offered.

“We are pleased that the FAA supported our environmental assessment for the runway safety improvements” said Derrick Stewart, Board President, Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority. “These runway improvements are important to maintain the long-term viability of our airport and will ultimately contribute to the economic growth of Southwest Indiana.”

The proposed safety area improvements are required pursuant to FAA Order 5200.8 which is intended to address runway safety areas (RSAs). Currently, the RSAs beyond both ends of Runway 4-22 are non-standard and are required to be addressed by 2015. The FAA’s national goal, supported by the United States Congress, is to initiate improvements for non-standard RSAs by 2007 and have all commercially served airports in full compliance by 2015.

With receipt of the environmental clearance, the airport will begin Phase 1 of the project which will include preliminary steps toward land acquisition and design work for the realignment of roadways and railways.

The Final Environmental Assessment document, including the FAA’s finding and responses to agency and public comments, is available online at www.flyevv.com. Questions regarding the environmental review process should be directed to Mr. Doug Joest, Finance Manager, Evansville Regional Airport 7801 Bussing Dr. Evansville, IN 47725 email: doug@evvairport.com.