

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT and  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
/ RECORD OF DECISION**

**FOR THE PROPOSED AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT  
BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL  
THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT  
LINTHICUM, MARYLAND**

The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District (as a Cooperating Agency) and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, FAA Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B, has completed a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and the FAA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) / Record of Decision (ROD) for the Proposed Airport Improvements at Baltimore / Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) in Linthicum, Maryland.

This FONSI/ROD sets forth the FAA final determinations and environmental approvals for the federal actions necessary to implement the Proposed Airport Improvements at BWI Marshall. The MAA is the sponsor of BWI Marshall.

The purpose of the Proposed Airport Improvements at BWI Marshall (the proposed action) is to allow BWI Marshall to continue to operate in a safe and efficient manner, to meet FAA design criteria, and to accommodate the Airport's current and future needs. Each of the proposed improvements is needed for one of the following reasons:

- To bring BWI Marshall into compliance with FAA design standards for Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements for Runways 15R-33L, 10-28, and 15L-33R;
- To bring BWI Marshall into compliance with FAA design standards for Navigational Aid (NAVAID) installation, runway to taxiway separations, perimeter roadways, taxiway configurations, line-of-sight clearance, and Runway Protection Zones (RPZs);
- To improve Airport egress through Terminal Exit Roadway Improvements;
- To improve heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) capacity;
- To improve existing pavement conditions through pavement rehabilitations and construction of new pavement; and
- To meet 14 CFR Part 77 requirements for obstruction removal; ATCT line of sight; PAPI obstacle clearance surface.

This FONSI/ROD completes a thorough and careful environmental decision making process. This includes public disclosure and review by the FAA decision maker of the analysis of alternatives and their potential impacts that are described in the April 2012 Final Environmental Assessment (FEA). This FONSI/ROD has been prepared and issued by FAA in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 USC § 4321, et seq.), its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and FAA

directives (Orders 5050.4B, *Airport Environmental Handbook* and 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*).

This FONSI/ROD demonstrates and documents FAA's compliance with the procedural requirements for safety projects and other airport development. FAA arrived at these determinations by considering public and agency comments and reviewing the environmental analysis in the FEA and all other relevant documents that comprise the EA record.

Copies of the document are available at the following locations during regular business hours until June 8, 2012:

Federal Aviation Administration – Washington Airports District Office  
23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210  
Dulles, VA 20166

Maryland Aviation Administration  
Office of Planning and Environmental Services  
991 Corporate Boulevard  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Anne Arundel County Library – Linthicum Branch  
400 Shipley Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

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1010 Eastway  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060