

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Noise Exposure Map Notice;
Georgetown Municipal Airport,
Georgetown, TX**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the city of Georgetown for the Georgetown Municipal Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is January 26, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Blackford, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650. Telephone: (817) 222-5607.

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Ms. Michelle Hannah, Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483. (512) 416-4500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Georgetown Municipal Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective January 26, 2004. Under 49 U.S.C. 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or

proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the city of Georgetown. The documentation that constitutes the "noise exposure maps" as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: Exhibits 1, 2, 3A, 3E-3G, and Tracks 4A, 4B, 4D and 4E. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 26, 2004.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas;

City of Georgetown, P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, Texas. Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, January 26, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2003-16227]

**Policy and Procedures Concerning the
Use of Airport Revenue: Petition of
Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority To
Allow Use of Airport Revenue for
Direct Subsidy of Air Carrier
Operations**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 5, 2003, the FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 62651) seeking comments from interested parties on the petition of Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority to allow use of airport revenue for direct subsidy of air carrier operations (Petition). The petitioner Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority is an airport operator subject to the provisions of the Revenue Use Policy. The petitioner requests that the FAA amend the Revenue Use Policy to permit certain airport operators to use airport revenue for the direct subsidy of commercial airline operations under specific and limited circumstances. The original comment period closed on January 5, 2004. To allow the public more time to comment on the proposal contained in the Petition, the FAA is extending the comment period to March 5, 2004.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The proposed policy amendment is available for public review in the Dockets Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The documents have been filed under FAA Docket Number FAA-2003-16227. The Dockets Office is open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets