

## **Appendix B**

# **COORDINATION, CONSULTATION, AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

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*F.A.R. Part 150 Noise  
Compatibility Study Update  
Williams Gateway Airport*

As part of the planning process, the public, airport users, and local, state, and Federal agencies were given the opportunity to review and comment on the Noise Compatibility Program and supporting documentation. Materials prepared by the consultant were submitted for local review, discussion, and revision at several points during the process.

Much of the local coordination was handled through a special study committee formed specifically to provide advice and feedback on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. Known as the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), it included representatives of all affected groups, including local residents, airport users, officials from the cities of Apache Junction, Mesa,

and Tempe, the towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek, the counties of Maricopa and Pinal, the Gila River Indian Community, the Maricopa Association of Governments, the State of Arizona Department of Transportation, air traffic control, local businesses, school districts, airlines, aviation organizations, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The PAC reviewed and commented on the working papers prepared by the consultant and provided guidance for the next phases of the study. Most comments were made orally during the meetings, but some were followed by written confirmation. All comments were appropriately incorporated into this document or otherwise addressed.

The PAC met four times during the preparation of the Noise Compatibility Program. The first meeting was held on May 13, 1999 to introduce the participants, describe the study process, discuss goals and objectives, and distribute the study workbooks, and hear comments and views pertaining to conditions at the airport.

The second PAC Meeting was held on August 25, 1999. Chapters One, Inventory, Two, Aviation Noise, and Three, Noise Impacts were discussed. Many questions and comments were raised at the meeting. A number of questions related to the size of the noise contours and the control of residential development around the airport. Additional discussion related to the noise analysis and aircraft activity at the airport.

Technical Conferences relating to aviation and land use issues were held on November 17, 1999. The Aviation Technical Conference was attended by representatives from the FAA, airlines, air traffic control, airport users, and Arizona State University. A worksheet listing potential noise abatement techniques was distributed. Discussions included the status of current noise abatement procedures and the potential implementation of additional procedures.

The Land Use Technical Conference was attended by representatives of the cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe. Following the PAC meetings held on August 25, 1999, January 31, 2000, and June 6, 2000 and the general public was invited to a Public Information Workshop. These workshops were structured as an informal open-house, with display boards and information posted throughout the meeting room. These meetings allowed citizens to acquire information about the F.A.R. Part 150 Study process, baseline noise analysis, alternative analysis, proposed recommendations, ask questions, and express concerns. These meetings also were intended to encourage two-

Apache Junction and Mesa, the Town of Queen Creek, and the counties Maricopa and Pinal, local school districts and land owners. Discussions primarily focused on the adoption of public disclosure and proposed zoning amendments.

The third PAC meeting, held on January 31, 2000 opened with an explanation of the Noise Compatibility Program as the second portion to a complete Part 150 Study. The working papers for Noise Abatement Alternatives and Land Use Alternatives were presented. This facilitated a number of discussions about the use of the airport's calm wind runway use program. Additional discussions focused on land use compatibility and the use of aircraft procedural turns.

Chapter Six, , the Noise Compatibility Program, was the focus of discussion at the final PAC meeting held on June 6, 2000. Much of this meeting was devoted to methods of implementation for the noise abatement and land use alternatives presented. The meeting commenced with a discussion of methods to effectively acquire, categorize, and monitor and noise complaints.

Two-way communication between the airport staff, consultants and local citizens.

The Noise Compatibility Study process also included a formal public hearing. This hearing, held on September 6, 2000, offered individuals an opportunity to provide testimony as part of the public record in a controlled setting. The hearing also offered the public another venue for asking questions pertaining to the study's proposed noise abatement, land use management, and implementation recommendations. Comments via

written or oral testimony were evaluated and responded to in the study's supporting documentation.

On November 16, 2000, the Noise Compatibility Program was brought

before the Williams Gateway Airport Authority to request its approval for submission to the FAA. The Airport Authority unanimously approved the program for submission (Resolution 00-55).

In addition to these formal meetings, many written and verbal contacts were made between project management staff and officials of local and Federal agencies, representatives of various aviation user groups, and local residents. These were related to the day-to-day management of the project, as well as the resolution of specific questions and concerns arising from the working papers.