

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY

Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR SITE 12 DEVELOPMENT

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority (GFIAA, Airport Authority) announces the availability for review of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Site 12 Development (the proposed action) at Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR). The DEA has been prepared in accordance with the following: Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F; FAA Order 5050.4B; Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands; and Sections 401 and 404 of Clean Water Act (including Section 33 U.S.C. 1344).

The purpose of the Project is to develop an unused parcel at GRR for non-aeronautical uses to maximize the revenue potential of land under its ownership. The need for the Project is to generate airport revenue, promote orderly land use planning, and meet the demand for economic growth. The proposed project includes non-aeronautical development of 22.7 acres located north of the Runway 8L end at the Airport. A private developer is proposing to construct a rail spur off of the adjacent CSX Railroad track for loading/unloading of freight. The intent of the development is to load crushed stone at rail yards and deliver to the site by way of the CSX rail for unloading and distribution from the site for use within the region.

The DEA identifies, documents, and evaluates the environmental, social, and economic consequences of the Proposed Action in accordance with its authorized project purpose and need.

Document Availability

The DEA is accessible online and by hard copy for the review period of 30 calendar days. The documentation is available for download online at (<https://www.grr.org/airport-board#meetings>). One hard copy is available for review by appointment at the Airport (5500 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI). Appointments can be made by contacting Michelle Baker at 616-233-6000. Hard copies are also available for review at: Cascade Township Branch Library, 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI; and Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch Library, 4950 Breton SE, Kentwood, MI.

The DEA will be available for review beginning **Friday, September 13, 2024**.

Public Comments

The public comment period will extend from **Friday, September 13, 2024**, through **Monday October 14, 2024**. **All written comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Monday October 14, 2024**. Please send any comments that you have by email to GRRSite12EA@cscos.com or by mail to C&S Engineers 38777 Six Mile Road Suite 202, Livonia, Michigan 48152 ATTN: Kara Young. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personal identifying information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.