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INTRODUCTION

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 Exposure Maps (NEM) 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 City of Georgetown and Williamson County, the Airport Advisory Board, the Georgetown Independent School District, local businesses, aviation organizations, fixed based operators, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). (A list of the PAC members is presented in Appendix A.)

The PAC reviewed and commented on the working papers, prepared by the consultant, and provided guidance for the next phase 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 two times during the preparation of the Noise Exposure Maps (NEM). The first meeting was held on May 30, 2001 to introduce the participants, describe the study process, discuss goals and objectives, distribute the study workbooks, and hear comments and views pertaining to conditions at the airport.

The second PAC meeting was held on October 2, 2001. Chapter One (Inventory), Chapter Two (Aviation Forecasts), Chapter Three (Aviation Noise), and Chapter Four (Noise Impacts) were discussed. Several questions were raised concerning the formulation of the aircraft operational forecasts.

Following the PAC meetings, the general public was invited to a series of Public Information Workshops. These workshops were structured as an informal open-house, with display boards and information posted throughout the meeting room. The meetings allowed citizens to acquire information about the F.A.R. Part 150 Study process, aircraft operations forecasts, baseline noise analysis, and noise impacts, ask questions, and express concerns. The meetings were also intended to encourage two-way communication between the airport staff, consultants and local citizens.

In addition to the formal meetings, many written and verbal contacts were also made between project management staff and officials of local, state 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.

In addition to the meetings discussed above, the Georgetown City Council met regarding adoption of the 65 DNL contour as the contour of significant affect. A copy of the meeting minutes is included on the following pages as well as within the support document.

A supplemental volume entitled “Supporting Information on Project Coordination and Local Consultation” contains detailed information in support of the Noise Exposure Maps document. It includes copies of meeting announcements, summary notes from the meetings, sign-in sheets, and all written comments received on the Noise Exposure Maps study.
I, Sandra D. Lee, being the City Secretary of the City of Georgetown, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the action on Item AA-2 of the Minutes of the Georgetown City Council Meeting on February 12, 2002, such meeting open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, and subject thereof, was posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, Sec. 3A, V.A.T.C.S.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 28th day of February, 2002.

Sandra D. Lee
City Secretary
Excerpt from Minutes of February 12, 2002

AA-2 Consideration and possible action on adopting the 65 DAY-NIGHT (DNL) decibel noise contour as the non-compatible noise contour in the F.A.R. Part 150 Noise Compatibility Planning Program for the Georgetown Municipal Airport – Travis McLain and Tom Yantis

Yantis explained the purpose of the item.

Kathy Heidemann, 407 Golden Oaks, said she still believes the report is incomplete.

Fred List, 444 Logan Ranch Road, member of the citizens committee for the noise study, said he did a complete report and sent it to the Council but has not received an answer to his questions. He suggested a workshop to find out what creates the noise around the airport. He asked the Council to get more information before they vote.

Keith Peshak, 800 Oak Crest, asked to make an appointment with the City Attorney. He said all of the users of the airport should be responsible for the cost of the control tower, not just the "lower" 20% of the users. He said the person who is doing the noise study is just counting aircraft, even those which are experimental and don't currently fly.

Yantis read a report that explained the measurements used in the noise study. Lyda pointed out that the City is paying for 10% of the study and has no input as to the parameters used to measure and no authority to initiate any type of noise mitigation.

Motion by Pfiester, second by Smith to adopt the 65 DAY-NIGHT (DNL) contour at the Georgetown Municipal Airport. Approved 7-0.