

PUBLIC NOTICE

AVAILABILITY OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR MIDAMERICA ST. LOUIS AIRPORT, MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its approval of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on a Short Form Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the MidAmerica St. Louis Airport. The finding is for proposed FAA actions to allow the Airport to:

construct a range of 5 to 8 structures for aircraft manufacturing, maintenance, and storage; paved employee parking lot; new taxiway and apron pavement; paved Airport service road; dry detention basin; and access to IL Route 4.

FAA's FONSI, approved June 30, 2021, indicates the proposed FAA actions and the local development project are consistent with existing environmental policies and objectives as set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and will not significantly affect the quality of the environment.

The FAA's proposed actions are:

- to issue an environmental finding to allow approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Sponsor's Proposed Action for the development listed above;
- to issue final airspace determinations for the development listed above;
- to issue a final determination of potential airspace obstructions to navigable airspace per an aeronautical study outlined under 14 CFR Part 77;
- to issue a final certification that the proposed aeronautical development is reasonably necessary for use in air commerce or for national defense;
- issue a floodplain finding; and
- issue a wetland finding.

The following mitigating measures will be implemented by the MidAmerica St. Louis Airport as a condition of approval of the proposed development. Prior to the issuance of Federal funds or approvals, as appropriate, for any of the development listed herein, the following permits and/or actions must be promulgated, and written demonstration of the action provided to the FAA:

1. A National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will be obtained to satisfy Paragraph (x), Construction Activity of 40 CFR §122.26(b)(14).
2. All contract documents concerning construction of the proposed airfield improvements shall incorporate, as appropriate, provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) *Illinois Urban Manual* and the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5370-10D, *Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports*. The guidelines will be used to avoid and/or reduce potential degradation of local air and water quality and will minimize impacts to surrounding homes and businesses.
3. The proposed aviation development would impact approximately 1,900 linear feet of an existing stream and approximately 0.66 acres of wetlands. The final quantity of compensatory mitigation would be determined based on final construction plans,

permits, and discussions with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), IEPA, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR).

Compensatory mitigation will be achieved by purchase of stream and wetland credits from the Little Muddy Stream and Wetland Bank. If there are no stream or wetland credits available from this bank, compensatory mitigation will be accomplished using the in-lieu fee program administered by the IDNR/OWR.

Copies of the environmental decision and the Short Form Environmental Assessment (the background data on which the decision is based) are available for public information review at the following links:

- <https://flymidamerica.com/business/media-center/>
- <https://flymidamerica.com/wp-content/uploads/BLV-Final-EA-FONSI.pdf>
- <https://flymidamerica.com/wp-content/uploads/BLV-Final-EA-and-Exhibits.pdf>
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