

Carroll County Regional Airport Environmental Assessment Project Summary

I. Project Background

In accordance with FAA regulations, Carroll County, Maryland, as Owner and Operator of the Carroll County Regional Airport (DMW) is required to undertake an environmental review prior to constructing the improvements proposed in the 2007 Master Plan (MP) Update. The FAA authorized Carroll County to proceed with an Environmental Assessment (EA) and has retained Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. to conduct this EA and prepare a report for submittal to the FAA consistent with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines.

II. Purpose & Need

This EA will address projects which are intended to:

- Conform to FAA design standards to the maximum extent practicable
- Provide infrastructure to meet existing and projected aviation demand at DMW
- Meet facility requirements as defined in the DMW MP Update

Collectively, these projects have been defined as the proposed action for this EA and more specifically include:

- Property Interest Acquisition (easement and fee simple)
- Obstruction Removal (on and off airport property)
- Construct Runway 16-34 (6,400' x 100') and associated taxiway system (includes safety areas and associated lighting)
- Relocation or closure of Pinch Valley Road
- Realignment of Meadow Branch Road
- Construct Conventional Hangars and T-hangars
- Relocate Fuel Farm

III. Public Participation

NEPA stipulates that the EA process should encourage public participation throughout the study period. Two additional open houses are scheduled, and, if requested, a public hearing will be scheduled near the end of the study. The open house format allows the public to interact directly with airport management and consultant representatives, as well as involved federal and state agencies. The public also has the opportunity to submit written comments which will then become part of the EA document.