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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY PROJECT D60872

Saint George Airport

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proceeding with environmental and preliminary engineering studies for the upgrading or relocation of the Saint George Airport on Saint George Island, Alaska. The proposed project would construct a 6,000 by 300 foot runway safety area, a 300 by 500 foot apron, connecting taxiway, and runway lighting. The purpose of the project is to improve air traffic safety and increase the level of air service to the city of Saint George.

The existing runway is 3,400 feet long and 100 feet wide. The runway is also used as a road. The lack of separation between the road and runway results in a high potential for airplane/vehicle conflicts. The existing strip is in fair condition. The short runway length results in restricted load capacity of larger cargo carriers. The proposed project would separate air and land traffic and provide a runway length capable of receiving cargo flights without load restrictions.

Three alternatives are under consideration by ADOT&PF including: Alternative 1- relocation of the runway; Alternative 2- upgrading of the existing runway; and Alternative 3- the NO-Build alternative. Alternative 1 would involve construction of a new runway and access road approximately 3.5 miles southwest of the existing airstrip. The road connecting the village to the harbor would need to be realigned. Upgrading of the existing facility, Alternative 2, would extend the length of the runway and require construction of a bypass road. The No-Build alternative, Alternative 3, would provide no improvements beyond normal maintenance. Fill material would be obtained from an existing borrow pit and a stockpile of dredge material taken from the new harbor. Alternative 1 is the ADOT&PF "preferred alternative."

To insure that all factors are considered in the design of the proposed project and all issues are addressed within the environmental document, ADOT&PF is soliciting your comments. If you should have any questions or comments regarding the project, please contact Ruth Carter, Environmental Analyst at 266-1447. Written comments may be submitted by August 31 to:

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SAINT GEORGE ISLAND



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