

**U.S. Department of Transportation
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Broward County Aviation Department

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSIDE
PROJECTS AT FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Proposed Project: Landside Projects at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), located at 100 Terminal Dr, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315.

Sponsor: Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD)

Project Description: The Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) proposes to expand and improve facilities at FLL that provide public access to airport parking garages and the passenger terminal buildings. BCAD also proposes construction of new intermodal facility adjacent to the airport terminal area that will provide additional automobile parking space and connections to existing and future public transportation systems, including commercial passenger rail service. The Proposed Project, collectively referred to in the Draft Environmental Assessment as the “landside projects”, will improve access to the passenger terminals, reduce congestion on terminal area roadways, and improve parking at FLL. Major components of the Proposed Project include: construction of an Intermodal Center (IMC) within the U.S. Highway 1 right-of-way; construction of an Automated People Mover (APM) connecting the IMC, parking garages, and terminal buildings; redevelopment of the Palm Garage to include public parking, a hotel, and commercial center; expansion of the Cypress Garage; reconfiguration of terminal access roadways; and other associated improvements. The project also includes improved access to the airport and the proposed IMC from U.S. Highway 1. These vehicle access improvements will be made within the highway’s existing right-of-way.

Summary of Impacts:

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated environmental impacts for 14 resource categories including, but not limited to, air quality, biological resources, climate, hazardous materials, cultural resources, noise, socioeconomics, traffic, and water resources. A summary of key findings is provided below. More information, analyses, and determinations are provided in the Draft EA.

The Proposed Project was evaluated for potential effects on state and federally-listed threatened and endangered species. Two species of wildlife, the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) and Florida bonneted bat (*Eumops floridanus*), were evaluated in more detail. It was determined the Proposed Project “may affect, but not adversely affect” these species.

Impacts to water resources (e.g., floodplains, wetlands, surface water, and groundwater) and water quality were assessed. Increased stormwater runoff would be accommodated through improvements to the existing stormwater management system at FLL and in the U.S. Highway 1 right-of-way. Treated stormwater would be discharged through existing highway infrastructure to an adjoining mangrove wetland currently used for treated stormwater attenuation. Several outlet pipes connecting this wetland area to adjoining waters will be upgraded. This will temporarily affect up to 0.22 acres of wetlands during construction and mitigation will not be required. The Proposed Project is located within a floodplain; however, impacts would be compensated through building design and stormwater management system modifications. The Proposed Project is located in an area with a sole source aquifer. Measures would be implemented during the construction and operational phases to minimize the potential for groundwater impacts.

The proposed project would generate air emissions from trucks and equipment during the multi-year construction phase. These emissions would not exceed any thresholds indicating a significant impact. During construction, surface traffic flows and volumes would be maintained. Post-construction traffic delays in the airports terminal area will be reduced. The project will also promote intermodal access to and from the airport.

Overall, the analyses in the Draft EA did not identify any significant impacts associated with the Proposed Project.

Draft EA Availability

Beginning **July 22, 2024**, the Draft EA and its appendices will be available for public review on the County's website at <https://www.broward.org/Airport/Business/Community/MasterPlan/Pages/default.aspx>. Printed copies of the Draft EA will also be available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Dania Beach-Paul DeMaio Library: 1 Park Avenue East, Dania Beach, Florida 33004
- Davie/Cooper City Branch Library: 4600 SW 82nd Avenue, Davie, Florida 33328
- Broward County Main Library: 100 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Public Information Workshop

A Public Information Workshop for the Draft EA will be held on **August 27, 2024** at the following location:

**Anne Kolb Nature Center
751 Sheridan Street
Hollywood, Florida 33019**

The Public Information Workshop will be conducted from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A series of informational display boards at the Workshop will provide an overview of the Proposed Project, alternatives evaluated, impact analyses, and proposed mitigation. BCAD and their consultants will be available during the Workshop to discuss the project and the Draft Environmental Assessment.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Broward County and FAA are soliciting public comments on the Draft EA. The public comment period will begin on **July 22, 2024** and will close on **September 4, 2024**. Comments received by BCAD must be postmarked by 5:00 pm on **September 4, 2024**. Written comments may be submitted to BCAD at the address below.

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Comments may also be submitted electronically to FLLLandsideEAComments@esassoc.com. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on **September 4, 2024**. All comments received will be responded to in the Final EA document.

Comments should be as specific as possible and address the adequacy of the proposed action, the merits of alternatives, the analysis of potential environmental impacts, and any mitigation being considered. Comments should be organized so that they are meaningful and make the FAA and the Broward County clearly aware of the commenter's views, interests, and concerns.

PRIVACY NOTICE: Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations (including interpreters for languages other than English and Spanish) to participate in the workshop is asked to advise BCAD at least five (5) working days prior to contacting William Castillo, at wcastillo@broward.org or 954-359-2291.