



PIMA COUNTY

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A), notice is hereby given that the Tucson Airport Authority proposes to transfer about 60 acres of land located south of the Tucson International Airport to Pima County to allow Pima County to subsequently relocate a portion of East Hughes Access Road. Such development would disturb about 106 acres of land including relocating a 3.9 mile segment of the road about 2,500 feet to the south from its current location between South Nogales Highway and South Alvernon Way.

The purpose of the proposed road relocation is to accommodate safety arcs used by the United States Air Force at Air Force Plant 44 adjacent to Tucson International Airport and allow the Tucson Airport Authority to more easily develop land for revenue generating purposes consistent with the approved Airport Layout Plan.

The proposed sale of the 60 acres of Tucson Airport Authority land requires a release from federal obligations by the Federal Aviation Administration. An Environmental Assessment of the economic, social, and environmental impacts of the proposed land sale and road relocation project has been prepared.

The proposed action is likely to adversely affect the federally listed Pima Pineapple Cactus. Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures to federally listed species are described in the Draft Environmental Assessment.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for the next thirty (30) days for public examination at:

Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 North Stone Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Administrative offices of the Tucson Airport Authority,
7005 South Plumer Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85756

Federal Aviation Administration,
Western-Pacific Region
Office of the Airports Division
15000 Aviation Boulevard
Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration,
Phoenix Airports District Office
3800 North Central Avenue,
Suite 1025
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Pima County project website:
<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=82079>

Written comments on the adequacy of the information disclosed in the Draft EA may be sent to:

Mr. Eric Roudebush
Director of Environmental Services
Tucson Airport Authority
7005 South Plumer Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85756

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on December 30, 2014. Please ensure adequate time for mailing.

Before including your name, address and telephone number, email 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.

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