

**US Department of Transportation  
Federal Aviation Administration**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
NEW AIRSIDE PASSENGER TERMINAL D  
AT  
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Authority), in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction and operation of the proposed Airside D passenger terminal building at the Tampa International Airport (TPA), in Hillsborough County, Florida. Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A) and Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Draft EA is being circulated for review and comment from the public and federal, state, and local agencies.

Comments from the federal, state, and local agencies, and the public, will be considered as part of the Final EA. The Final EA will be submitted to the FAA for the agency's environmental determination.

**Proposed Development Project:** The Authority proposes to construct a new 563,000 square-foot, three-level passenger terminal building with 16 aircraft boarding gates. The terminal building will be constructed in the same location as the previous Airside D passenger terminal building, which was removed in 2007. The proposed passenger terminal development project also includes reconstruction of the former Terminal aircraft parking apron; installation of a new hydrant fuel system; construction of a 450-foot-long, dual-guideway Automated People Mover (APM) to connect the new passenger terminal building to the airport's Main Terminal; and constructing a vehicle parking area for airport personnel. The purpose of the proposed new Airside D passenger terminal is to meet the transportation needs of passengers using TPA. The project is needed to meet increasing number of passengers using the airport, the need for additional aircraft boarding gates, and the need for additional space for federal inspection services. The proposed project would help the Authority meet projected passenger and airline (domestic and international) demands and avoid congestion.

**Summary of Impacts:** A Draft EA has been prepared to disclose the potential economic, social, and environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The project was found to have no impacts to Biological Resources, Coastal Resources, Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks, Environmental Justice, Farmlands, Land Use, and Water Resources. The Proposed Project was found to have impacts to Air Quality/Climate, Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f) resources, Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention, Natural Resources and Energy Supply, Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use, Socioeconomics, Visual Effects, and Water Resources (floodplains). Although impacts were identified, the research and analysis provided in the EA resulted in no impacts being significant. The Proposed Project is expected to generate additional aircraft activity at TPA that would have an effect on the noise environment in the vicinity of the airport; However, the impact is expected to be minimal.

**Draft EA Availability:** The Draft EA is available for public review on the Airport's website <https://www.tampaairport.com/> and at the following locations:

Hillsborough County Aviation Authority  
5411 Skycenter Dr., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tampa, FL 33607

Town N' Country Regional Library  
7606 Paula Dr. #120  
Tampa, FL 33615

**How to Comment:** Comments on the Draft EA should focus on the Proposed Project's economic, social, and environmental effects. Electronic comments may be sent to [David.Alberts@rsandh.com](mailto:David.Alberts@rsandh.com) or [mdeloatche@TampaAirport.com](mailto:mdeloatche@TampaAirport.com). Written comments can be mailed to either of the recipients below:

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Attn: Mr. Matt DeLoatche  
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Tampa, FL 33622

The public comment period on the Draft EA will begin **Wednesday March 6, 2024** and will close on **Friday April 5, 2024**. Electronic and hand-delivered comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on **Friday April 5, 2024**. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than **Friday April 5, 2024**.

Be advised that all comments received, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Opportunity for Public Hearing:** The FAA will afford the public an opportunity to request a Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing, if one is held, would be to solicit additional comments regarding the Proposed Project. Any person interested will have 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Availability to request a Public Hearing. In deciding whether a hearing is appropriate, the FAA shall consider whether there is substantial environmental controversy; substantial interest in holding a hearing; or a request for a hearing by an agency with jurisdiction (supported by reasons why the hearing would be helpful). If a hearing is scheduled, the date and location will be announced in a separate notice. Request for a hearing should be received no later than **Thursday March 21, 2024, 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time**.