

1 PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP
2 (Regarding a runway expansion at Hartsfield-Jackson
3 Atlanta International Airport)

4 Held on February 25, 2009
5 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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7 Atlanta Airport Hilton Garden Inn
8 Sienna III
9 2301 Sullivan Road
College Park, Georgia

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13 Comments from participants in the Public
14 Information Workshop held on February 25, 2009,
15 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., made before Carolyn M.
16 Carboni, Registered Merit Reporter, at 2310
17 Sullivan Road, College Park, Georgia.

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1 James L.S. Collins
1547 Walker Avenue
2 College Park, Georgia 30337

3 MR. COLLINS: I live on Walker -- my name
4 is James L.S. Collins, two initials there. I live on
5 Walker Avenue at the corner of Madison in College
6 Park, so I am not under a direct flight pattern.

7 However, during the last year, particularly
8 the last few months, the noise level at my house has
9 dramatically increased. I suspect it may have
10 something to do with that sunken taxiway.

11 Last night, in particular, about 11:30, it
12 was very noisy, and it just went on and on and on for
13 a long period of time.

14 My main complaint is that the City of
15 Atlanta and the airport made no effort to discuss
16 these issues involved with noise with the people of
17 College Park before they started this test on the new
18 departures.

19 That's grossly wrong and should not have
20 happened that way. And the feeling that it gives me
21 as a citizen of College Park is that the airport and
22 the City of Atlanta don't care about what happens to
23 the people in College Park. And that's not a good
24 feeling to have.

25 And I think that the people who live in the

1 area where the noise is worse should have some
2 participation in the decision-making process before
3 changes are made, and that's what I would like to
4 register. I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

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6 T.J. Sharitz
7 1897 John Calvin Avenue
8 College Park, Georgia 30337

8 MR. SHARITZ: I'm T.J. Sharitz. I live at
9 1897 John Calvin Avenue. We don't support the
10 airport's proposal or the city's. We feel like
11 continually the city and the airport have made
12 agreements with us, and they have broken those
13 agreements. We are now requesting all those
14 agreements be put in writing because they don't honor
15 what they say they'll do.

16 Also, we are tired of being woken up at
17 11:00 o'clock, 11:30 and midnight by the taxi, the
18 underground taxi. We live a mile and a half from the
19 airport, and it shakes our house and wakes our kids
20 up. So we want to put up sound barriers around that.

21 We want to take the turning point on 26
22 left because currently they're turning too soon and
23 flying over our house at night or in the morning and
24 waking us up, so we want to actually put that in
25 writing and get that marker extended to 1.5 nautical

1 miles or 1.2 nautical miles.

2 We don't want any more cross complex
3 departures. Don't want to see the 270 vector off of
4 26 right in a two-way configuration. We don't want
5 any of that. We do want the sound barriers or
6 deflectors installed in the second taxiway as soon as
7 possible.

8 We propose lengthening runway 28 to handle
9 all 250 and 270 vector flights. That will also
10 increase obviously the budget to do that, which will
11 employ more people that are destitute. And it will
12 be a good thing for the boys up in Washington to be
13 able to say they got more work and more money for the
14 airport.

15 We want strong and heavy monetary fines to
16 be paid or to be charged to pilots to hold pilots and
17 the airlines accountable for when they deviate from
18 their flight patterns that they're supposed to be
19 flying, and to pay damages to homeowners when they
20 damage our roofs and our ceilings, as well as waking
21 us up in the middle of the night and the physical
22 harm that will cause. And that's it.

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24 Maurice Baudy
1648 Vesta Avenue
25 College Park, Georgia 30337

1 MR. BAUDY: All right. So regarding
2 the runway 9-L, 27-R extension, modified departures
3 procedures and associated projects, environmental
4 assessment, in the proposed modification, departures
5 particularly, the current recommendations I believe
6 are not supported or fundamentally documented enough
7 to support these over other alternatives.

8 Cross complex departures primarily concern
9 me due to the rationale behind larger aircrafts
10 coming off of the extended runway 27-R. I think the
11 greater good would be served by extending runway 28
12 and leveraging similar vector departures when using
13 three runway departures. Sometimes they use four.

14 I think an even greater point to add to
15 part of this plan, particularly from an environmental
16 assessment perspective, is to move the turning point
17 out at least another mile and a half or more,
18 particularly when heading west. I'm certainly sure
19 it wouldn't hurt anything by using the same approach
20 with the extension heading east.

21 I also think that there is an economical
22 advantage to this region should 28 be extended as an
23 alternative to 27-R or 27-L due to the nature of that
24 extension impacting more non-populated areas, as well
25 as the length of that work would employ more people

1 for a longer period of time and certainly drive more
2 economical benefits to the Atlanta airport region.

3 I would appreciate if those perspectives
4 were strongly considered due to their greater impact
5 while meeting the environmental goals of the FAA in
6 terms of aircraft fuel consumption and air pollution
7 and so forth and so on. Thank you.

8 Let me add this, too, as one last point to
9 address in terms of notification to the public: A
10 half square inch ad in the Atlanta Journal &
11 Constitution is not adequate notification to the
12 public of this type of hearing or other forums
13 proposing modifications, runway extensions, or
14 anything of neighboring constituents around the
15 airport.

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17 Bobbie Wing
18 3064 Green Valley Drive
19 East Point, Georgia 30344

20 MS. WING: I live in East Point. My
21 address is 64 Green Valley Drive, East Point,
22 Georgia. And we are having a lot of airport noise.
23 When airplanes are flying over, we can hear the
24 windows rattling and the doors rattling in our house.

25 And I was talking to my City Commissioner
about it, Clyde Mitchell, and he was saying that he

1 had talked with the people who was involved, I think
2 there's a Bob Costa, someone, who says that we
3 shouldn't be effected, that we're not effected, but
4 we are. And the noises is loud. The windows are
5 rattling and the doors are rattling.

6 So I know it's effecting us, and to me, it
7 will eventually effect our property negatively in
8 some way, I mean, my house. So I want to complain,
9 file a complaint, because of this noise. And it
10 seemed to me I'm getting more and more frequent noise
11 going over, that kind of noise, when those airplanes
12 are going over our home.

13 I don't know who this goes to, but that's
14 my major complaint. And my neighbors also complain,
15 but I didn't learn about this meeting until last
16 night.

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18 Nzinga Wallace
19 3494 Herschel Road
College Park, Georgia 30337

20 MS. WALLACE: My name is Nzinga Wallace.
21 And basically, I would just like to express my
22 concern about the excessive noise in our area.

23 Within the past six and a half months, the
24 noise has increased dramatically. Our windows shake.
25 We're awakened at night, at 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in

1 the morning, from the planes coming over our home.

2 I am basically -- I'm just really concerned
3 about the community as a whole and in my personal
4 property as well. The fact that we weren't notified
5 about the testing that was taking place, I think
6 that's something that the public should definitely be
7 notified of.

8 In reference to the property values, with
9 constant planes coming over us, and also just the
10 whole inconvenience, I'm just wondering what
11 Hartsfield and the City of Atlanta is going to do to
12 compensate those who have been inconvenienced for
13 this problem.

14 Also, I want to continue to keep us
15 informed of different changes that the airport is
16 making because although we are not in the City of
17 Atlanta, we are in College Park. It's definitely
18 effecting us. So those are my concerns. Thank you.

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20 Robert and Essie Schorr
21 3400 Prince George Street
22 East Point, Georgia 30344

23 MR. SCHORR: My wife went to the meeting
24 last Monday night, and I was not available, and
25 people were saying that the pilots were taking off,
and they were just turning any way they wanted to get

1 to where they wanted to go, and flying, you know,
2 where it makes noise.

3 But I have been a pilot, I'm retired, and
4 pilots, when they take off, they only make their turn
5 when they're told to by the tower or the departure
6 control. And if we don't, they get real upset with
7 us.

8 And if it could just be mentioned that, you
9 know, you can't lay the whole blame on the pilots
10 because they're doing what they're told to do for
11 traffic separation. And I think that would help take
12 some of the static, at least that part of the static,
13 off the pilots.

14 MRS. SCHORR: Also off of the people, also,
15 because that was a big complaint at the meeting
16 Monday night. They're ready to sue the pilots.

17 MR. SCHORR: That's what they said.

18 MRS. SCHORR: Several of them told me
19 that.

20 MR. SCHORR: I think that's kind of unfair
21 inasmuch as the pilot is doing what he's directed to
22 do. And if he doesn't, he's in trouble.

23 MRS. SCHORR: So they need to take their
24 complaints to the tower.

25 MR. SCHORR: We appreciate it very much.

1 Randy and Claire McNolly
2 2860 Lakeshore Drive
3 College Park, Georgia 30337

4 MRS. McNOLLY: This is from Randy and
5 Claire McNolly on Lakeshore Drive in College Park.

6 We are strongly opposed to some of the
7 modified departure procedures, specifically and
8 especially the cross complex departures and the
9 departure modifications to runway 26-L.

10 We have already noticed a great increase in
11 the noise over our house from the low flying, heavy,
12 long haul jets using the cross complex departures.

13 Also, there's vibrations in our house when
14 they go over. We are concerned that this is
15 decreasing our quality of life and also is lowering
16 our property value.

17 We are also upset that the City of College
18 Park and our elected representatives there were not
19 consulted when these plans were first drawn up. And
20 that's about it. That's our statement.

21 Pamela New
22 2021 English Lane
23 College Park, Georgia 30337

24 MS. NEW: All right. I'm Pamela New, and I
25 am quite disturbed with the increase in noise and
pollution that we have been experiencing in the

1 College Park community because the activity at the
2 airport has been significant. It wakes you up during
3 the night. It rattles things in the house. There's
4 enough noise that it makes you suspicious as in, you
5 know, is someone coming in, as in a break-in?

6 And given our current police circumstances
7 and the economy, that's quite a concern. You cannot
8 stay on edge that every time there is a noise level
9 of this sort, that you're not quite sure what you're
10 hearing.

11 And I am highly upset that the city has
12 gone ahead to proceed with this activity even on a
13 test basis without consulting us when we're part of
14 the immediate community that is directly effected.

15 The noise contours that I have called to
16 complain about in previous years before this testing
17 began has said the hush kits that were mandatory for
18 the planes and the flight patterns had led to results
19 with the noise monitors that said that we were not
20 experiencing significant enough noise to warrant any
21 actions on the part of the FAA or on the part of the
22 airport.

23 That is definitely no longer true. And
24 there has been no effort to work with the community
25 on this to keep us informed in advance and then

1 address our concerns because we live here.

2 Those who travel through Atlanta, we
3 certainly have no problem with the economic impact
4 and value that the airport adds, but at the same
5 time, we as residents are not to be dismissed because
6 there is economic value to the airport's activity.

7 I want the planes to continue to fly only
8 the routes that were previously in place and
9 previously approved because those were factors that
10 were decision-makers for a lot of us who live in the
11 community.

12 I understood that it was that way and that
13 would be the way it would continue when I made the
14 decision to move here. Now that they're introducing
15 new factors that deviate from that original plan, I
16 have no choice. I cannot make a decision not to move
17 here any longer; I'm already here. And that is very
18 discriminatory to me, that is very unfair to our
19 community, and it is very damaging to our community,
20 and that's especially my concern.

21 I would love to hear some response, and I
22 want this activity stopped, the pursuit of this
23 activity.

24 Tess Turner
25 5249 Brentwood Road
College Park, Georgia 30349

1 MS. TURNER: What I wanted to -- as you
2 can see, I live at 5249 Brentwood Road. With the
3 blasting, they have completely demolished our houses.
4 We have houses in the Cherry Hills Subdivision, and
5 they have rats and rodents in the house.

6 Our house has shifted off the foundation.
7 All of the doors is -- one door, we had to cut it off
8 at the top in order to get it to fit. And bathrooms
9 is leaking. And the houses are not old. The house
10 is less than 20 years old, a brand new house, and the
11 house is unliveable. The garage door, the glass has
12 fallen out of the garage door. You keep putting it
13 in.

14 Three years ago, I talked to the president
15 of the airport, I guess the manager of the airport,
16 and he told me -- he admitted the blasting is there,
17 but they wasn't going to do anything about it. That
18 is not fair.

19 They went to Iraq and tore up Iraq, but
20 they fixed it. We are right here in the United
21 States, and it does not make any sense. I mean,
22 we're human beings, too. How would anyone like for
23 rats and rodents to be in their house? It is not
24 fair. It is not fair. Something needs to be did.

25 So we need to know who to contact because I

1 understand that you guys can only do so much, but if
2 they're not going to fix our houses, then buy them,
3 because right now, the house cost more than the house
4 is worth to have it repaired. So what do we do? Who
5 do we contact? Do I have to send a letter to the
6 White House or what? That's all I got to say.

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8 Annie M. Williams
9 5256 Brentwood Road
College Park, Georgia 30337

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. This is the second
11 time that I've given comments and complaints to a
12 court reporter, and it's just devastating that nobody
13 listened to our complaint.

14 You know, the airplanes are flying over our
15 house. The noise is even worse than it was in 2004.
16 That's when we started going to the meetings, trying
17 to get something resolved. And it's getting so bad
18 that you have to turn your TV up loud in order to
19 hear the TV because the planes are like just sitting
20 on top of the house.

21 Then we had to go through all of this dust
22 and stuff, where they was doing the fifth runway, and
23 that was not good, you know. That was bad for us,
24 for our health.

25 Then they keep saying we're not effected,

1 and we said, our subdivision sits almost on 285, and
2 you know how close 285 is to the airport and runways.
3 In fact, the fifth runway crosses 285. It's right in
4 the back of the subdivision.

5 So my thing is: Who is making these
6 decisions to say we're not being effected when they
7 have taken care of other areas of College Park that
8 is not as close to the airport as we are. So that's
9 my complaint.

10 I would like to know who, like I said, is
11 making the decisions, that they could just spend the
12 night over there and see what we're trying to tell
13 them each and every time we go to a meeting. And I
14 just think it's ridiculous that we got to keep
15 repeating ourselves and they keep saying we're not
16 effected, but we are effected.

17 And even the planes cause vibrations inside
18 of the house. So I guess that's it. Thank you,
19 ma'am.

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21 Selissa and Charles Jefferson
22 2614 Skyline Drive
23 College Park, Georgia 30337

24 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. My husband and I,
25 our names are Selissa and Charles Jefferson. We are
against the departure reclassification simply because

1 we live in the Fourth Ward area, and currently, there
2 are a number of 26 flights in our flight path, and
3 those flights will increase from 26 to 156.

4 And that's definitely a -- I mean, we are
5 homeowners who are under the age of 40. I don't know
6 how many homeowners in College Park are under the age
7 of 40, but what that does, our lifestyle is totally
8 commanded by automation, wireless routers,
9 everything.

10 Now with the flight path of 26, I operate
11 my business in my home, and when the planes come
12 over, the ones that are very close, it completely
13 jams my entire business system from our wireless
14 routers to my cell phone to my wireless printers. So
15 I can imagine what my lifestyle will become with the
16 runway increasing to 156 departures.

17 It will not only impact our lifestyle, it
18 will impact the property value as well. And outside
19 of our quality of life that we have, we have to
20 maintain our livelihood. And if this departure
21 redoing is going to impact that, I just can't see how
22 Hartsfield-Jackson or the FAA can approve that new
23 departure system for the Fourth Ward.

24 MR. JEFFERSON: And we are also concerned
25 about future problems with the planes flying over

1 with the jet fuel, the fumes, diesel, fumes dropping
2 down below. We are concerned with the property
3 values, what effect it has on the vegetation,
4 wildlife, and we're very concerned about that.

5 And we also want to be included in more of
6 these briefings and decision-making process with
7 Hartsfield-Jackson and the FAA, to have College Park
8 included in that.

9 MRS. JEFFERSON: I think that's it. Thank
10 you.

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12 Tracey Wyatt
13 3638 East Main Street, #2
14 College Park, Georgia 30337

15 MR. WYATT: I'd just like to make comments
16 for the record. First of all, I'm against the
17 extension of the runway. It would allow for heavier
18 planes to fly, and College Park already has enough
19 noise from the airplanes as it stands today.

20 I'm also against any flight vector changes,
21 as the proposed changes, while it eliminates some
22 flights in one area, which is an industrial area, it
23 increases the flights over a major residential area.
24 And once again, those residents have problems with
25 noise as of today.

26 This study, I think, lacks the input and

1 the impact that the jet fuel has on our residents.
2 One of our residents has a home where jet fuel even
3 falls into their swimming pool. And yet we are told
4 that these type things will not be in the study.

5 Noise mitigation, in itself, I think,
6 should be in the hands of the elected officials of
7 the City of College Park who answer to the citizens
8 and not in the hands of the Atlanta Airport who has
9 no way of -- no accountability to the citizens of
10 which it effects at all.

11 You know, the airport, while I agree is an
12 economic engine for the region, it appears that only
13 College Park residents pay the price. No planes fly
14 over any City of Atlanta residents. So I'm concerned
15 that the City of Atlanta is the driving force in the
16 decision-making -- in the huge decision-making in
17 this process.

18 Atlanta has already purchased 30 to
19 40 percent of our residences for the fifth runway.
20 They said this will save fuel, millions of dollars
21 for airplanes, and the City of College Park agreed.
22 And now they want to do this again.

23 At what point does the airport say that
24 they've caused enough burden on the citizens of
25 College Park?

1 As a matter of fact, the citizens of
2 College Park was not even aware of any cross complex
3 departure flight training method till well after the
4 process had begun. Atlanta didn't even have the
5 decency or the courtesy to notify College Park
6 elected officials or its citizens of any flight
7 vector changes or training testing.

8 I think Atlanta has never been good
9 neighbors to the citizens of College Park, and we
10 think that the only way that the citizens of College
11 Park will get a fair shake is that the noise
12 abatement and noise mitigation program be turned over
13 to the elected officials of the City of College Park.
14 Thank you.

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16 Dorothy Johnson
17 5255 Brentwood Road
18 College Park, Georgia 30349

18 MS. JOHNSON: I'm Miss Dorothy Johnson and
19 I live in Cherry Hills. And I would like to comment
20 and I would like to thank President Obama for his
21 stimulus plan in giving us health care because we
22 over here in Cherry Hills are suffering for
23 Hartsfield-Jackson Airport due to the planes, due to
24 the noise, due to shaking of the house, the
25 foundation, due to the breathing that we have to

1 inhale. It is terrible over there.

2 I mean, we have nothing to compensate us.
3 Nobody seems concerned about us, nor the children
4 that's playing. The landfill come in close, and
5 there's no way to even get out of Cherry Hills unless
6 you run into the fifth runway.

7 So I would like to give my thanks to Obama
8 for the health care because we're going to need all
9 the health care and then some more. And I would
10 appreciate it if he can come in and spend one night,
11 just one night, for health care, and I thank him so
12 much.

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14 Sidney Douse
15 3678 Howard Drive
16 College Park, Georgia 30337

17 MR. DOUSE: Sidney Douse. I was here to
18 comment about noticing the increase in noise, what
19 appears to be planes taking off from the east, to the
20 east, and after talking with the consultants, there's
21 a possibility that it is the runway turnaround off of
22 8-R, and when the planes loop around the driveway,
23 there's an incline that causes the plane to go to
24 full thrust, and the sound deflection walls stop
25 right at the angle of my house.

They said it's possible that it's

1 deflecting towards my house since I'm due north of
2 the turnaround.

3 They said they may put out some sound
4 equipment to find out if that's the case, and I will
5 be curious to know because I have noticed an increase
6 in noise over the past six months. That's it.

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8 (Workshop concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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This, the 26th day of February 2009.

CAROLYN M. CARBONI, CCR-B-878
My License Expires: March 31, 2009

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1 Jacquelyn Sharitz
1897 John Calvin Avenue
2 College Park, Georgia 30327

3 MS. SHARITZ: All right. My address is
4 1897 John Calvin Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30327.

5 We moved to College Park in August of
6 '08 because our children attend Woodward Academy.

7 We understand that the citizens of
8 College Park must partner with Hartsfield-Jackson
9 Atlanta International Airport to work together to allow
10 the airport to succeed. But also to allow a quality of
11 life for the people that live in College Park.

12 The airport in my opinion has acted
13 irresponsibly in starting procedures before going
14 through due process with the City of College Park and
15 the FAA.

16 And their vector changes, their runway
17 configurations have significantly impacted my family's
18 quality of life.

19 We understand that we must partner with
20 the airport, but we need our life-style and life
21 considered when the airport and the FAA make
22 significant decisions.

23 We want the turning point for 26L moved
24 out to 1.2 nautical miles.

25 We want no 270 vector takeoff Runway 27R

1 in the two-runway configuration.

2 We do not support lengthening runway
3 9L-27R, but instead the lengthening 28 and running all
4 250 and 270 flights off of it.

5 We want sound deflectors for the sucken
6 taxiway. Which we experience raging engine sounds
7 often as late as 11:30 at night and as early as
8 4:00 a.m.

9 We want -- and to shift 26L vectors to
10 270 and 280.

11 We want no cross complex departures.

12 We want a signed agreement between
13 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the
14 FAA, the carriers that use the airport and College
15 Park.

16 And we want pilots to be fined for
17 violations to the vector policies and the turn mile
18 rules.

19 And there we go.

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21 Jacquelyne W. Burke
22 2610 Arundel Road
23 College Park, Georgia 30337

24 MS. BURKE: How shall I begin?

25 I come here to a public meeting and I see displays.

Basically, displays of what was presented at a meeting

1 on Monday.

2 And I want -- I don't see any solutions.
3 I went all around and I didn't see any solutions for
4 citizens. For people who will be impacted by the
5 extension of the runway and the additional noise it
6 will bring. I'm concerned about the quality of life.
7 And my ward will be impacted most.

8 I realize that the airport is an
9 economic entity that brings money, you know, to the
10 city, to the state, etcetera. However -- and we're
11 talking about the extension because of progress.
12 Progress at the expense of citizens in College Park.

13 Even during -- in your study I see
14 nothing about the human impact of the extension, of
15 getting more money, of making the Atlanta International
16 Airport the busiest in the world.

17 Still at the expense of a small group of
18 people who will be deadened -- and that carries several
19 connotations -- by the progress for the City of
20 Atlanta.

21 I love the airport. I used to. But I
22 don't like the noise.

23 In all of this progress will we be
24 collateral damage? Also, what are the solutions?
25 That's what we are seeking. Solutions for the

1 citizenry of College Park.

2 What is -- at the City of Atlanta, what
3 is Mr. DeCosta and the Atlanta airport, as well as the
4 FAA, willing to do for the citizens of College Park in
5 order to bring more revenue via the airport.

6 Am I here in an exit -- I hope this is
7 not for me as a citizen, a single retired homeowner
8 with a small retirement check, is this an exercise in
9 futility for me? And I'm speaking for all of my
10 neighbors as well.

11 What are you going to do for us? With
12 all of this money that will be generated through the
13 expansion, what are you going to do for the citizens of
14 College Park?

15 Now, let me tell you, I know I live near
16 the airport, now, you know. But when I bought my home
17 I was not given an option. I think some people were
18 given a waiver or something to sign, you know, saying
19 that you live near the airport, etcetera, etcetera. I
20 did not have that opportunity.

21 And I'm a progressive person. But I
22 also like to look out for the little man.

23 So I just want some answers. What are
24 those three entities, the airport, FAA and the City of
25 Atlanta going to do for the citizens who are directly

1 affected by the growth of our busiest airport?

2 We like titles, but we forget about the
3 human impact of progress sometimes.

4 Basically, I want to know will I get a
5 buyout or should I call it a bailout?

6 So will I get an answer to all of my
7 concerns? Or will the next thing I know I will hear
8 machines and blasting and my house crumbling to the
9 ground.

10 You know, every time -- I had a good
11 experience when I first moved. You know, I said, oh,
12 you're moving out by the airport. Oh, fine. But then
13 -- and even after coming out looking at the house,
14 fixing it up or painting, it was only when I moved in
15 that I realized I had bought a runway.

16 And I used to joke with my friends who
17 would call and say, what are you doing Jackki?

18 Oh, I was out in the backyard on my
19 extension ladder serving Cokes to the people flying
20 Delta.

21 Then it got on my nerve. At first I
22 would just lie in bed and wonder where were these
23 people going? Is this plane landing or coming in? Is
24 it coming and going to an exotic place? Etcetera.
25 Etcetera. Then the noise began to pound and pound.

1 And I think it has compromised the foundation of my
2 house.

3 But you know every time a plane goes by
4 I just wait for the residual sounds where my house
5 begins to moan and groan. You hear a crack here, a
6 little bump there. I said, well, you know, that's the
7 airplane.

8 And when I'm on the phone, oh, that's
9 the airplane going over. We have to respect the
10 planes.

11 And back in the '80s when they did the
12 abatement program. That lasted for a little while.
13 But it was for the inside. If you still went on the
14 outside you still got the noise.

15 And I used to keep a log of how often a
16 plane would come over my house.

17 So the bottom line is, we want some
18 answers about solutions. What are you going to do for
19 the people who will be impacted more by the noise?

20 Now, a few years ago you said they were
21 going to retrofit the planes to, I guess, camouflage
22 the noise. That's not a good word. But to decrease
23 the sounds of the plane. Has that been done?

24 You might not know that.

25 I guess, the bottom line is -- well, and

1 I repeated this, solutions. What are you going to do
2 for the citizenry? Are you going to buy us out?

3 Look, with the -- with the money that
4 will be generated by the expansion, we're talking about
5 all of these economic development, we bringing in all
6 of this money. Well, the airport has enough money --
7 all of these entities has enough money to give the
8 residents in Ward 4 no less than \$500,000 to buy
9 another house.

10 And, you know, that's it.

11 (Off the record.)

12 MS. BURKE: Okay. I'm Jacquelyne Burke
13 and I'm now speaking for my neighbor Coco.

14 And I think she would agree with
15 everything I said and I'm sure she would even have some
16 more things to tell you about her living under the
17 airport.

18 She has to tell people to hold on when
19 she's talking on the phone. You know, both of our
20 windows shake. Just everything. Things move in the
21 house. And that's from that reverberation -- or, no,
22 vibration from the planes.

23 She opposes this, but she oppose it to
24 the point where she wants some solutions. And she,
25 too, wants to know -- we've talked about why we have

1 this, why extend the runway, what does it consist of,
2 what are the modified departure procedures and why they
3 have been modified.

4 And we talk about an environmental
5 assessment. But I wonder, does that environmental
6 assessment include humans. I saw something about fish,
7 wildlife, historical buildings, etcetera. I saw
8 something about the impact on children and
9 socioeconomic concerns.

10 But nothing in this environmental
11 assessment discusses health, human health issues. The
12 loss of hearing, stress, worry about your property
13 being devalued, worried about the crumbling structures
14 of your property.

15 We talked about -- I see you talked
16 about air quality and water quality. But do you know
17 we get residue from the planes and the smoke and things
18 like that?

19 Oh, on this environmental assessment, I
20 don't see anything about solutions. That's what I'm
21 here for. Solutions.

22 Is buyout an option?

23 Well, I guess that's it.

24 (Off the record.)

25 MS. BURKE: I'm going to do Ben Brown.

1 You know, I mentioned to him that I
2 thought this would be for citizens an exercise in
3 futility. But he gave me hope. But he gave me hope.

4 He said the airport had enough money to
5 take care of the citizens of College Park who will be
6 adversely impacted by this expansion and that's why I
7 came to this meeting.

8 Judith, thank you for being so patient.

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10 Earl Schmitke
11 3446 Rugby Circle
12 College Park, Georgia 30337

13 MR. SCHMITKE: My name is Earl Schmitke,
14 S-C-H-M-I-T-K-E. And I live at 3446 Rugby Circle in
15 College Park. 30337 on the ZIP.

16 Had quite a discussion with the airport
17 people and their representatives this afternoon in
18 regard to the extension of Runway 27 right. The
19 additional 500 feet on the east end of that runway.

20 My specific concern was in regard to the
21 need for that extension. The airport people that I
22 spoke to and their representatives could not give me
23 historical data in regard to payload restrictions that
24 had taken place in the past. Which to me wouldn't
25 necessitate the runway being extended.

 In other words, they didn't know, let's

1 say over last 12 months, how many airlines and aircraft
2 had to sacrifice cargo, mail, or passengers or fuel in
3 regard to the present Runway 27 right being used.

4 To me the important factor in regard to
5 this extension relates to problems that the present
6 runway length has created.

7 To me that should be the push behind the
8 runway extension. I think we're talking somewhere like
9 \$50 million for 500 feet.

10 And who pays the \$50 million? The
11 Airport Authority people and their representatives seem
12 to feel that taxpayers wouldn't have to be paying that.
13 Something about a bond issue.

14 But in the long run the users of the
15 airport have to pay that money. Whether it's an extra
16 25 cents for a cup of coffee or whatever. Someone has
17 to pay that money.

18 So my big problem here in regard to this
19 runway extension is what has been the problem in the
20 past, if any, in regard to the existing Runway 27 right
21 length. How many airlines and how many aircraft have
22 had to sacrifice payload or make an en route stop for
23 fuel because of the present runway length.

24 That should be the driving force. But
25 the Airport Authority isn't giving any statistical data

1 in regard to that. All they're giving are projections
2 in regard to what they anticipate the problems will be.
3 And to me that's not good enough. What are the past
4 problems, if any.

5 Also, in regard to the noise contours,
6 the charts that display noise contours. I understand
7 that temperature -- that an average temperature was
8 used. I believe something like 60 degrees in regard to
9 the noise contours. I don't think that's appropriate.

10 I'm not in my backyard when the
11 temperature is 60 degrees. I'm out in my backyard when
12 the temperature is between 75 degrees and 95 degrees.

13 And at those temperatures aircraft
14 engine performance is significantly less. So that
15 means that that big 747 that is able to go over my
16 house or near my house in December or January or
17 February is going to be at a much higher altitude than
18 it would be in June, July or August.

19 The colder the temperature, the better
20 the aircraft engine performance. Bigger bang for the
21 buck. The air is much denser at cold temperatures and
22 the engine performance is much better. At high
23 temperatures air is less dense and engine performance
24 is poorer.

25 So that airplane, that 747, is going to

1 be much lower and making a lot more noise in June, July
2 and August than in the wintertime.

3 So I'm very unhappy about the noise
4 level charts that were shown at this presentation. A
5 more accurate representation of noise would be if
6 charts were made for the seasons of the year. Spring,
7 summer, fall and winter, rather than just using an
8 average temperature, I believe, it was 60 degrees.
9 That's not an accurate reflection of noise levels in
10 the summertime.

11 I'm against the extension of the runway
12 by 500 feet, Runway 27 right, because I haven't been
13 shown that it's warranted.

14 Estimated projections, unless they're
15 combined with actual payload problems, aren't accurate
16 as far as I'm concerned.

17 Thanks for your time.

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19 Kip Carr
20 2165 Rugby Avenue
College Park, Georgia 30337

21 MR. CARR: My name is Kip Carr. I
22 reside at 2165 Rugby Avenue in College Park. I am the
23 president of the College Park Historical Society.

24 I am not as impacted personally as
25 people who live in Ward 4. I reside in Ward 1.

1 However, I am very concerned about two components with
2 regard to the runway extension.

3 The first concern probably deals with
4 the level of noise and how I have seen the city
5 impacted on the noise issues.

6 I think that in looking at other cities
7 and other airports and the areas in which those areas
8 are situated, I noticed that there's information that's
9 made available with regard to the tracking of noise
10 complaints.

11 I looked for information comparable to
12 Hartsfield-Jackson with regard to noise complaints and
13 I could not find anything on that.

14 It may be if it's not required due to
15 FAA guidelines then -- but I think that because of the
16 unique location that this city is situated, I think
17 that all of the information that we have, it needs to
18 be disseminated in a manner that all stakeholders and
19 all affected parties can have access to the same
20 information.

21 The other area that I'm very concerned
22 with is the health impact and the impact that the noise
23 and the pollution has on this area.

24 We know that when runways are extended,
25 the construction that's brought into our area, there is

1 an environmental impact on that. It very well may be
2 the case that, in terms of environmental assessments
3 and other studies, that such projects may comply.
4 However, I think that we do not know enough in terms of
5 the health impact as far as noise and the pollution
6 that's involved.

7 I have seen some studies that indicate a
8 direct correlation between noise and heart disease and
9 other risk factors.

10 These are some areas that really needs
11 to be looked at when we begin discussing the extension
12 of runways and the like.

13 I want to make sure that I'm very
14 specific in the fact that I have not seen any
15 information with regard to the proposed runway
16 extension as it relates to pollution and the impact on
17 health.

18 I'm interested in learning of the
19 correlation of not just heart disease, but also cancer
20 and other health issues that may come as a result of
21 the airport noise or airplane noise.

22 The other factor that needs to also be
23 looked into, that is related to health, is the impact
24 that jet fuel would have in terms of leaking -- the
25 leakage of jet fuel and the impact on our sewer systems

1 and other infrastructure in our communities.

2 I think that that's something that they
3 probably do know enough about. However, I think that
4 type of information probably also needs to be made
5 available to those residents who are most affected.

6 And in the case of Hartsfield-Jackson
7 International Airport, I do believe that that means
8 residents of Ward 4 of the City of College Park,
9 residents of Ward 3 of the City of College Park, both
10 in Clayton County and in Fulton County.

11 I think that these type of public
12 hearings are healthy and informative, but I think they
13 should be held even if federal regulations did not
14 require them.

15 Because of the City of College Park's
16 unique relationship to Hartsfield Airport, I would
17 strongly recommend that there would be some level of
18 public hearings even when there are no proposals on the
19 table in an attempt to establish and maintain effective
20 lines of communication between the airport and the
21 community that is the most adversely impacted on it.

22 I think that's all I have.

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24 Patricia Simpson
25 2667 Brandon Road
College Park, Georgia 30337

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MS. SIMPSON: I just wanted to say the same thing I said before.

I live in -- I know we have more than 26 airplanes coming over our house now. I'm at the corner of Brandon and Green Springs Road in College Park.

They tell us that we're not in a flight path, but it definitely comes over. If it should triple or go five times more it would be unbearable.

I now have cracks in the foundation of my house. We cannot use our outdoor backyard or anything else. And I wish that they would consider the lives of people living up under the noise.

I understand it's advantage for the airport, to decrease in fuel, I think they said, and it would help -- I forgot the other reason they chose that path -- but they need to consider human life that's going to be also impacted by that noise.

I was living in that home well before the new old airport opened. And so I've seen quite a bit of difference over the years.

That's it.

(Off the record.)

MS. SIMPSON: One other thing.

I'm against the airport international

1 proposed extension of Runway 9L-27R.

2 Thank you.

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4 David Poythress, Sr.
4105 Herschel Road
5 College Park, Georgia 30337

6 MR. POYTHRESS: My name is David
7 Poythress, Sr., and I live at 4105 Herschel Road in
8 College Park.

9 And I've been over there about 15 years
10 and I know that the planes have lately got considerably
11 louder, really rattling the house a lot.

12 You know, they say that they bought the
13 air rights years ago, over 30 years, or however long
14 it's been when they did buy the air rights from the
15 neighborhood over there. But when they bought those
16 air rights Hartsfield was a small airport. Hartsfield
17 now is one of the largest airports in the world.

18 Now, if that still stands that just
19 tells me that they don't really care much about the
20 community because they're dumping more fuel, making
21 more noise. And by now being the largest airport in
22 the world how can those air rights still stand today
23 when it's much, much larger.

24 There's been a MARTA rail installed in
25 it, there's been another runway added on to it, there's

1 been a terminal added on to it. So it's not the same
2 as it was 30 years ago.

3 So why do we have to still live under
4 these conditions? Because the more traffic, the worse
5 are the conditions for the community. The more fuel
6 they dump, the more polluted the area are. The airport
7 puts off a lot of pollution.

8 So I'm just asking that they will just
9 be fair, you know, and consider the neighborhood.
10 Especially the Virginia Manor neighborhood. Consider
11 coming over there making some changes. Just
12 compensating the community. Because they're really
13 killing our neighborhood.

14 And that's all I have to say. Thanks so
15 much.

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17 Merri Sheffield
18 3366 College Street
19 College Park, Georgia 30337

20 MS. SHEFFIELD: My name is Merri
21 Sheffield and I live on College Street, which is in
22 Ward 1. I've lived there for 14 and a half years.

23 And six or eight months ago I suddenly
24 had things rattling, shaking off of my walls for the
25 first time ever. And I'm not even in the -- in what is
considered the impacted area. I am miles away from any

1 impacted area.

2 And I now have things bouncing off of
3 the walls. My dog barks constantly because he --
4 everything is shaking and he gets scared from the
5 noise. There are days when I hear humming for hours.

6 Just tonight when I went and took my dog
7 for a walk, it sounded as if an airplane was taking off
8 on the street next to me.

9 I understand that there was some cloud
10 cover today and that does change it, but I'm not a
11 newbie at this. I've been living in the area for a
12 long time. I grew up as an airplane brat. My dad
13 worked for Delta and retired from there.

14 And the thing is, right now I think
15 that, first off, input wasn't sought from the people
16 that are going to be impacted. You know, it's very
17 easy to stand back at a distance and say, let's do
18 this, without actually coming to the people.

19 The fact that we weren't notified ahead
20 of time, the fact that it was going on before anybody
21 ever said anything, to the people directly impacted is
22 just wrong.

23 At the meeting the other night I -- I
24 said that, you know, we look at all of these aerial
25 photos. And I think a lot of decisions have been made

1 based on aerial photos. And none of those aerial
2 photos reflect the faces and the people that this is
3 impacting.

4 And I think if the people that were
5 coming up with this plan had the courage to come out
6 and face to face look at 60- and 70-year-old people
7 whose whole livelihood has been in a very nice area and
8 now their lives are totally turned upside down, they
9 can't sleep at night. And I know that they can't -- I
10 know they're having problems because they're right
11 underneath it. And I'm miles away from it.

12 You know, it's always been, since I've
13 been living there, that people would come to my house
14 and be surprised that you didn't even have any impact.
15 You wouldn't even notice it, you know. And now that's
16 not the case anymore.

17 And I would just ask that people take a
18 step back and get input from people who are actually
19 impacted and do it in a face-to-face type of way.

20 It's very easy to have a court reporter
21 type up the comments. But when you have to look in the
22 eyes of the people whose lives are being decimated by
23 this, it's very hard to not see the pain being caused
24 by what is considered to be an economic impact of being
25 able to go to Korea nonstop.

1 And there's a point at which we have to
2 be able to say that the people in College Park, life
3 means something as well.

4 I'm hoping that this all brings Atlanta
5 and the City of College Park to the table and gets some
6 of the issues resolved. Which I think can resolve this
7 overall issue and the problem. But until that happens
8 it's just going to continue to be a nightmare.

9 Okay. And also one other suggestion
10 that I would have. I think that they need to revisit
11 the noise abatement issue. Because technology in the
12 '70s for putting in noise abatement is completely
13 different.

14 My house, the thing, the noise abatement
15 was installed in my house and it did have an affect
16 from what was the case then. It did a good job.

17 However, now they're counting on making
18 complete changes to the plan that the noise abatement
19 was put in place to prevent. And it did its job. But
20 now with those changes I think they need to revisit
21 that and make sure that the noise is abated in the
22 similar fashion that it was before the changes were
23 made.

24 And also I think that they need to look
25 at the aspect, you know, the pollution aspect, which I

1 don't think, from what I understand from the people
2 from the airport, the things such as, you know, dirt
3 and grime on your house and cars and your furniture
4 with black and -- there's black, greasy film on your
5 lawn furniture. And that didn't used to be like that.
6 And we deserve better.

7 And they need to just make sure that
8 they do more than just look at a bird's eye view.
9 Because just like the birds that flew into the airplane
10 that caused it to crash, sometimes something that looks
11 very simple and like no big deal actually turns into a
12 very big deal.

13 And I hope that they do that before they
14 just blow these people off as, oh, it's just a few
15 people in College Park that are complaining.

16 Okay. Thank you so much.

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18 (Workshop concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF DEKALB:

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This 6th day of March 2009

Judith L. Leitz, CCR-B-2312