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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SITKA AIRPORT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Sitka, AK – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will hold a public information meeting on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport on Tuesday, May 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sitka's Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. As operator of the airport and sponsor of the proposed actions being evaluated in the EIS, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will also be present to answer questions.

Building on input from previous public meetings, the FAA is now refining the range of possible alternatives for proposed improvements to the runway safety area, as well as other airport improvements. At the May 15 public meeting, participants can: review and provide comments on the range of runway safety area alternatives being considered; review and provide comments on alternatives for the other EIS projects; learn about the environmental studies completed to date; and meet members of the project team. The EIS team will provide an overview of the project to date in a formal presentation starting at 6 p.m.

In addition to the runway safety area improvements, other proposed EIS projects include: the installation of an approach lighting system, extension of the parallel taxiway, relocation of the seaplane pullout, and repairs and improvements to the airport's seawall.

The FAA is working with tribal governments, and federal, state and local agencies that have jurisdiction and expertise in environmental resources associated with the proposed projects. Additional information and comment opportunities are available at the FAA's project website: www.sitkaeis.com

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