

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of Impacts to Wetlands and Floodplains in Accordance with Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order (E.O) 11988, Floodplain Management; Section 2(b) of E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands; and Section 7 of DOT Order 5650.2 Floodplain Management and Protection

PROJECT: Punta Gorda Airport Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

LOCATION: Punta Gorda Airport (PGD), Punta Gorda, FL

SPONSOR: Charlotte County Airport Authority

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA) is making available for public and agency review and comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the airport development projects identified in the Punta Gorda Airport's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. After comments from the public and federal, state and local agencies are considered and responded to in the Final EA, the Final EA will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for the agency's environmental determination.

Proposed Airport Improvements: The proposed improvements, collectively referred to in the Draft EA as the Proposed Project, include the following development actions: 1) improving runway safety and function by reconstructing/rehabilitating Runway 04/22 and extending and rehabilitating Runway 15/33; 2) developing a new general aviation terminal facility and new flight school facilities; 3) expanding parking facilities by providing additional public parking and rental car areas; and 4) performing wildlife hazard habitat management by removing several wetland areas on the airfield.

The Proposed Project will affect approximately 37 acres of wetlands and approximately 3 acres of 100-year floodplains. The Proposed Project includes mitigation measures for unavoidable impacts to these resources.

Draft EA Availability: A copy of the Draft EA is available for public review on the CCAA website at <https://www.flypgd.com/master-plan>. The document will also be available for review during regular business hours at the locations listed below:

Punta Gorda Airport
28000 A-1 Airport Rd
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Vernon Peeples Library
26300 Airport Rd
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Punta Gorda Public Library
424 W Henry St
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing: A combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, located at 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

The purpose of the combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing is to receive and consider public comments on the social, economic and environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The Public Information Workshop portion of the proceedings will begin at 4:00 p.m., where representatives of CCAA will be available to answer questions in an Open House format. The Public Hearing will convene at 5:30 p.m., where attendees will be given the opportunity to submit written comments, or give verbal comments to a court reporter. No formal presentation will be made.

Comment Period: Written comments on the Draft EA will also be accepted by mail if they are postmarked no later than March 8, 2019. All comments will be carefully reviewed and addressed in a Final Environmental Assessment. Written comments can be submitted at the Public Hearing or mailed to:

Charlotte County Airport Authority
Punta Gorda Airport
Attention: Ron D. Ridenour Jr., Project Manager
28000 A-1 Airport Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Please note that comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, it cannot be guaranteed that it will be withheld.

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