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DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Airport Noise Compatibility Study Begins

DULUTH, MN - The Duluth Airport Authority (DAA) is initiating a study, commonly referred to as a Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study (Part 150 Study), to document the levels of noise from aircraft operations at Duluth International Airport (DLH). The purpose for conducting this Part 150 Study at DLH is to develop a balanced and cost-effective plan to reduce current noise impacts from aircraft operations, where practical, and to limit the potential for future impacts.

The Part 150 Study will be conducted under guidance provided in Part 150 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The first component of the study is to identify Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) and the second is to develop a Noise Compatibility Program (NCP). The NEMs provide information on the existing noise levels, as well as the expected noise levels for the next five years. The NCP sets forth measures intended to mitigate the impacts of significant noise exposure on residential areas near DLH and to limit, to the extent possible, the introduction of new land uses into locations exposed to significant noise levels. Levels of significance are identified in the Federal Aviation Regulations.

An important element of a successful Part 150 Study at DLH is for the airport staff and consulting team to hear from residents of the communities in the vicinity of the airport that are most affected by aircraft noise levels. To make this possible, a Public Information Workshop will take place on October 2nd, 2019, at the following location:

Duluth International Airport
Amatuzzio Conference Room
4701 Grinden Drive
Duluth, MN 55811

October 2, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Residents and, business owners, are encouraged to attend the workshop to provide input, ask questions, and gain an understanding of the scope and purpose of the study.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), whose officials and air traffic control professionals are participating in the study process, provides funding for the Noise Compatibility Study. The FAA also reviews the results of the Part 150 Study and approves measures to limit the noise impact on local residents. An airport with an FAA-approved NCP is eligible for funding assistance to implement the measures in the NCP.

The DAA has contracted with Landrum & Brown, an internationally-recognized aviation planning firm, to



conduct this study. The study is anticipated to take approximately 18 months.

About Duluth International Airport

The new state-of-the-art passenger terminal at the Duluth International Airport opened for business on January 14, 2013. Currently, United Airlines offers three daily nonstop flights to Chicago, Delta offers five daily nonstop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul, and American Airlines offers two daily nonstop flights to Chicago. We are committed to providing our customers with superior services in a safe, secure and professional environment. Be sure to visit our new Club DLH Business Suite, designed with the working traveler in mind. Visit duluthairport.com, follow us on Twitter @DuluthAirport, and like us at facebook.com/duluthairport.