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## **Public meetings provide opportunity to comment on draft environmental assessment for development plans at John Glenn International**

COLUMBUS – The Columbus Regional Airport Authority will host two public hearings to obtain comments on the draft environmental assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed new terminal and midfield development program and other improvements at John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

The new terminal and midfield development program addresses aging infrastructure and the need to accommodate future passenger growth. John Glenn International, which provides up to 150 daily departures to 34 destinations, has experienced steady long-term growth including a 15 percent increase in passengers over the last two years. Long-term growth is projected to continue.

The midfield development program includes construction of new facilities such as a terminal, parking garage and rental car facility. The program also includes space for new hotels and restaurants, and other projects aimed at updating airport facilities. The first highly visible aspect of the program would start in 2018 with the construction of a new rental car facility slated to open in 2020.

The draft environmental assessment, which is the responsibility of the Federal Aviation Administration and required by the National Environmental Policy Act, analyzes several environmental issues that may be affected by the proposed development and discusses reasonable alternatives to mitigate any issues. Environmental topics that are being analyzed include air quality, land use, wetlands, biological resources, historic properties, surface transportation, construction impacts and other possible issues.

The public comment period for this draft environmental assessment began on March 28 and concludes May 12. Two public information workshops and concurrent public hearings will be held as indicated below with airport and consultant staff in attendance to answer questions and accept public comments.

**April 26, 6-8 p.m.**  
Gahanna Senior Center  
480 Rocky Fork Blvd  
Gahanna, OH 43230

**April 27, 6-8 p.m.**  
Days Inn Columbus Airport  
750 Stelzer Road,  
Columbus, OH 43219

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The draft environmental assessment can be reviewed for comment at <http://www.airportprojects.net/cmh-mdp-ea> or during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, 11677 South Wayne Road, Ste. 107, Romulus, MI 48174 (Telephone: 734-229-2900)
- Columbus Regional Airport Authority, John Glenn Columbus International Airport, Administrative Offices, 4600 International Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219 (Telephone: Mark Kelby, Project Manager, 614-239-5014)
- Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main Branch, 96 South Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215 (Telephone: 614-645-2275)
- Gahanna Branch Library, 310 Granville Street, Gahanna, OH 43230 (Telephone: 614-645-2275)
- Linden Branch Library, 2223 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211 (Telephone: 614-645-2275)
- Shepard Branch Library, 850 North Nelson Road, Columbus, OH 43219 (Telephone: 614-645-2275)
- Whitehall Branch Library, 4445 East Broad Street, Whitehall, OH 43213 (Telephone: 614-645-2275)
- Bexley Public Library, 2411 East Main Street, Bexley, OH 43209 (Telephone: 614-231-2793)

Comments on the draft environmental assessment can also be emailed to [csandfoss@landrum-brown.com](mailto:csandfoss@landrum-brown.com) or mailed to the attention of:

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All comments via email or letter must be received or postmarked no later than midnight, Friday, May 12.

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