

June 15, 2016

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**Subject: Phoenix Metroplex EA**

Dear Ms. Ray:

The FAA's NOI (Notice of Intent) for the Phoenix Metroplex Project EA, dated March 27, 2015, stated the FAA intends to hold public workshop(s) following publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and that the purpose of the NOI is to provide us an opportunity to advise FAA of any issues, concerns, policies or regulations regarding the environmental analysis.

In response to the NOI, we sent a letter dated April 23, 2015 specifically advising the FAA of our issues, concerns and policies:

- Conduct formal public scoping meetings
- Extend the 45-day NOI comment period
- Ensure airport operator participation in route design
- Publish the NOI distribution list

After receiving no written response, we sent a second letter on July 22, 2015 to the FAA again requesting formal public scoping, airport participation in route design and review of distribution list stakeholders.

While the FAA has documented their intent to delay the EA [see FAA letters to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (12/24/15) and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (1/20/16)]; disappointingly, to date, the FAA has not provided a response to either of our letters.

In consideration of the preceding, the Airport Managers of Arizona (as noted below) request the following documentation or commitment from FAA by August 15, 2016:

- FAA's public involvement plan for the Phoenix Metroplex EA, including methods for ensuring technical participation by all affected airport managers.
- FAA's commitment to stop designing new routes until community meetings have been held.
- FAA's commitment to utilize alternative noise and emission impact metrics and perform related mapping and analysis, as determined necessary by the community.

Alternatively, we support the FAA's abandonment of the EA all together so that the more appropriate and structured process of an Environmental Impact Statement may commence.

If the August 15<sup>th</sup> response deadline cannot be met please let us know, otherwise we look forward to your timely response.

Respectfully,



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