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## Collier County Legislative Delegation Meeting September 11, 2023

Originally constructed as the Naples Army Airfield in 1943, the Naples Airport serviced over 113,000 flights in the last fiscal year and is among the busiest in the nation for private air travel. A recent survey of passengers showed that 82% either own property in Collier County or were coming to purchase property. The airport is also home to numerous public services, including Fire/Rescue, EMS MedFlight, Mosquito Control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit, Civil Air Patrol and the Humane Society.

All funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or state and federal aviation grants. The airport receives no local tax dollars. In 2022, the Florida Department of Transportation estimated the airport supports more than 5,400 jobs and has an annual economic impact of more than \$781 million.



City of Naples  
Fire/Rescue



Collier County  
MedFlight



Collier Mosquito  
Control District



Collier County  
Sheriff

### Part 150 Noise Study

In 2019, the NAA initiated a Part 150 Noise Study due to increased jet activity over the past several years. The final Noise Compatibility Plan (NCP) was completed and submitted to the FAA for approval in June 2023. The final NCP included 8 noise abatement recommendations, 6 land use recommendations and 6 program management recommendations.

Once the FAA formally accepts the NCP, they will have 180 days to approve the measures included. Additional information may be found at <https://www.flyneples.com/noisestudy/>.

### Flight Procedure Design

Recognizing our role as an advocate for the community, instead of waiting for the FAA to complete their review and approval of the noise study, the NAA is working to expedite the implementation of new, quieter flight procedures by hiring an outside flight procedure design firm to create a complete set of procedures to submit to the FAA. Submitting fully designed procedures should dramatically reduce the approval time, compared to waiting for the FAA to design the procedures.

Procedures being designed include:

- Increase/remove the 2,000' hold down on all departures
- Increased glideslope for all runways
- Optimized Profile Descent Procedures (OPDs) for all runways
- Explore/design a Runway 23 "Bay" Departure
- Explore/design a Goodlette Road Departure

## Airport Exploratory Study

In June the NAA hired an independent consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the possibility of relocating the airport. The study will look at countless factors in determining feasibility including available land, cost of relocation, environmental impacts, community impacts and benefits.

The study will provide the most accurate, realistic analysis of the feasibility of relocating the airport along with the cost associated with doing so. The study is expected to commence this fall and be completed by spring 2024.

## Legislative Support

In the 2023 Legislative Session, the Legislature approved two bills of concern to the Naples Airport because they could lead to safety concerns and additional noise sensitive residences near an airport.

**SB 102** requires cities and counties to allow multifamily and mixed used development to be constructed on areas currently zoned as commercial, industrial, or mixed use (including near an airport) if the project meets certain affordable housing criteria. It also prohibits height restrictions which could conflict with FAA regulations. We believe the following draft language would remedy these unintended consequences:

*Amend 125.01055 7(h) and 166.0411 7(h)*

*“This section does not apply to commercial or industrial areas subject to airport zoning regulations as provided in Chapter 333...”*

**HB 425** unintentionally weakens land use zoning protections around airports, which are critical for ensuring the highest level of safety and noise abatement. We believe the following language would resolve the unintended consequences created by this bill:

*“The prohibition of residential construction under this section shall not apply at airports with single grass runways that are less than 3,000 feet in length as its sole runway.”*

## Trends

In FY 2023 the Naples Airport has seen a number of positive noise related trends. When compared to FY 22:

