

Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Improvements at South Central Regional Airport Mahaska County, Iowa

The South Central Regional Airport Agency (SCRAA) intends to undertake the following proposed actions at the proposed South Central Regional Airport.

- Acquire 582 acres of land in fee title
- Disconnect County Road- 220th Street
- Construct primary runway (Runway 14/32), paved-concrete, 100 feet in width and 6,700 feet in length
- Equip the primary runway with high intensity threshold and edge lights, visual guidance slope indicator lights, and lighted wind indicators
- Construct a full parallel taxiway 35 feet in width to serve the primary runway, install taxiway edge lights and airfield guidance signage
- Construct terminal apron to accommodate 18 airplanes
- Construct vehicle access from Iowa Highway 163 via 220th Street to the terminal building and aircraft hangars
- Construct terminal building
- Construct Fixed Based Operator (FBO) maintenance facility
- Construct aircraft storage facilities for 52 aircraft
- Install above ground fuel storage tanks and dispensing equipment
- Provide water, sanitary sewer, electrical, and communication services
- Install airport rotating beacon light and All Weather Observing System (AWOS)
- Remove trees and other obstructions, install perimeter and security fencing, plant trees and shrubs to screen terminal area development from adjacent property that are potential eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- Rough grade crosswind runway (Runway 10/28), 120 feet in width and 4,380 feet in length (paving and lighting of crosswind runway is anticipated in 10 + years)
- Develop new instrument approach procedures to Runways 14 and 32
- Install approach light system on Runway 32
- Close the existing Pella Municipal Airport, dispose of airport assets and convert existing site to non-aeronautical uses
- Close the existing Oskaloosa Municipal Airport, dispose of airport assets and convert existing site to non- aeronautical uses

We are providing notice of a public hearing where we will address the proposed actions, potential economic, social, and environmental impacts. In addition, we will address the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the affected area's land use or planning strategy.

Potential affected environmental resources include:

- Prime farm land
- Wetlands
- Waters (of the U.S.)
- Historic Properties: An adverse effect to a historic property is being mitigated through a Project Programmatic Agreement (PPA) per section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

The public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

November 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Oskaloosa High School- George Daily Auditorium
1816 N 3rd Street
Oskaloosa, Iowa

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) describing the proposed actions impacts will be available for public review. The draft EA may be viewed at:

- Pella Public Library (603 Main Street – Pella, IA)
- Oskaloosa Public Library (301 South Market Street – Oskaloosa, IA)
- Pella City Hall (825 Broadway Street – Pella, IA)
- Oskaloosa City Hall (220 South Market Street – Oskaloosa, IA)
- Mahaska County Court House (106 South 1st Street – Oskaloosa, IA)
- SCRAA Website: www.scraaiowa.com
- City of Pella Website: www.cityofpella.com
- City of Oskaloosa Website: www.oskaloosaiowa.org

Those wishing to submit written comments must do so to:

South Central Regional Airport Agency
825 Broadway
Pella, Iowa 50219

or

Scott Tener
Federal Aviation Administration, ACE-611F
901 Locust St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

With the comment letter postmarked no later than November 29, 2016.

Those wishing to submit comments electronically may do so via the South Central Regional Airport Agency Website: www.SCRAAiowa.com. Electronic comments must be received on or before November 29, 2016.

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 us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.