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June 23, 2010

Mr. Robert Gilbert  
Deputy Executive Director - Facilities  
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority  
Orlando International Airport  
One Airport Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32827

Re: Orlando International Airport – Airfield Modifications for New Large Aircraft (NLA)

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA), as the Airport Sponsor, has requested the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approve proposed airfield modifications at the Orlando International Airport (OIA) in order for Group VI aircraft (such as the Airbus A-380 or the Boeing 747-800), to operate at the Airport. To facilitate approval of the requested actions, GOAA has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated June 14, 2010. The Proposed Action environmentally analyzed in the EA includes the following projects: Taxiway B Shoulder Widening from Taxiway (TW) F to TW B2; Taxiway B-1 Shoulder Widening from TW B to TW A; Taxiway F Bridge Improvements; Airside 4 Gate Modifications; Taxiway B-2 Extension.

The FAA has independently reviewed the EA prepared by the Airport Sponsor and determined that it is in accordance with FAA's regulations and is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 1500) as well as FAA's Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. Consistent with 40 CFR 1501.4(e), the FAA has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), concluding that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this Proposed Action is not necessary. Enclosed are signed originals of the EA and the FONSI.

The FONSI is issued pursuant to any requirements for mitigation and permits that are discussed and indicated in the EA, and which are considered to be conditions of approval.

In accordance with the regulations implementing NEPA, notice of the FONSI, accompanied by the EA, must be made public. The enclosed notice should be placed in a local newspaper(s) as soon as possible for a minimum of three days. The EA and

FONSI should be posted on the Airport's public website. Please provide this office with a certified copy of the newspaper notice as it appears in print.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (407) 812-6331, extension 129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Lane". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Virginia Lane, Environmental Specialist

Enclosures

cc: FDOT, District 5 w/o enclosures