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INTRODUCTION

As part of the planning process, the public, airport users, and local, state, and Federal agencies were given the opportunity to review and comment on the Noise Exposure Maps and supporting documentation. Materials prepared by the consultant were submitted for local review, discussion, and revision at several points during the process.

Much of the local coordination was handled through a special study committee formed specifically to provide advice and feedback on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. Known as the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), it included representatives of all affected groups, including local residents, airport users, officials from

the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, and Tempe, the County of Maricopa, the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community, the Maricopa Association of Governments, the State of Arizona Department of Transportation, air traffic control, local businesses, school districts, airlines, aviation organizations, and the Federal Aviation Administration. (A list of the PAC members is presented in Appendix A)

The PAC reviewed and commented on the working papers prepared by the consultant and provided guidance for the next phases of the study. Most comments were made orally during the meetings, but some were followed by written confirmation. All comments were appropriately incorporated into this document or otherwise addressed.

The PAC met two times during the preparation of the Noise Exposure Maps. The first meeting was held on November 17, 1998 to introduce the participants, describe the study process, discuss goals and objectives, distribute the study workbooks, and hear comments and views pertaining to conditions at the airport.

The second PAC Meeting was held on April 26, 1999. Chapters One, Inventory, Two, Aviation Noise, and Three, Noise Impacts were discussed. Many questions and comments were raised about the effects of aircraft noise on residential areas around the airport. A number of additional questions pertained to the methodology used to develop the study's noise contours. At the close of the meeting, members were told that the next step of the study would involve the analysis of noise abatement and land use management alternatives.

Immediately following the second PAC meeting, the general public was invited to a Public Information Meeting. This meeting was structured as an informal open-house, with display boards and information posted throughout the

meeting room. The meeting allowed citizens to acquire information about the F.A.R. Part 150 Study process, baseline noise analysis, ask questions, and express concerns. The meeting also was intended to encourage two-way communication between the airport staff, consultants and local citizens.

In addition to these formal meetings, many written and verbal contacts were made between project management staff and officials of local and Federal agencies, representatives of various aviation user groups, and local residents. These were related to the day-to-day management of the project, as well as the resolution of specific questions and concerns arising from the working papers.

A supplemental volume entitled "Supporting Information on Project Coordination and Local Consultation" contains detailed information in support of the Noise Exposure Maps document. It includes copies of meeting announcements, summary notes from the meetings, sign-in sheets, and all written comments received on the Noise Exposure Maps study.