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Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Land Reuse Strategy

Dear Jordan,

This letter serves as the response to the submittal dated January 12, 2018 regarding the Phoenix Land Reuse Strategy (LRS). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed the LRS, which highlights the community's input for the future uses of property adjacent to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) and is the precursor to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funded Pilot Program for the Redevelopment of Acquired Noise Land Properties.

In reviewing the LRS, the FAA has concerns with the proposed reintroduction of residential land uses in areas where noise mitigation previously occurred. Specifically, as the proposal relates to the "Core Village" concept; we are concerned that it is in close proximity to the current 65 DNL contour (2015), shown as being within the future 65 DNL contour (2025), and would lead to the community's increased exposure to aircraft noise. This increased community exposure is contrary to the intent of land acquisition/noise mitigation.

In 2015, the City of Phoenix received AIP grant funding for the Redevelopment of Acquired Noise Land Properties. One of the goals of this AIP grant is to explore and determine if previously acquired airport noise land can be redeveloped to ensure compatibility with airport use. Allowing the re-development of noise land to include the re-introduction of residential land uses that were previously identified by the airport sponsor as non-compatible, is inherently inconsistent with the goals of this program. Moreover, it may also be inconsistent with Grant Assurance 21, Compatible Land Use; and Grant Assurance 31, Disposal of Land.

We remind the City that both federal and local funds were utilized in this area for the specific purpose of acquiring noise-impacted properties to ensure reduced noise impacts on the community. Therefore, the FAA cannot support the re-introduction of residential land uses within the study area.

The FAA is supportive of the City's continued efforts to find commercial, industrial, and business/flex redevelopment opportunities that maintain compatible land use while supporting the airport's goals.

If you have any questions please contact me at 602-792-1064.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike N. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "W".

Mike N. Williams, A.A.E.
Manager