

Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park (RGLP) Cargo Campus

Environmental Assessment (EA)

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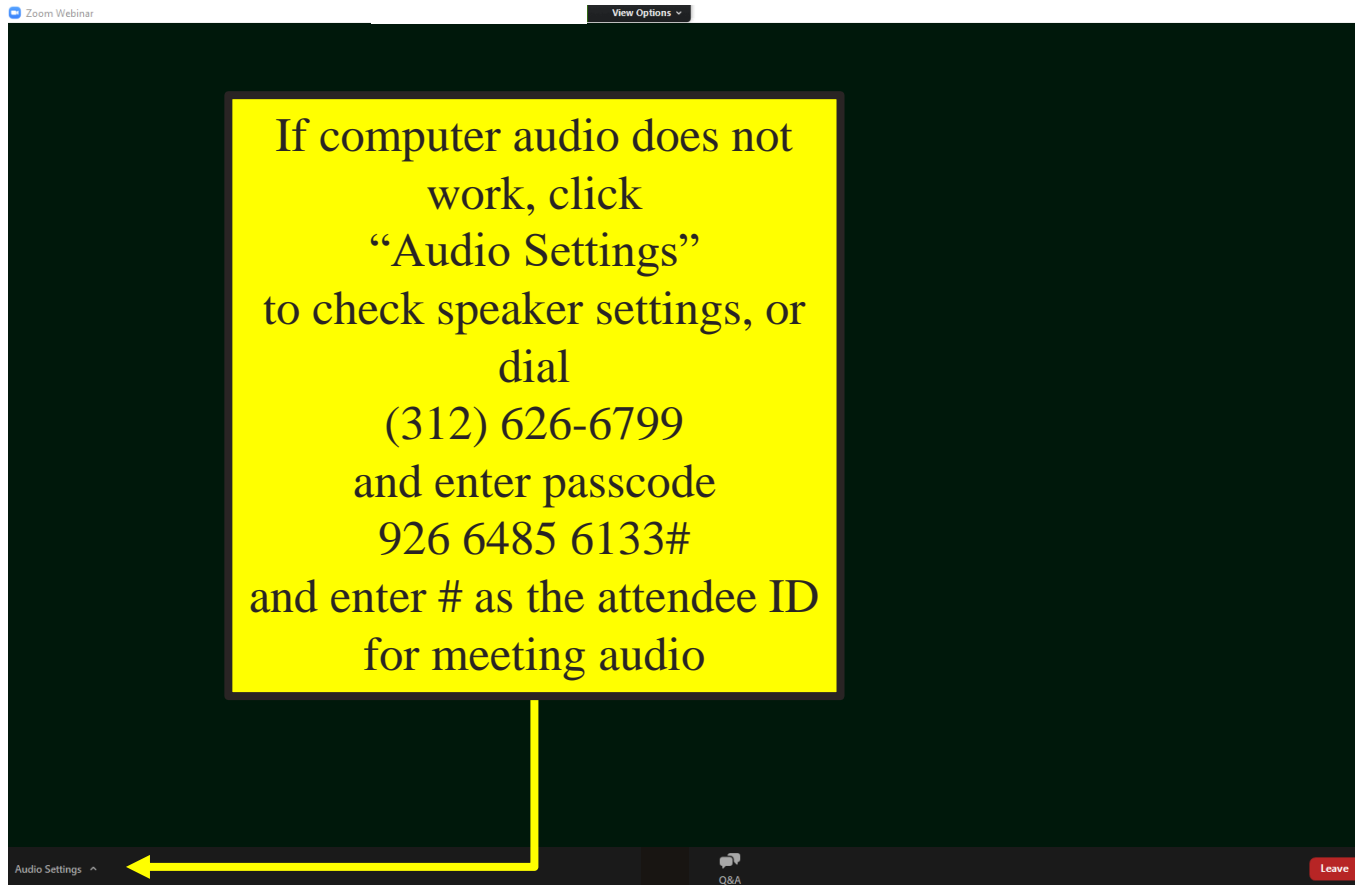


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Agenda

- Welcome and Discussion of Virtual Meeting Resources
- Environmental Assessment (EA) Process
- Proposed Action
- Environmental Resource Categories
- EA Findings
- Next Steps

Meeting Resources



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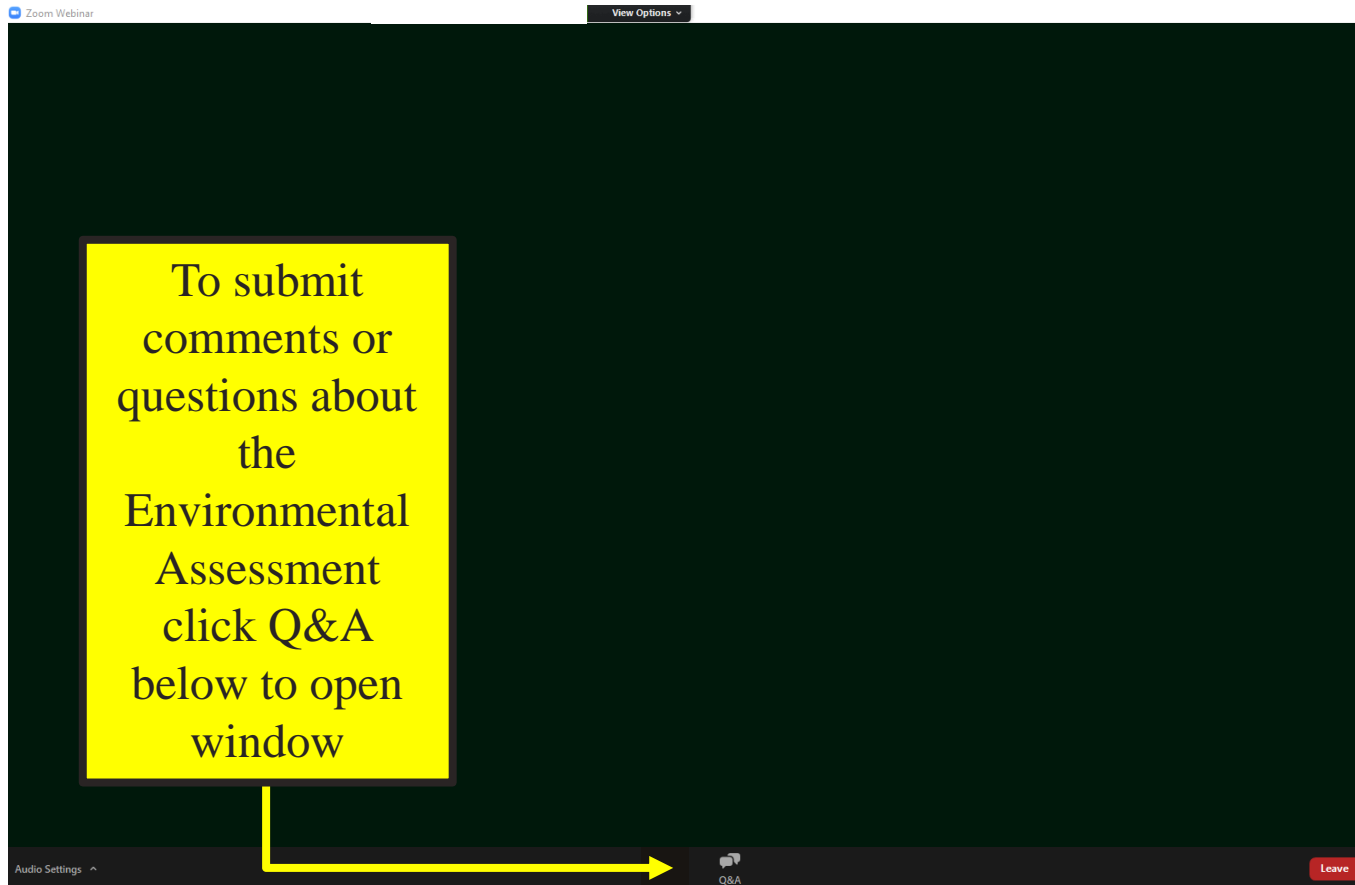
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Meeting Resources



Meeting Resources

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There are two yellow callout boxes with black borders. The left box contains the text: "To submit comments or questions about the Environmental Assessment click Q&A below to open window". A yellow arrow points from this box to the "Q&A" icon in the bottom toolbar. The right box contains the text: "When the window opens, type your comment here". A yellow arrow points from this box to the "Type your question here..." input field.

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Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

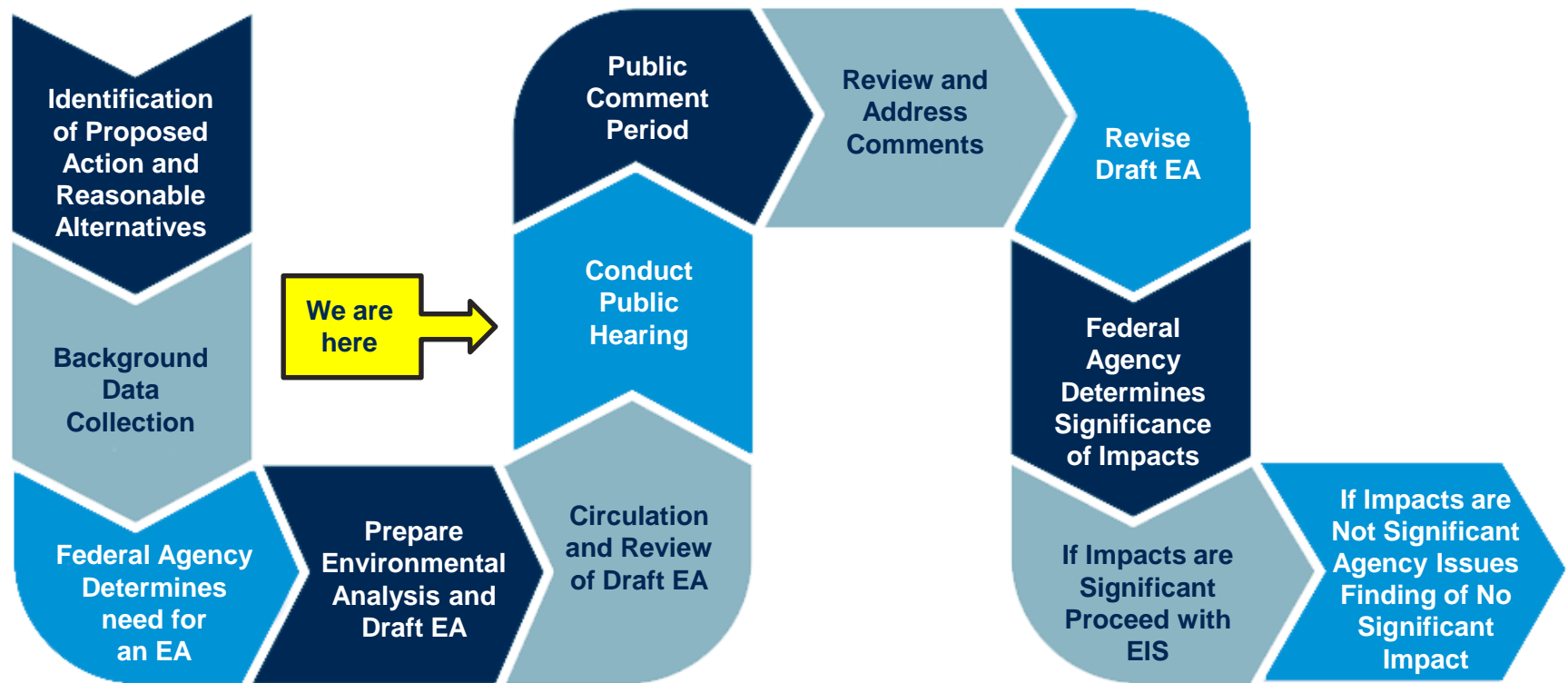
- Federal statute
- Requires Federal agencies to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposed project
- Requires public review and comment before making decisions

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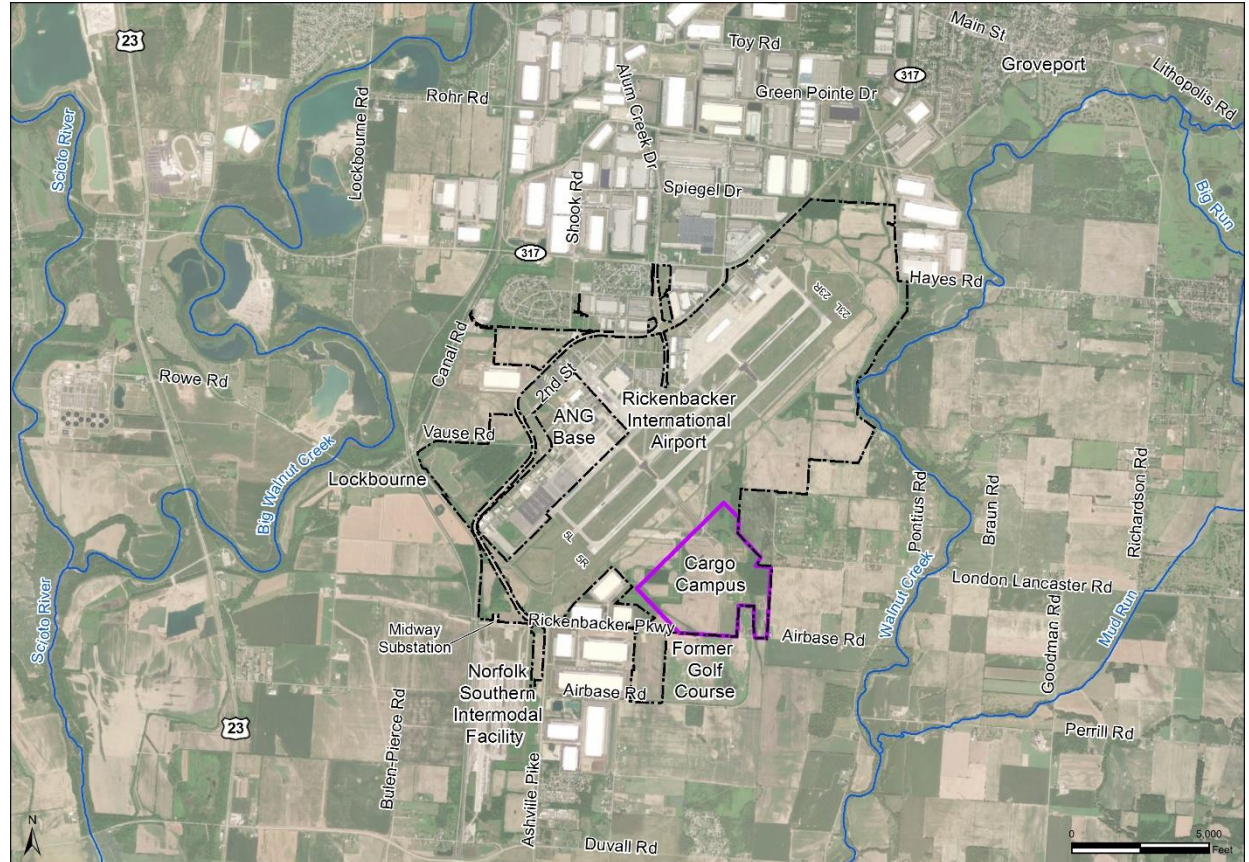
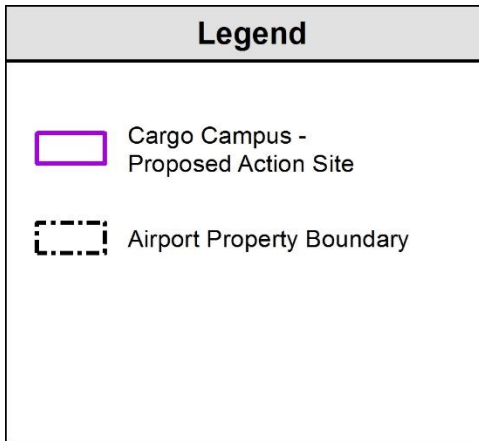
What is an EA?

- An EA is a “concise public document” that identifies environmental effects of a proposed action.
- An EA:
 - Defines the purpose and need
 - Considers the range of reasonable alternatives
 - Analyzes the potential impacts of a proposed project and its alternatives
 - Demonstrates compliance with other Executive Orders and environmental statutes
- Serves as the basis for either a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

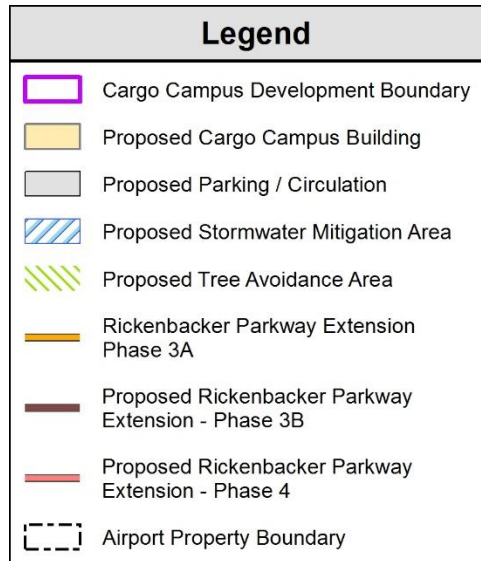
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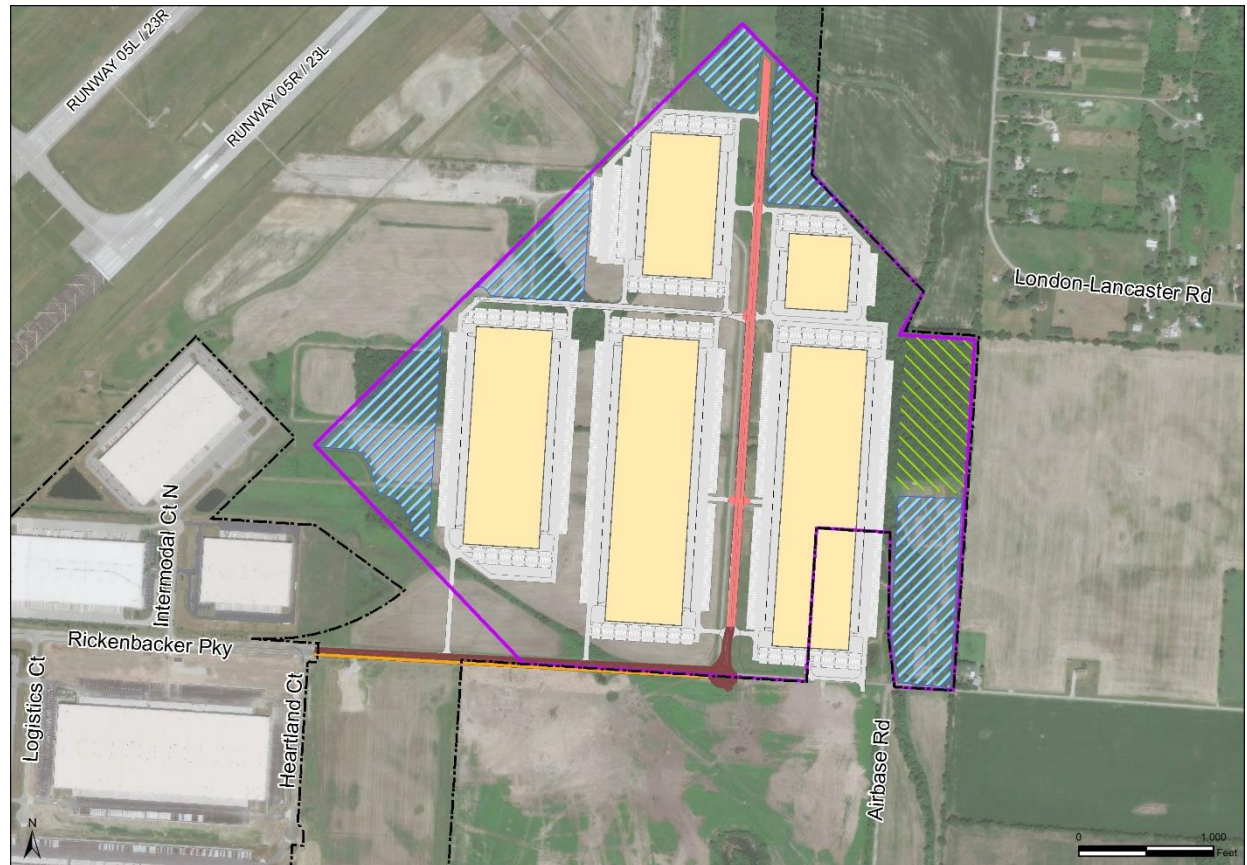
RGLP Cargo Campus – Project Location



RGLP Cargo Campus – Proposed Action



The drawing shows a conceptual layout of buildings, roadways, and parking. The final design, orientation, and location will be dependent upon the needs of the future tenants. The overall project boundary and proposed tree avoidance area will not change as the site is developed.



Proposed Action

Purpose and Need

- The purpose for the Proposed Action is to provide additional revenue to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority and to accommodate the demand for commercial/industrial facilities that includes bulk distribution warehouses with convenient access to an intermodal terminal within the Columbus Region.

Findings

Environmental Resource Categories

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Climate
- Coastal Resources
- Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) Resources
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention
- Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use
- Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Health and Safety Risks
- Visual Effects and Light Impacts
- Water Resources (Wetlands / Surface Water / Floodplains / Groundwater / Wild & Scenic Rivers)

Findings

Air Quality

- Emissions would occur from construction equipment and operation of trucks at the proposed commercial bulk distribution warehouses.
- Emissions would not exceed applicable de minimis levels
- No violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards would occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Biological Resources

- No adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species are anticipated as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Climate

- Increase in greenhouse gas emissions would occur due to operation of construction equipment and trucks at the proposed commercial bulk distribution warehouses as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Coastal Resources

- No Resources Present

Findings

Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f) Resources

- No direct or indirect impact would occur to public parks, recreation facilities, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or historic sites due to the Proposed Action.

Findings

Farmlands

- Some of the property is leased for farming activity; however, the land is a small percentage of farmland in the Columbus Region. Therefore, no significant impacts to farmland would occur due to the Proposed Action.

Findings

Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention

- All applicable laws regarding use, transport, and storage of hazardous waste would be adhered to.
- Therefore, no hazardous conditions would occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources

- No adverse effects would occur to any resources on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Land Use

- The Proposed Action would not be inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.

Findings

Natural Resources and Energy Supply

- The Proposed Action would not cause demand for energy supplies or natural resources to exceed local energy capacity or construction material supplies.

Findings

Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use

- No change in aircraft operations would occur at Rickenbacker International Airport as a result of the Proposed Action.
- Therefore, no aircraft noise impacts would occur.
- Noise from trucks is not expected to be significantly different from existing traffic levels.

Findings

Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Health and Safety Risks

- No relocation of businesses or residences or disruption of an established community would occur.
- Truck traffic would increase on Rickenbacker Parkway and other routes to major highways. ODOT and local jurisdictions would be expected to continue to monitor traffic levels and implement traffic improvements as necessary.
- No disproportionate impacts to minority or low-income populations would occur.
- No impacts to children's health and safety would occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Findings

Visual Effects and Light Impacts

- The Proposed Action would include new development and lighting that is similar to existing commercial warehouses in the vicinity.
- Trees on the southeast corner of the Proposed Action site would be avoided during construction to provide a visual buffer between residences east of the Proposed Action site on Airbase Road.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently conducting a study to determine clean-up requirements from former military training activity that occurred on this site. Depending upon the findings, USACE may be required to clear the trees to remediate the site.

Findings

Water Resources

- Wetlands & Streams: The Proposed Action would impact approximately 4,900 linear feet of streams and 4.3 acres of wetlands. Permits would be obtained and mitigation would be implemented in accordance with Sections 401 & 404 of the Clean Water Act to offset impacts.
- Floodplains: The Proposed Action would not encroach upon or impact a 100-year floodplain.
- Groundwater: No groundwater sources would be impacted by the Proposed Action.
- Wild and Scenic Rivers: No resources present

Next Steps

- Public comment period ends May 5, 2021
- Review of public and agency comments
- Address comments and revise Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Submit Final EA for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Review

Where to review the Draft EA

Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) - By request - Contact (513) 818-0617 for an appointment

- **Rickenbacker International Airport**
Administration Building
Operations Department
7250 Starcheck Drive, Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43217
- **John Glenn Columbus International Airport**
Administrative Offices
4600 International Gateway
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Local Libraries - Contact library staff prior to arrival to confirm hours and availability

- **Pickaway County Library**
Floyd E. Yunkin Branch
51 Long St.
Ashville, Ohio 43103
Phone: (740) 983-8856
- **Columbus Metropolitan Library**
Southeast Branch
3980 S. Hamilton Road
Groveport, OH 43125
Phone: (614) 645-2275

Review Online

- www.airportprojects.net/lck-campus-ea

How to submit comments

Using the Q&A function during the meeting until 7pm

- Email: LCK-EA@landrumbrown.com

- Mail:

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- Please submit comments by May 5, 2021
- A copy of this presentation will be available online following this meeting.