

CHAPTER 7.0

COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

7.1 INTRODUCTION

An extensive public involvement program was implemented to ensure that information was provided to the general public and public agencies from the earliest stages of project planning, and that input from interested parties was received and reviewed throughout the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The primary components of the program included:

- Establishment of an EIS website to post information about the EIS, the progress of the EIS, and notifications of upcoming Public Involvement opportunities;
- Agency and Public Scoping Meetings;
- Focus Group Meetings;
- An Alternatives Public Workshop;
- A Public Workshop on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); and
- A Public Hearing.

An internet website was established specifically for this EIS and was used by the FAA to inform the public of project-related information, the status of the study, and opportunities for public involvement. In addition, an EIS e-mail address was set up for the purpose of allowing the public to submit comments to the FAA at any time throughout the EIS process.

Keeping the public informed and obtaining their input was considered an integral part of the EIS process. [Table 7.1-1](#) summarizes agency and public meetings held in association with the EIS. The following sections of this chapter summarize the public involvement process undertaken to-date. Supporting information such as meeting notifications, handout materials, and sign-in sheets are provided in [Appendix J](#) of this DEIS.

7.2 SCOPING MEETINGS

Two Scoping Meetings consisting of an Agency Scoping Meeting and a Public Scoping Meeting were conducted by the FAA to provide an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed within the EIS, and for identifying significant issues to the resource agencies and the public related to the Proposed Project at Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA). "Scope" is defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations as the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in depth within an EIS. In order to determine the range of actions, it is essential that the proposed action, any actions functionally related to the proposed action, and any previously identified problems are clearly understood. Alternatives are to be reviewed in this context, identifying those which need to be rigorously explored and objectively evaluated, as well as those which can be eliminated. The range of impacts and areas requiring further study shall be determined by review of the evaluation criteria set forth in the EIS.

**TABLE 7.1-1
SUMMARY OF AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS**

Meeting Type	Date	Location	Primary Purpose	Attendance
Agency Scoping Meeting	2/27/07	Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach	Discuss the EIS Proposed Project and Project Scope; obtain Agency comments.	15
Public Scoping Meeting	2/27/07	Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach	Discuss the EIS Proposed Project and Project Scope; obtain public comments.	153
EPA Scoping Meeting	3/13/07	Atlanta, GA	Discuss the EIS Proposed Project and Project Scope; obtain EPA comments	9
USFWS Scoping Meeting	3/21/07	Vero Beach, FL	Discuss the EIS Proposed Project and Project Scope; obtain USFWS comments	3
CCAN Meeting	4/25/07	Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of the Proposed Project and EIS process to members of the CCAN group.	Approximately 75 (this meeting was not hosted by, or recorded by FAA)
Focus Group Meeting #1A	9/25/07	Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of Phase 2 of the EIS process, including the Scope of Work and make-up of the EIS documents.	21 Invited; 6 Attendees; 5 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #1B	9/26/07	Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of Phase 2 of the EIS process, including the Scope of Work and make-up of the EIS documents.	23 Invited; 9 Attendees; 5 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #2A	11/14/07	Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of the Alternatives Evaluation Process and the FAA's preliminary screening of Alternatives to the Proposed Project.	23 Invited; 5 Attendees; 5 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #2B	11/15/07	Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of the Alternatives Evaluation Process and the FAA's preliminary screening of Alternatives to the Proposed Project.	22 Invited; 9 Attendees; 8 Observers
Alternatives Public Workshop	11/27/07	Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of the Alternatives Evaluation Process and the FAA's preliminary screening of Alternatives to the Proposed Project to the public and agencies.	Media Briefing 9 Attendees; Public Workshop 132 Attendees

**TABLE 7.1-1 (CONTINUED)
SUMMARY OF AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS**

Meeting Type	Date	Location	Primary Purpose	Attendance
Focus Group Meeting #3A	2/27/08	Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the inventory and analysis of potential impacts to Historic, Archaeological, and Historic Architectural Resources in the EIS Study Areas.	21 Invited; 9 Attendees; 10 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #3B	2/28/08	Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the inventory and analysis of potential impacts to Historic, Archaeological, and Historic Architectural Resources in the EIS Study Areas.	22 Invited; 15 Attendees; 6 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #4A	5/14/08	Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the Noise analysis for the Alternatives retained for detailed analysis in the EIS. Also to discuss the Supplemental Noise Analysis being conducted for the EIS.	22 Invited; 12 Attendees; 4 Observers; 1 Media
Focus Group Meeting #4B	5/15/08	Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the Noise analysis for the Alternatives retained for detailed analysis in the EIS. Also to discuss the Supplemental Noise Analysis being conducted for the EIS.	29 Invited; 11 Attendees; 10 Observers
Focus Group Meeting #5A	7/30/08	Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the Air Quality analysis for the Alternatives retained for detailed analysis in the EIS. Also to discuss the Soot Analysis being conducted for the EIS.	26 Invited; 11 Attendees; 4 Observers; 1 Media
Focus Group Meeting #5B	7/31/08	Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach, FL	Present an overview of how FAA is conducting the Air Quality analysis for the Alternatives retained for detailed analysis in the EIS. Also to discuss the Soot Analysis being conducted for the EIS.	31 Invited; 6 Attendees; 2 Observers
Meetings with Palm Beach County Public Officials (if requested)	TBD	TBD	Answer questions regarding any aspects of the EIS process or information being evaluated by FAA for the EIS.	TBD
Meeting with City of West Palm Beach Public Officials (if requested)	TBD	TBD	Answer questions regarding any aspects of the EIS process or information being evaluated by FAA for the EIS.	TBD

**TABLE 7.1-1 (CONTINUED)
SUMMARY OF AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS**

Meeting Type	Date	Location	Primary Purpose	Attendance
Meeting with other Municipality Public Officials (if requested)	TBD	TBD	Answer questions regarding any aspects of the EIS process or information being evaluated by FAA for the EIS.	TBD
Public Workshop	Scheduled for November 2008	Palm Beach County Convention Center	Receive comments on the DEIS.	TBD
Public Hearing	Scheduled for November 2008	Palm Beach County Convention Center	Receive comments on the DEIS.	TBD

TBD = To Be Determined
Source: URS Corporation, 2008.

Establishing a clear definition of the Federal action, the alternatives, and the impacts in need of detailed study (as well as those which do not) early in the Scoping process helps considerably in managing the EIS preparation process. An effective Scoping process results in both a refinement and focus of material presented in the EIS, as well as a means to explain to subsequent reviewers why certain items were addressed in detail and others dismissed with little or no discussion. For this reason, the DEIS contains a summary of the Scoping process.

The format of both of the Scoping Meetings consisted of:

- Brief explanation of the Proposed Project,
- Brief explanation of the EIS process, and
- Opportunity for Public and Agency comments.

These meetings were intended to allow input into the Scoping process and were not intended to encourage debate or argument regarding the future or ultimate development of PBIA. The Scoping Meetings were held to facilitate receipt of comments regarding the Scope of the EIS. The comments provided at the Agency and Public Scoping Meetings were recorded by a court stenographer and summarized by the FAA. Materials related to Scoping were compiled by the FAA into a Scoping Document. Copies of the Scoping Document were distributed to the EIS Team, reviewed, and used to help define the Scope and Cost for Phase 2 of the EIS process. A copy of the Scoping Document is contained in [Appendix J-1](#) of this DEIS.

7.2.1 AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

A Scoping Meeting specifically for Federal, state, and local government agencies was held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. A total of 15 agency representatives signed in at the meeting. The Agency Scoping Meeting was opened by

FAA representatives, who introduced the EIS Team, and described the format of the Scoping Meeting to the participants. After the opening remarks by the FAA, an 11-minute video was shown that provided detailed information on the Proposed Action, the EIS process, and the Scoping Process. After the video presentation, the FAA conducted a question and answer session with the participants. Agency representatives were then invited to view presentation boards and talk with EIS Team technical representatives. Comment forms were available for participants to submit a written comment either at the meeting or by mail to the FAA Project Manager by March 27, 2007. A court reporter was also present to take a verbatim transcript of the meeting and to take verbal comments from the participants.

Because of their importance to the EIS process, the FAA offered to conduct individual agency Scoping Briefings to three agencies that were not able to attend the Agency Scoping Meeting in Palm Beach. Two agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) accepted FAA's offer. The third agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was not able to participate in the individual agency briefing.

The FAA conducted the USEPA Scoping Briefing on March 13, 2007 at the USEPA's office in Atlanta, Georgia. A total of nine people, including three FAA representatives, attended the meeting. As a result of this meeting, the USEPA provided written comments to the FAA for consideration in the development of Phase 2 of the EIS. The USFWS Scoping Briefing was held on March 21, 2007 in Vero Beach, Florida. Three people, including two FAA representatives, attended the briefing. As a result of this meeting, the USFWS provided written comments to the FAA for consideration in the development of Phase 2 of the EIS.

Those agencies that were not able to attend the formal Agency Scoping Meeting or participate in an individual agency Scoping Briefing were contacted by the FAA to solicit their comments.

Detailed information on the Agency Scoping Meeting and Agency Briefings is contained in [Appendix J-1](#) of this DEIS.

7.2.2 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Members of the local media were invited to attend a "walk-through," or briefing, prior to the Public Scoping Meeting at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The media briefing was attended by eight members of the press. Media members were invited to view the video presentation (describing the Proposed Action, the EIS Process, and the Scoping Process) that was shown in the Agency and Public Scoping Meetings. Following the video presentation, the media was invited to view the presentation boards, and ask questions of the FAA.

The Public Scoping Meeting, specifically for the general public, was held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A total of 153 members of the public signed in at the meeting. The Public Scoping Meeting began with a video presentation describing the Proposed Action, the EIS Process, and the Scoping Process. Following the video presentation, the public was invited to view numerous presentation boards, and to speak with representatives of the FAA and its consultants.

Comment forms were available for participants to submit written comments either at the meeting or by mail to the FAA Project Manager by March 27, 2007. In addition, a court stenographer was present to take verbatim comments from any person attending the meetings. A Spanish-language interpreter was also available at the Public Scoping Meeting.

Detailed information on the Public Scoping Meeting is contained in [Appendix J-1](#) of this DEIS.

7.3 EIS FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

In order to keep the public informed throughout the EIS process, the FAA formulated a series of Focus Group Meetings to be conducted during Phase 2 of the EIS process. The purpose of the Focus Groups was to allow the public to provide input and feedback to the FAA Project Management Team during the EIS process. The Focus Groups consisted of a small number of key public stakeholders who represent communities that may be affected by the Proposed Project. These small groups met at key milestones throughout Phase 2 of the EIS process to share meaningful dialogue between community leaders and the FAA Project Management Team. The Focus Group participants did not have any policy-making authority on such issues as the project's proposed purpose, need, and range of alternatives brought forth for detailed environmental analysis. Information brought forth from the Focus Groups was taken into consideration by the FAA in the preparation of this DEIS.

A series of five Focus Group Meetings were held. Each set of meetings consisted of two meetings held on consecutive nights with approximately 25 to 35 homeowners association (HOA) representatives being invited to participate on each night. The key topics discussed during the Focus Group Meetings were as follows:

- Focus Group Meeting #1: Overview of Phase 2 of the EIS;
- Focus Group Meeting #2: The Alternatives Evaluation Process;
- Focus Group Meeting #3: Historic, Archaeological, and Architectural Historic Resources;
- Focus Group Meeting #4: Noise; and
- Focus Group Meeting #5: Air Quality.

The following provides a brief description of each of the Focus Group Meetings.

7.3.1 FOCUS GROUP MEETING #1

The first series of Focus Group Meetings were held on September 25 and 26, 2007, beginning at 6:00 pm and lasting until approximately 7:30 pm at the Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, Florida. Free parking was available at the Agricultural Center.

The primary objective of this meeting was to discuss the Focus Group's role and purpose, and to discuss what the FAA would accomplish during Phase 2 of the EIS process. Invitation letters were sent to approximately 21 HOA representatives for the meeting on September 25, 2007. Of those invited, six

HOA representatives signed in at the meeting. There were also five members of the public in attendance as observers. Approximately 23 HOA representatives were invited to the Focus Group Meeting on September 26, 2007. Of those invited, nine HOA representatives signed in at the meeting, and there were five members of the public in attendance as observers.

The FAA started the meeting with an introduction and welcome to the attendees, and reviewed the "Mission Statement" of the Focus Groups. The FAA Project Management Team gave a 20-minute presentation on anticipated Phase 2 activities, and then responded to questions from the Focus Group representatives. The FAA took notes on the issues discussed during the Focus Group Meetings. This information was summarized and uploaded to the EIS website so that anyone who wanted to learn about the meeting and what was discussed could have easy access to the information. Detailed information on Focus Group Meeting #1, including sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, and presentation materials are contained in [Appendix J-3.1](#) of this DEIS.

7.3.2 FOCUS GROUP MEETING #2

The second series of Focus Group Meetings were held on November 14 and 15, 2007, beginning at 6:00 pm and lasting until approximately 7:30 pm at the Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, Florida. Free parking was available at the Agricultural Center.

The primary objective of this meeting was to discuss the FAA's evaluation of Alternatives for the DEIS. This included a description of the Proposed Project, a description of the screening process used by the FAA to evaluate the alternatives, the results of the FAA's alternatives-screening process, and the identification of those alternatives that would be retained for detailed evaluation in the DEIS.

Invitation letters were sent to approximately 23 HOA representatives for the meeting on November 14, 2007. Of those invited, five HOA representatives signed in at the meeting. There were also five members of the public in attendance as observers. Approximately 22 HOA representatives were invited to the Focus Group Meeting on November 15, 2007. Of those invited, nine HOA representatives signed in at the meeting, and there were eight members of the public in attendance as observers.

The FAA started the meeting with an introduction and welcome to the attendees. The FAA Project Management Team gave a 45-minute presentation on the Alternatives Analysis, and then responded to questions from the Focus Group representatives. The FAA took notes on the issues discussed during the Focus Group Meetings. This information was summarized and uploaded to the EIS website so that anyone who wanted to learn about the meetings and what was discussed could have easy access to the information. Detailed information on Focus Group Meeting #2, including sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, and presentation materials are contained in [Appendix J-3.2](#) of this DEIS.

7.3.3 FOCUS GROUP MEETING #3

The third series of Focus Group Meetings were held on February 27 and 28, 2008 at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida. In order to allow more time for the meetings, the FAA started

these meetings 5:30 p.m., and they lasted until approximately 7:30 p.m. Free parking was available at the Hilton.

The primary objective of Focus Group Meeting #3 was to discuss the process by which the FAA would inventory, identify, and evaluate Historic, Archaeological, and Historic Architectural Resources for the DEIS. This included a description of the NEPA and Section 106 processes, how these processes would be integrated by the FAA for the EIS, how the FAA established the Preliminary Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the EIS, how the FAA researched and identified cultural resources, and how the FAA will determine the potential for the Proposed Project and Alternatives to result in adverse effects to cultural resources.

Invitation letters were sent to approximately 21 HOA representatives for the meeting on February 27, 2008. Of those invited, nine HOA representatives signed in at the meeting. There were also ten members of the public in attendance as observers. Approximately 22 HOA representatives were invited to the Focus Group Meeting on February 28, 2008. Of those invited, fifteen HOA representatives signed-in at the meeting, and there were six members of the public in attendance as observers.

The FAA started the meetings with an introduction and welcome to the attendees. The FAA Project Management Team gave a 30-minute presentation and responded to questions from the Focus Group representatives throughout and after the presentation. Detailed information on Focus Group Meeting #3, including sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, and presentation materials are contained in [Appendix J-3.3](#) of this DEIS.

7.3.4 FOCUS GROUP MEETING #4

The fourth series of Focus Group Meetings were held on May 14 and 15, 2008 at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida. These meetings started at 5:30 pm and last until approximately 8:00pm. Free parking was available at the Hilton.

The primary objective of Focus Group Meeting #4 was to demonstrate how airport noise is being evaluated during the EIS process. This included a description of the FAA's computer program Integrated Noise Model (INM), definitions and explanations of noise metrics for the standard and supplemental noise analysis, and how potential noise impacts will be evaluated in the EIS.

Invitation letters were sent to approximately 22 HOA representatives for the meeting held on May 14, 2008. Of those invited, twelve HOA representatives signed-in at the meeting. There were also four members of the public and one journalist in attendance as observers. Approximately 29 HOA representatives were invited to the Focus Group Meeting on May 15, 2008. Of those invited, eleven HOA representatives signed-in at the meeting, and there were ten members of the public in attendance as observers.

The FAA started the meetings with an introduction and welcome to the attendees. The FAA Project Management Team gave 2-hour presentations on "How Airport Noise is Being Evaluated" in this EIS process. There was discussion throughout the presentations on both nights, between attendees and the FAA Project Management Team. At the end of the meetings, the observers were given 30 minutes for a

question-and-answer session with the FAA Project Management Team. Detailed information on Focus Group Meeting #4, including sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, presentation material, and handouts are contained in [Appendix J-3.4](#) of this DEIS.

7.3.5 FOCUS GROUP MEETING #5

The fifth series of Focus Group Meetings were held on July 30 and 31, 2008 at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach, FL. These meetings started at 5:30 pm and last until approximately 8:00pm.

The primary objective of Focus Group Meeting #5 was to discuss how air quality impacts were being evaluated during the EIS process. This included a description of the Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System (EDMS) computer model used for the analysis of air quality impacts; the types and sources of inputs for the computer model; and how potential air quality impacts will be evaluated in the EIS.

Invitation letters were sent to approximately 26 community and homeowner organization representatives for the meeting held on July 30, 2008. Eleven of the invitees attended the meeting. There were also four members of the public and one journalist in attendance as observers. Approximately 31 community and homeowner organization representatives were invited to the Focus Group Meeting on July 31, 2008. Of those invited, six signed-in at the meeting. Two members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

FAA started the meetings with an introduction and welcome to the attendees. The FAA Project Management Team gave a presentation on “How Air Quality is Being Evaluated” in the EIS process. There was discussion throughout the presentations on both nights between attendees and the FAA Project Management Team. At the end of the meetings, the observers were given 30 minutes for a question-and-answer session with the FAA Project Management Team. Detailed information on Focus Group Meeting #5, including sign-in sheets, presentation material, and handouts are contained in [Appendix J-3.5](#) of this DEIS.

7.4 PUBLIC WORKSHOPS/PUBLIC HEARING

Two Public Workshops are scheduled to occur during the EIS process, one prior to the release of the DEIS (Alternatives Workshop), and one after the release of the DEIS. The Public Workshops are intended to inform the public about the EIS process and the project status, receive comments, and respond directly to questions from the public.

The Public Workshops are conducted in an informal, open-house format. People attending the Public Workshops can come and go at any time during the course of the evening. A variety of methods are used to provide information to the public including video presentation, board-mounted graphics, and handouts. FAA representatives and the EIS Team will be available for one-on-one discussions with the public. [Appendix J-2](#) provides information about the Public Workshops, including notification materials, sign-in sheets, presentation/handout materials, and comments received.

7.4.1 ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The first Public Workshop was held on November 27, 2007, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida. The subject material presented and discussed with the public during this Public Workshop consisted of a detailed description of the Proposed Project, an overview of the Alternatives Evaluation Process, an explanation of the process used by the FAA to screen the numerous alternatives initially developed by the FAA, and the identification of alternatives that were retained by the FAA for detailed evaluation in the EIS document.

Newspaper advertisements were placed in the Palm Beach Post and La Palma (a Spanish language newspaper) approximately 30 and 7 days prior to the Public Workshop. Notification letters were also sent to Federal, state, and local resource agencies.

Information was presented to the public via video presentation, board-mounted graphics, and handouts. FAA representatives and the EIS Team were available for one-on-one discussions with the public. Three methods of providing comments to the FAA were provided to the public: in writing at the Public Workshop on pre-printed comment forms; verbally, to a court stenographer, and in writing via either letter or e-mail format to the FAA. There were a total of 132 people who signed in for the Public Workshop. [Appendix J-2.1](#) provides information about the Alternatives Public Workshop, including newspaper advertisements, notification letters, sign-in sheets, presentation/handout materials, and comments received.

7.4.2 DEIS PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing will be held to explain the content of the DEIS and to receive comments from the public and government agencies. The Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing is planned to be conducted on November 12, 2008, at least 30 days after the DEIS is made available for review. Notification of the Public Hearing will be accomplished through a Notice of Availability (NOA) published in the *Federal Register*; through press releases and advertisements in the local media; postcards; and, the PBIA EIS project web site. Those wishing to comment may do so verbally at the Public Hearing or in writing during the DEIS review period. The comment period for the DEIS will begin on the day of publication (September 26, 2008) and it is anticipated that it will extend through late November (date to be announced). All comments received will be summarized and responded to by the FAA in the FEIS.

7.4.2.1 DEIS Public Information Workshop

The DEIS Public Information Workshop will be conducted in an informal, open-house format. People attending the workshop can review information presentation boards and other materials summarizing the information contained in the DEIS. During the Public Information Workshop, the public can discuss the DEIS with members of the FAA Project Management Team. Written and verbal comments from the public can be submitted at any time during the Public Information Workshop.

7.4.2.2 DEIS Public Hearing

A formal Public Hearing on the DEIS will be held concurrently with the DEIS Public Information Workshop. The DEIS Public Hearing will allow the public to comment on the DEIS in a public forum. Each person wishing to speak at the DEIS Public Hearing will be allowed approximately three minutes to speak. The DEIS Public Hearing will remain open to accommodate all persons who wish to speak. A court reporter will record a verbatim transcript of the entire DEIS Public Hearing. A copy of the transcript will be included in the FEIS.

7.5 DEIS AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

The DEIS has been made available for review by Federal, state, and local resource agencies, as well as the general public. The FAA has published a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register, and in the Palm Beach Post and La Palma newspapers. The DEIS will be available for review by the public for a minimum period of 45 days. Individual copies of the DEIS, in both hard-copy and electronic format, have been sent to the resource agencies, and copies have been placed at all local libraries in the EIS study area as well as at the Airport Sponsor's office at PBI and the FAA's Airports District Office in Orlando, Florida. [Chapter 8.0](#) of this DEIS contains a listing of the parties to whom copies of the DEIS were sent, as well as locations at which the DEIS has been made available to the public. The DEIS has also been posted in its entirety on the EIS website. Anyone wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so either in writing during the DEIS review period or in person, verbally, at the DEIS Public Hearing/Information Workshop.

The FAA will respond to all reasonable comments received from the public and resource agencies on the DEIS. Summaries of the comments received, responses, and any necessary revisions to the DEIS will be published in the Final EIS.

7.6 FINAL EIS AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

The appendices of this DEIS will be expanded to include summaries of the comments received during the DEIS review period and responses to those comments. The body of this EIS will be revised as necessary to reflect comments received and any additional analyses conducted by the FAA as a result of the comments. The FEIS will be made available for public and agency review. All parties who received a copy of the DEIS will also receive a copy of the Final EIS.

7.7 COMMENTS DURING THE EIS PROCESS

[Appendix K](#) of this DEIS contains copies of the comment letters received as of the publication of the DEIS by the FAA. These comments have been categorized and summarized by the FAA into a Comment/Response Database. The Comment/Response Database is contained in [Appendix K](#) of this DEIS. Responses to the comments will be prepared by the FAA and included in the Final EIS.