

CHAPTER 4

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The views of communities—including local residents, the general public, and stakeholders—are important to FAA as we take the next steps to advance the national airspace system. The 2016 update to FAA's Community Involvement Manual reaffirms FAA's commitment to inform and involve the public and to give meaningful consideration to community concerns and views as FAA makes aviation-related decisions that affect them.

FAA is committed to public involvement and agency input throughout the Re-Evaluation process. FAA scheduled four six-hour public workshops between February 4-7, 2019 at locations surrounding O'Hare, providing attendees an opportunity to learn more about the Draft Re-Evaluation and provide input on it.

4.1 OVERVIEW

4.1.1 Public Information

To ensure public access to information about the Draft Re-Evaluation, FAA provided early release of information related to the document through its website:

http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/ifq_re_eval

FAA released information related to a Re-Evaluation overview on its website on December 4, 2018. FAA issued public workshop dates, times, and locations on its website on January 3, 2019. See **Appendix H** for a copy of these webpages.

Public workshop dates, times, and locations were published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2018. Public workshop dates, times, and locations were also published as public notices in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Daily Herald, Journal and Topics, La Raza, and Reflejos on or about January 3, 2019. See **Appendix H** for copies of these notices.

4.1.2 Re-Evaluation Availability

FAA made the Draft Re-Evaluation available on its website on January 14, 2019. See **Appendix H** for a copy of this webpage.

FAA also delivered copies to 82 public libraries in Chicago and communities surrounding O'Hare. Refer to **Appendix H** for a list of the public libraries. Notice of the availability of the Draft Re-Evaluation was published in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Daily Herald, Journal and Topics, La Raza, and Reflejos on or about January 14, 2019. Notice of the availability of the Draft Re-Evaluation was published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2019. See **Appendix H** for copies of these notices.

4.1.3 Public Workshops

To provide the public with opportunities to comment on the Draft Re-Evaluation, FAA hosted four public workshops in neighborhoods surrounding O'Hare, as seen in **Exhibit 4-1**.

The public workshops took place on the following dates at the following locations:

- Monday, February 4, 2019: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Belvedere Events and Banquets, 1170 W. Devon Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.
- Tuesday, February 5, 2019: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. (This workshop was scheduled to last until 8:00 p.m. but was closed early due to an ice storm warning from the National Weather Service. FAA announced the meeting closing and publicized the next two meetings by an alert to 28 area media outlets.)
- Wednesday, February 6, 2019: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Hanging Gardens Banquet Rooms, 8301 W. Belmont Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171.
- Thursday, February 7, 2019: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Diplomat West, 681 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

The workshops provided attendees with information about the Re-Evaluation and allowed for filing of comments on the document via electronic and paper comment forms and orally through court reporters. Attendees could also turn in comments in other forms of submittals.

FAA spent considerable effort and cost to publicize and conduct the public workshops, including providing the following information at each workshop:

- FAA had 43 exhibit boards on display at the public workshops. These boards included summary information presented graphically, in tabular form, and text illustrating various aspects of the Draft Re-Evaluation document.
- FAA and its contractor had over 50 staff members available at the public workshops to discuss the Draft Re-Evaluation with attendees and answer any questions. Among the staff were many of the technical experts who performed the analysis and development of the Draft Re-Evaluation.
- Attendees were able to see and compare noise data under Existing Fly Quiet and Proposed Interim Fly Quiet at specific addresses using large computer monitors staffed by FAA contractors.
- FAA and its contractor provided welcome brochures and a brochure that provided basic information about the study of noise.

Representatives from the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and the Chicago Department of Aviation were available to answer questions.

In total, approximately 280 people attended the workshops over the four days.

4.1.4 Public Comment Period

The period for filing comments on the Draft Re-Evaluation began on January 14, 2019, the day that the document was released to the public on FAA's website and at public libraries. The public comment period ended 45 days later on February 27, 2019. Comments received during this period, as well as FAA's responses to those comments, are included in this Final Re-Evaluation.

The public could submit comments online at:

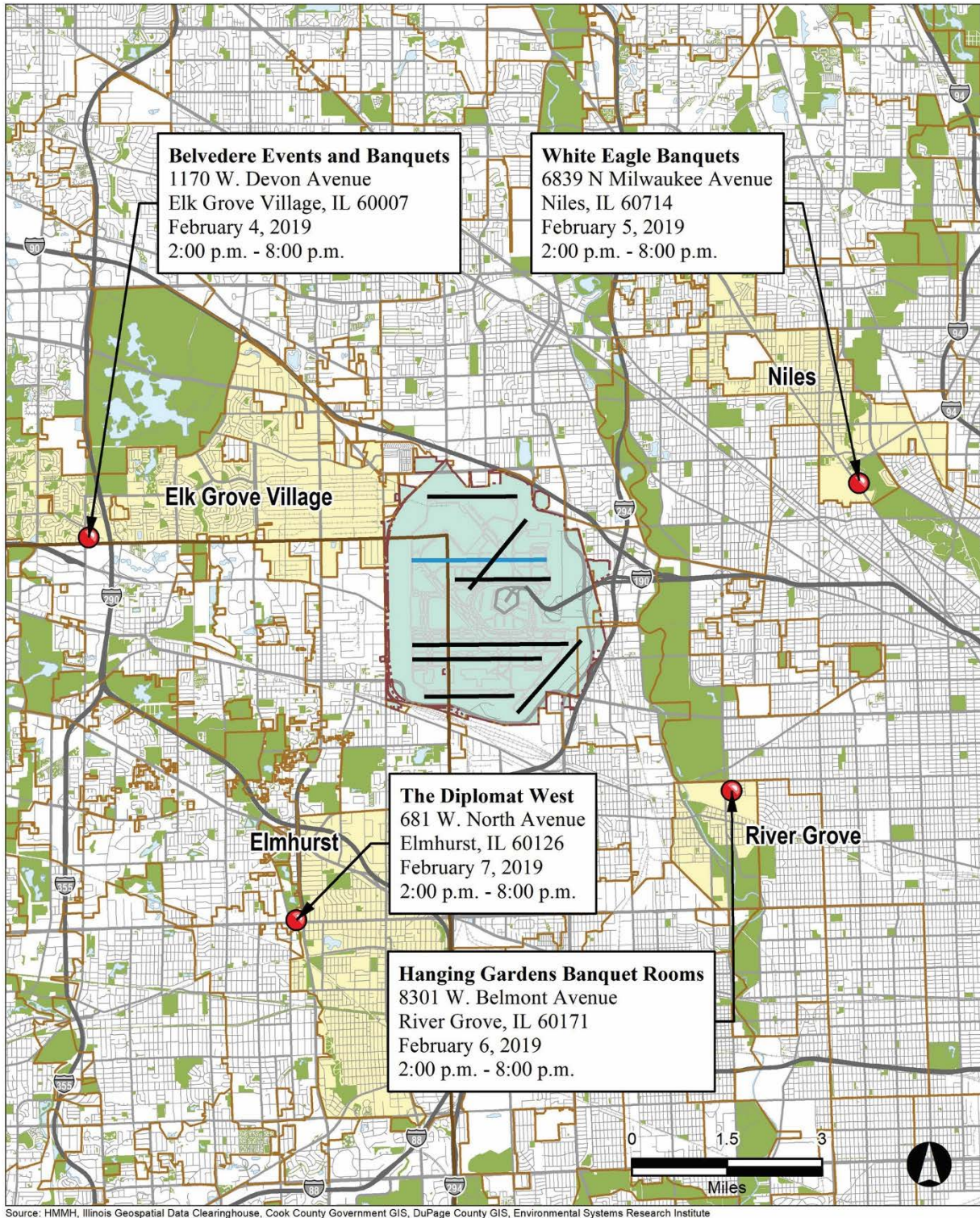
http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/ifq_re_eval

In addition, comments could also be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the following address:

Ms. Amy Hanson
Federal Aviation Administration
2300 East Devon Avenue
Suite 320
Des Plaines, IL 60018
Fax: (847) 294-7046
Email: IFQ@faa.gov

Approximately 300 submissions were received via paper comment forms; verbal comments to court reporters; online comments; and written comments received by email, fax, or U.S. mail. Comments received during this period and FAA's responses are included in this Final Re-Evaluation in **Appendix I**.

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Source: HMMH, Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse, Cook County Government GIS, DuPage County GIS, Environmental Systems Research Institute



Chicago O'Hare International Airport
**Written Re-Evaluation of the
O'Hare Modernization Environmental
Impact Statement for the
Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan**

Locations of
Public Workshops

► Exhibit 4-1

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