



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Office of Airport Planning  
and Programming

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Dear Industry Representative:

We are circulating Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5070-7 Change 1, The Airport System Planning Process, to interested industry associations to obtain comments on the proposed changes. Additionally, please provide justification for all comments and recommended modifications. We may revise the final document as a result of comments received and further review by the Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

This AC provides a systematic approach to planning the nation's airport system, and identifies the organization and elements of the airport system planning process. Change 1 addresses recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in 2009 to enhance FAA review of airport system planning studies. The GAO findings are documented in GAO Report 10-120, *NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM, Regional Airport Planning Could Help Address Congestion If Plans Were Integrated with FAA and Airport Decision Making*. In addition, Change 1 adds a checklist for FAA personnel to use when reviewing system plans, identifies system plan elements that must be coordinated with the FAA, makes recommendations to sponsors on including relevant airport development projects in the system planning study, and incorporates minor edits to correct technical information since the previous publication.

We will consider comments received by **Wednesday, August 20** for inclusion in the AC. Please submit all comments using the attached comment matrix to William Reinhardt at [William.Reinhardt@faa.gov](mailto:William.Reinhardt@faa.gov).

You will find a PDF version of the draft advisory circular on the FAA website at [http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/).

Sincerely,

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