

FAA Facts



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Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex

The Federal Aviation Administration's Next Generation Air Transportation System, or NextGen, is the **ongoing transformation of air traffic control technologies and procedures** in the United States. You might think of this transition as similar to moving from paper maps to GPS when you drive your car.

In addition to improving navigation, NextGen brings other benefits:

- NextGen **enhances aviation safety, reduces carbon emissions and modernizes air traffic procedures to today's standards.**
 - A key NextGen goal is to **safely improve the way aircraft navigate complex, metropolitan areas, which we call Metroplexes**, to make flight routes and airports more efficient.
- The FAA has **identified multiple Metroplex areas in the United States**. Each Metroplex includes one or more commercial airports that serve at least one major city:
 - A **Metroplex allows the FAA to improve regional traffic movement** by making the best use of airspace and procedures, using precise, satellite-based navigation.
 - Use of NextGen procedures in these areas could **improve on-time performance**, which would benefit the region and the entire national airspace system.

Cleveland-Detroit

The airspace surrounding Cleveland and Detroit has a large number of air traffic procedures which have **not been changed for many years**.

- **While these procedures are safe, most are inefficient** due to advances in technology.
 - This is one of the reasons why the airspace surrounding **Cleveland Hopkins and Detroit Metro airports** has been identified for Metroplex development.
- The proposed Metroplex would **allow for more direct and efficient routing of aircraft**

into and out of Cleveland and Detroit, enhancing aviation safety, and reducing flight delays above these communities.

- **Changes will occur for arrivals and departures from airports in the Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex project.**
 - Not all communities may realize any differences from the proposed changes. However, **people living or working near these airports may see and/or hear aircraft as a result of the proposed designs.** There may be communities that have **less noise from these changes.**

Environmental Process

Federal law and FAA policy requires the FAA to conduct environmental reviews in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These reviews will lead to a Draft Environmental Assessment, which is available online at the website listed below.

The FAA is inviting the community to attend scheduled meetings and learn more about the project. Experts will be available at the meetings to answer questions. Residents will also be able to make comments.

Electronic copies of the Draft EA and supporting materials are available at the following locations:

- Online at:
http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html
- Any one of 68 libraries in the study area. A complete list of libraries with electronic copies is available online at
http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html

You may wish to review the documents before attending the workshops. At the workshop, you'll be able to view maps and talk to representatives from the FAA. You'll also be able to make written comments.

Detroit Area Workshops	
November 28, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Hubbard Ballroom) 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI, 48126
November 29, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dozier Recreation Complex (Meeting Lounge) 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI, 48141

November 30, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Sumpter Township Community Center (Gymnasium) 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI, 48111
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Cleveland Area Workshops	
December 5, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Don Umerley Civic Center (Memorial Hall) 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH, 44116
December 6, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Gunning Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium) 16700 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44135
December 7, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Baldwin Wallace University Student Union/Strosacker Hall (Sandstone 3 Conference Room) 120 East Grand St., Berea, OH 44017

Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made. People with special communication or accommodation needs may contact Bill Keller of ATAC Corp. at **(408) 736-2822** at least two days prior to the workshop.

Email comments to:

9-ASW-CLE-DTWOAPM-Comment@faa.gov

Comments can be submitted by regular mail to:

CLE-DTW Metroplex EA
Federal Aviation Administration
Central Service Center - Operations Support Group
10101 Hillwood Pkwy, 4th Floor South
Fort Worth, TX 76177

The comment period will close on Monday, December 11, 2017.

All comments will be reviewed before the FAA makes a final determination, with implementation projected for mid 2018.

For up-to-date information, please review the project website:
<https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/communityengagement/cle/>

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