

**Summary of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)
Community Outreach
September 13, 14, 15, 2016**

On September 13, 14, and 15, 2016, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) hosted three public meetings in the areas served by Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA). The meetings were held at Washington Lee High School (Arlington, VA), Georgetown Neighborhood Library (Washington, DC) and the Regional Services Center-B-CC (Bethesda, MD). The FAA worked with local officials and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) to identify people and groups with a specific interest in DCA issues. The meetings were announced via websites, press releases, and emails to local residents, Home Owner Associations, and other interested parties.

FAA held these meetings to inform the public of proposed changes to the legacy “LAZIR” Standard Instrument Departure (SID) at DCA. Specifically, the proposal moved three waypoints on the initial part of the procedure.

Each meeting was for three hours and held in the evening after traditional work hours. The meetings were structured to allow attendees to participate at their convenience and visit various workstations staffed by FAA employees who could explain the proposed procedure and answer questions. Each workstation had multiple poster-board size graphics with aircraft radar tracks to depict the existing and proposed procedures. Other workstations provided information on the environmental review process and the basics of air traffic control. Feedback forms were provided to allow attendees to share concerns at the meeting. A link was provided so that residents could deliver comments via computer after the meetings.

More than 450 community residents attended the open houses and over 150 submitted written comments. In addition, hundreds of comments were submitted electronically. In total, 1,113 comments were received. However, 172 were duplicate submissions. The FAA reviewed and cataloged each comment based on the area of concern. In compliance with federal privacy policy, the individual comments are being reviewed to remove personally identifiable information, and then will be posted on the following website:

<http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/communityengagement/dc/>.

The FAA thanks attendees and commenters for their feedback. The FAA is enhancing our community involvement practices to more effectively identify and address community concerns, and increase public engagement throughout our process in order to more effectively inform our decision-making. The views of communities are important to the FAA as we take the next steps to advance the national aviation system, and we are committed to give meaningful consideration to community concerns and views as the FAA makes aviation decisions that affect them.

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Based on the analysis of feedback from communities around the airport, balanced against benefits and costs, the FAA has terminated the proposed changes to DCA departure procedures known as “LAZIR B”. However, the FAA will continue to work with the Noise Working Group on future procedural recommendations.

The DCA Community Noise Working Group recently added more members to give broader representation from communities around DCA. This provides a more inclusive approach in addressing community concerns. FAA will continue to support the efforts of the Working Group.