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Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Dakota-Minnesota
Airports District Office
FINDING OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
For Land Acquisition &
Obstruction Removal at
Cambridge Municipal Airport
City of Cambridge, Isanti
County, Minnesota

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prepared this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a project analyzing land acquisition and obstruction removal at the Cambridge Municipal Airport (CBG). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, FAA Order 5050.4B, *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*, and based on the evaluation in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), dated December 3, 2019, there are no significant impacts associated with the proposed project. Therefore, a Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared and a FONSI is being issued. This FONSI provides a review of the Proposed Action, mitigation requirements, and the basis for the FAA's finding. Specific details are defined further in the FEA.

I. Purpose and Need

The existing approach procedures to the CBG runway do not meet FAA and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Aeronautics design and operation requirements to maintain an adequate runway with clear approach surfaces for local, regional, and interregional airplane users.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide a safe airport facility, which will meet FAA and MnDOT Aeronautics, design and operation requirements and maintain an adequate runway with clear approach surfaces for local, regional, and interregional airplane users. The need for the Proposed Action is to increase the safety and meet FAA and MnDOT aeronautics airspace requirements. The Proposed Action will support the airport's efforts to provide a reliable and safe approach to Runway 34.

II. Alternatives Considered

In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, the EA identified and evaluated all reasonable alternatives. The Final EA provides analysis on all the alternatives analyzed.

The No Action Alternative assumes the obstructions would not be cleared. No property acquisition would occur as part of this alternative. However, use of the existing airport would continue. With the No Action Alternative, the tree obstructions would remain in the approach surfaces to Runway 34 and the approach procedures to both runway ends would remain "not applicable" (NA) at night. The PAPIs would remain turned off because of the PAPI OCS would be obstructed. Pilots would not have visual guidance through PAPIs or guidance to the runway through instrument approach procedures during inclement weather conditions.

Although the obstruction lights mitigate most of the approach surface to Runway 34, they are at the same height as the trees. Likely future growth would make the trees taller than the lights in roughly 5-10 years. At that point, the lights will need to be raised to again adequately mitigate the obstructions.

Additional alternatives were not evaluated as a part of this project. As the airport sponsor, the City has the opportunity to remove/lower the obstructions or to leave the obstructions. If the obstructions remain, the runway would not have clear airspace for the approach procedures. Additional alternatives, such as shifting the runway location west to avoid the current obstructions, were not evaluated as they would increase environmental impacts such as tree removal (on west side of the Runway 34 approach), wetland impacts (due to grading and fill for new runway location), property acquisition on the north to acquire the shifted Runway 16 MnDOT Clear Zone, and increase project costs.

III. Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to remove approximately 4.59 acres of trees between 40-100 feet tall and to acquire one residential parcel (16.65 acres) in fee to complete the obstruction removal process. The land acquisition will require relocation of one residence.

Once the property is acquired, the resident will be relocated and all structures on the property will be removed. The subject property was undeveloped forestland from at least 1930 until 2001 when the present-day residence and attached garage were constructed. There are two sheds located on the property. One shed was built in 2008 and the other shed has an unknown build date, but was constructed after the residence was built.

IV. Environmental Consequences and Mitigation

After careful analysis and consultation with various state and federal resource agencies, the Airport selected the proposed action as the preferred alternative. This alternative satisfies the purpose and need for the project while causing minimal environmental impacts. The FEA discusses the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action. Mitigation commitments are discussed below.

The Airport shall implement the following mitigation measures as a condition of environmental approval of the proposed development listed in this FONSI to support existing and proposed aeronautical activities at the Airport:

· The Airport will obtain any necessary permits prior to beginning construction.

· There are no direct impacts to wetland habitat with this project. Tree clearing in wetland communities located in the property acquisition area will result in conversion of wetland habitat. Tree clearing work will be completed during the winter months to reduce ground disturbance. Of 4.59 acres of total tree removal, approximately 2.65 acres of trees between 40 – 60 feet tall will be removed within wetland habitat. After the tree clearing is complete, it is anticipated the wetlands will be converted from a Type 7, Hardwood Swamp to a Type 6, Shrub Carr wetland community. Tree clearing will take place at or above ground level with no grubbing of stumps. Because there is no fill associated with this project as the only work in wetlands is vegetation clearing without ground disturbance, wetland permits permit will not be required for the Proposed Action.

The Airport will protect wetlands and waters of the U.S. not directly impacted by the Proposed Action during construction.

· Use of BMPs to avoid additional unnecessary and/or unauthorized impacts to surface waters and aquatic resources.

· In the event that human remains or cultural resources are discovered during construction, all work will cease until CBG notifies appropriate authorities, the SHPO and the FAA Dakota Minnesota Airports District Office. CBG shall protect the area with carefully placed tarps or construction back fill until cultural resource concerns have been appropriately addressed, and CBG will take action to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the Archeological Resources Protection Act, as appropriate.

· During construction, in the event that previously unknown contaminants are discovered or if a reportable spill occurs, work shall cease until the Airport notifies appropriate local, state, and Federal agencies.

· If endangered species are sighted during construction, work shall cease in the immediate area of the endangered species and all sightings shall be reported to the USFWS, MNDNR and the FAA.

· To avoid impacts to the Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB), tree removal will occur between October 1 and April 30. If project impacts to listed species change beyond what is identified in the EA, the Airport will have to inform the FAA Dakota- Minnesota ADO. The ADO will then reinstate consultation with the USFWS.

V. Public Review and Comment

Public involvement is a vital component of the NEPA process. The Draft EA was released for agency and public review from August 8, 2019-September 9, 2019. A public hearing was held on August 19, 2019. Agency and public comments received during the comment period were considered in the development of the FEA. Responses to all verbal and written comments are provided in the FEA.

VI. Finding

I have carefully and thoroughly considered the facts contained in the attached EA. Based on that information, I find the proposed Federal action is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives of Section 101(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other applicable environmental requirements. I also find the proposed Federal action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or include any condition requiring any consultation pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. As a result, the FAA will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this action.

Having met all relevant requirements for environmental considerations and consultation, the proposed action is authorized to be taken when other requirements have been met. These decisions are taken pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40101, et seq. The FAA findings regarding the proposed airport improvements, and any necessary funding for the Cambridge Municipal Airport, constitute an order of the Administrator, which is subject to review by the Courts of Appeals of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1006 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 46110.

APPROVED:

/s/ Andy Peek, Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
Dakota-Minnesota Airports District Office

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COUNTY

ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set a regular County Board meeting schedule for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of January, 2020.

Lindsey Giese

Interim County Administrator

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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association (henceforth the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the Recorder for Isanti County, Minnesota on January 25, 2005, as Document No. 345513, which covers the following property:

Unit No. 113 and Storage Locker No. 113, Common Interest Community No. 2005-1, Rum River Condominiums, Isanti County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of December 13, 2019, from Boss Properties, LLC, title holders, to Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the principal amount of Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Five and 20/100ths Dollars (\$3,775.20) for assessments, late fees and related charges, plus assessments, collection costs, attorneys' fees and other amounts will be incurred since said date, including costs of collection and foreclosure;

WHEREAS, no action is now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof;

WHEREAS, the owners have not been released from the financial obligation to pay said amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Declaration and Minn. Stat. §515B.3-116(h), said debt created a lien upon said premises in favor of Rum River Condominiums Homeowners' Association as evidenced by the lien statement recorded on August 8, 2019, in the office of the Isanti County Recorder as Document No. A485343;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owner(s) in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said county at the Isanti County Sheriff's Department, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008, on February 12, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

The following information is provided pursuant to Minnesota Stat-

utes Sections 580.025 and 580.04:

(1) Street Address of Property: 610 Whiskey Road NW #113, Isanti, MN 55040

(2) Name of Transaction Agent, Residential Mortgage Servicer, Lender &/or Broker: N/A

(3) Tax Parcel Identification Number of the Property: 16-107-0020

(4) Transaction Agent's Mortgage Identification Number, if known: N/A

(5) Name of Mortgage Originator, if stated on mortgage: N/A

(6) Date on which Occupant must vacate Property, if mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or property redeemed under 580.23: 11:59 p.m. on August 12, 2020. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 13, 2019

TOOHEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

By: /s/ Jennifer C. Toohey,

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NOTICES

TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Isanti Township, Isanti County, State of Minnesota, that the filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period beginning December 31, 2019 and ending January 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The last day to withdraw from candidacy is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:00PM. Offices to be filed at the March Annual election are one supervisor for a 3-year term.

Affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at 2281 301st Avenue NE Isanti, MN 55040. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Heather Townswick

Township Clerk

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NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF FILING FOR
TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of North Branch Township, Isanti County, State of Minnesota, that filing office of town Supervisor will be held for a two-week period beginning December 31st, 2019 and ending on January 14th 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk by calling

763-286-3733 to set up an appointment to meet at the township hall 29113 Notre Dame St Ne 55056. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the March election is Thursday January 6th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.00. Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are 1 supervisor for a 3-year term.

Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk

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NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP
SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow and Ice control operations will normally not begin until the snow has stopped falling or until at least 4 inches of snow has accumulated and the township road boss makes such call for the plows to begin. Snow will be plowed in a manner as to minimize obstruction to traffic. Snow and Ice operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of the employees or pose an unreasonable risk of damaging equipment. Any decision to delay or suspend operations shall be made by the township road boss and will be based on actual or predicted weather conditions, equipment failure, the need to rest plow operators, or other unanticipated events. Reasonable effort will be made to dispatch the plows to assist emergency vehicles if requested by law enforcement. Snow will be plowed as close as practicable to mailboxes located on township roads. It is the responsibility of the mailbox owner to keep it free from snow for the mail carriers. The township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes and fences that are damaged from snow contact. Snow plowing unavoidably deposits snow onto driveways and approaches. It is not the responsibility of the township to remove this snow. The township must consider the cost environmental impact of when to apply salt and trap rock to roads. Priority will be given to hills, corners, and intersections. It is UNLAWFUL to PLOW SNOW across or onto a public roadway or right of way and is punishable by a misdemeanor and \$1,000.00 dollar fine. Plowing snow across roadways right of ways creates safety hazards for plow operators and equipment. In order to facilitate proper snow plowing and ice control operations, it is the responsibility of residents to keep the road right of way clear of vehicles, trailers, trash cans, and all objects of personal property. If the township determines personal property left in the road right of way poses an unreasonable risk to public safety or interferes with the snow plowing operations, the objects will be removed at the owner's expense determined a public nuisance pursuant to Minnesota statute 609.74. The township assumes no responsibility for damages for snow and ice control operations to sod, trees, or other landscaping materials or vegetation. The township assumes no responsibility, whether by direct or indirect contact with snow or ice control equipment, for damage to under/above ground sprinklers, or other items of personal property located in the township road right of way. This policy is reviewed by North Branch Township and may make changes as necessary.

Shawn Williams

North Branch Township Clerk

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