

## Appendix F

### Public Hearing Comments & Responses

The Public Hearing for this project was held on June 12th, 2008, during the public review period of the Draft Report. During the hearing, a panel composed of ConnDOT representatives responded to the questions and comments. The entire Public Hearing was recorded and documented. The full transcript of questions, comments, and responses discussed during the Public Hearing are contained in Appendix G. This appendix contains several additional responses to Public Hearing questions that were not responded to at the time.

One or more comments were received from the following elected officials and individuals:

		Responses included in		
		Public Hearing Transcript	Appendix E	Appendix F
	<b>Elected Officials</b>			
1	Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, Town of Oxford	✓	✓	
2	Town Attorney Steven Savarese (for Middlebury First Selectman Thomas Gormley)	✓	✓	
3	Robert Michalik (for Congressman Chris Murphy)	✓	✓	
4	Senator Robert Kane	✓		
5	Representative Anthony D' Amelio	✓		
	<b>Individuals</b>			
1	Paul Lavallee	✓		✓
2	Bill Gaynor			✓
3	Ray Pietrorazio	✓		
4	Michael Kroposki	✓	✓	
5	James Kelly	✓	✓	
6	Matt Carrano	✓		
7	Tammy Fiske	✓		
8	Joe Caviello	✓		
9	Alicia Acar-Brandes			✓
10	Greg Scholl	✓		✓
11	Joe Olender	✓		
12	Bob Marzinotto	✓		
13	Laura Burr	✓		✓
14	Greg Ecsedy			✓

**Paul Lavallee**

1. What happens if we are forced to move for whatever reason? If we have to move for our jobs; if we lose our jobs and have to move out, what happens to us when we have to do that? There's already one family that moved out in the last month that could no longer afford to make their mortgage and had to leave.
2. Why are not the RPZ zone homes being included? If it is because as you stated, you don't want to insulate homes you want to get rid of, then this becomes a not a voluntary acquisition any more. Those people are now forced to move to compensate to get the value that you've now taken away from them. And if that doesn't are you going to be going to eminent domain?

**Response**

1. *An implementation plan will be developed to address the details of relocation assistance, and other services, after completing an Environmental Assessment (EA). The implementation plan will provide for unique circumstances and hardships on a case-by-case basis.*
2. *The program is based on voluntary acquisition. Eminent domain will not be used. Since the homes located in the RPZ are considered incompatible land use with the airport use, the FAA cannot fund for noise insulation. It is acknowledged that nature of the situation and the recommended action does not provide any relief or benefit to the persons who currently live in the RPZ and are not willing to sell their homes.*

**Bill Gaynor**

I have a couple questions on some of the proposals. LU1, LU2, and LU3 – you said you didn't have any comment from the town but the former First Selectman sat here on the other side maybe a year ago and said we're not going to do it why did that come back on the table

**Response**

*This study explored many possible alternatives that will increase safety and reduce noise impacts to the residents living around the Airport. The recommended preventative land use alternatives are part of ConnDOT's recommended overall program aimed to reduce noise exposure and increase safety of the current and future residents living near the Airport. None of the preventative recommendations can be implemented without the Town of Middlebury's approval and action. However, they remain the State's recommendation to the Town and public. Keeping them in the report provides documentation of ConnDOT's position. Note that the First Selectmen of the Town of Middlebury's comments are included in Appendix E of this report. The Town of Middlebury's position on these alternatives is also noted in Chapters 4 and 5.*

**Alicia Acar-Brandes**

We turned down the most wonderful job opportunity to go back to my Dominican Republic because of my situation with the house. So let's see what you guys are going to do with us.

**Response**

*ConnDOT remains committed to move ahead in a speedy manner.*

**Greg Scholl**

We need to be compensated for that fact as well...because these are not just individual homes but this is a tight-knit neighborhood that you're talking about plowing.

**Response**

*Typically an acquisition program includes purchasing homes, providing relocation assistance, and other services. The individual homeowner determines where to relocate and all associated decisions. ConnDOT does not determine the replacement housing or purchase replacement housing for owners, except for those that may have special needs or requests. It is acknowledged that the project does impact the community and neighborhood continuity, and that there is no direct solution to this effect of the acquisition program.*

**Laura Burr**

Is the buyout of this neighborhood intended to extend the runway the 300 feet that they need for Fed Ex and DHL and UPS to be able to land their cargo planes, and then have to destroy another neighborhood?

**Response**

*ConnDOT and FAA disagrees that "noise" is being used as a means of getting rid of the neighborhood, and to further expand the airport. The Airport Master Plan depicts ConnDOT's long-range plans for the Airport and is available online for reference. The Master Plan clearly indicates that there are no plans to expand the airport. Air cargo services and facilities are not included in the airport plans.*

**Greg Ecsedy**

1. My comments have to do or my criticism has to do with page ES-9. If you'd just care to take a look at the Table ES-4 Implementation to Action Schedule... down to LU-4 where it has the right hand box... the acquisition and program implementation for the buyout...volunteer buyout. My...my problem is...is the wording. You're asking us to be patient for seven years but the 71<sup>st</sup> home has to wait for seven years from now.
2. The other thing is you couldn't have this meeting because of a revaluation of the noise so it took nine months delay to get to this point. How do we expect you guys to complete this by 2015? That's too much. Not only that but you're using the word implemented. I really think that this has to say completed because you need to be held accountable for this.

**Response**

1. *Unfortunately, unless other forms of federal or state funding can be obtained, the department anticipates that the voluntary acquisition program will require five to ten years.*
2. *The FAA required 2007 noise contour updates in the draft Noise Compatibility Plan. The new activity data was acquired in early 2008 and noise contours for 2007 and forecasts for 2012 were updated. The FAA also required use of a newer version of the noise model. Unfortunately the voluntary acquisition program will not be able to begin before 2010. ConnDOT has commissioned the EA and is committed to move ahead in a speedy manner.*