

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS
ALBERT J. ELLIS AIRPORT, ONSLOW COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A), notice is hereby given that Onslow County (County), in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), intends to develop airport improvements at Albert J. Ellis Airport (OAJ) (Proposed Action). The Proposed Action includes property acquisition, runway and taxiway extension, realignment of NC111/ Fowler Manning Road, land acquisition, extension to Airport Entrance Road, public parking expansion, employing parking development, fuel farm development, GA Expansion, rental car quick turn-around area, and charter terminal development. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has been prepared to disclose the potential economic, social, and environmental impacts of the Proposed Action.

Pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1F and Executive Order 11990, notice is given that the Proposed Action would affect wetlands. Potential wetland impacts and mitigation measures are described in the Draft EA. While no impacts to historic or cultural resources have been identified, the FAA initiated consultation with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This notice also fulfills the Section 106 consultation requirements.

Copies of the Draft EA will be available for public examination for a minimum of 30 days from the publication of this notice, at the following locations: the Albert J. Ellis Administrative Office, 264 Albert J. Ellis Airport Rd, Richlands, NC 28574; the OAJ website <https://flyoaj.com/explore/airport-documents-rfps/>; and the Onslow County Public Library Richlands Branch, 99 South Wilmington Street, Richlands NC, 28574. A Draft EA Public Workshop will occur on June 8, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Onslow County Government Center located at 234 NW Corridor Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

Written comments on the information in the Draft EA may be sent to David.Alberts@rsandh.com or to Albert J Ellis Airport, Attn. Mr. Chris White, Airport Director, 264 Albert J. Ellis Airport Rd, Richlands, NC 28574. All correspondence must be postmarked or received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, 30 days from the publication of this notice. Be advised that all comments received, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.