Notice of Public Hearings for
Environmental Impact Evaluation and Environmental Assessment
Re: Tree Obstruction Removal at Hartford-Brainard Airport

** Please note amended location for the Glastonbury Public Hearing. The hearing will be held at Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chamber Room.

Municipality where project is proposed: The Hartford-Brainard Airport is located in the City of Hartford approximately two miles southeast of Downtown Hartford, CT.

Address of possible Project Location: The Airport office is located at 251 Maxim Road, just east of Interstate 91 and west of the Connecticut River.

Project Description: Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental documents as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas on, as well as north, south, east and west of the Hartford-Brainard Airport. The evaluation addresses obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport needed for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions, and should be removed to safely accommodate approaching and departing aircraft.

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at the Airport, including locations beyond the southern airport property boundary. Per FAA and CAA practice, review of off-airport obstruction removal should be evaluated and documented via a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and State CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). This project includes the identification of each affected property owner and associated parcels (both public and private) with anticipated obstruction removals.

The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) will be holding three (3) Public Hearings on the Hartford-Brainard Airport draft Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and State Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Tree Clearing. At these meetings, information on the overall project and the study’s findings, including the Preferred Alternative, will be presented. The doors for all meetings will open at 6:30 PM with each public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM.

Public Hearings will be held at the following locations on the specified dates:

Meeting 1- Hartford:
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Bulkeley High School (300 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06114)

Meeting 2- Glastonbury:
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers (2155 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033)
** Please note amended location, meeting will be held at Town Hall.

Meeting 3-Wethersfield:
Thursday, April 27, 2017
Wethersfield Town Hall (505 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield, CT 06109)
NOTES: Free language assistance or sign interpretation may be requested by contacting Colin Goegel at the address below at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Efforts will be made to respond to requests for assistance. The public can view a copy of the draft EIE/EA on the project website at: http://hartfordairport.caa-analysis.com/, and at the following locations:

Hartford Public Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT  06103

Wethersfield Public Library
515 Silas Deane Hwy
Wethersfield, CT  06109

East Hartford Public Library
840 Main Street
East Hartford, CT  06108

Welles-Turner Memorial Library
2407 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT  06033

Send your comments or questions about the draft EIE/EA: 1) via the project website listed above, or 2) to Mr. Colin Goegel at the mailing address or e-mail below:

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Comments on the draft EIE/EA will be accepted until the close of business on: Monday, May 22, 2017.