

Maine DOT Interagency Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: 2/13/2007

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00

LOCATION: MAINE DOT, AUGUSTA

NOTE TAKER	David Gardner, Maine DOT
ATTENDING AGENCIES	ACOE, DEP, DMR, EPA, IF&W, USFWS, NOAA, Maine Natural Areas, ASC, FHWA

Agenda topics

1. BIDDEFORD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EA AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN, PRESENTED BY GENE UHAUD

DISCUSSION	<p>The consultant from Stantec stated the Purpose and Need and described the 4 runway safety area alternatives, including the no build. The applicants preferred alternative is Runway 6-24 which includes upgrading runway 6 safety area. The consultant will prepare a NRPA and ACOE permit application for approximately 0.3 acres of impacts to be submitted in late 2007 – early 2008.. The draft EA is scheduled to be submitted in February 2007 and it is anticipated receiving a FONSI in May 2007. It is anticipated to begin construction in 2009.</p> <p>A Vegetation Management Plan has identified 52 acres of upland obstructions, 23 acres of wetland obstructions. 5 acres of upland vegetation was removed from airport property in 2006 (phase I). Obstructions in wetlands would be removed to ground level, no grubbing involved. Stantec went over the 2 obstruction removal alternatives which included a full clear and a partial clear. The partial clear with lighting is the preferred alternative of the applicant. This alternative includes a significant reduction in environmental impacts from the full clear and is also less expensive. The anticipated schedule for the obstruction removal is the same as the safety area construction.</p> <p>A vernal pool survey was recommended by the agencies.</p>		
PRESENTATION	A power point presentation is available		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

2. NORRIDGEWOCK REGIONAL AIRPORT FINAL DESIGN AND PERMITTING, PRESENTED BY GENE UHAUD

DISCUSSION	<p>The consultant from Stantec stated the Purpose and Need and described 4 runway safety area alternatives, including the no build, for Runway 125 and Runway 21. The preferred alternative of the applicant is to upgrade existing runway 15-33 safety area and shorten runway 3-21 by 200 feet (remove pavement from runway) and construct a safety area to dimensional standards. Runway 15-33 would impact 1.3 acres of wetlands and require an ACOE and NRPA permit. Runway 3-21 would have no environmental impacts. The airport's schedule is to submit a permit application in late 2007 – early 2008 and begin construction in 2009.</p>		
PRESENTATION	A power point presentation is available		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

3. KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT DESIGN AND PERMITTING, NO PIN, PRESENTED BY GENE UHAUD

DISCUSSION	No updates	
PRESENTATION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

4. ACADIA GATEWAY CENTER, PIN 13385.75, PRESENTED BY MARK LICKUS AND MATT STEELE

DISCUSSION	<p>A FONSI has been issued by both FTA and NPS. Wetland impacts are estimated at 2.2 acres. The Maine DOT now needs to complete the ACOE highway methodology process. Mark presented information on proposed mitigation which includes preservation of 163 acres on the existing property and 2 types of enhancement.</p> <p>EPA was comfortable with Phase I ACOE signoff and proposed mitigation. USFWS would like a spring site visit to look at site and the skidder ruts (vernal pools) that USFWS may potentially want filled in.</p>	
PRESENTATION	Photographs of site are available	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Set up spring site visit for agencies	Mark Lickus, Maine DOT	May 2007

5. SAFETEA-LU CONSULTATION STANDARDS, PRESENTED BY SUSAN ANGLE

DISCUSSION	Susan discussed Maine DOT long range planning and involving the agencies in the process. There will be a link on the Maine DOT web site by April 15, 2007. Susan plans to come back to the May interagency meeting to conduct an in depth outreach session with the agencies.	
PRESENTATION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Long range Outreach session	Susan Angle	May 8, 2007

6. GORHAM AND DIXFIELD DESIGN CHANGES, PRESENTEDS BY JUDY GATES

DISCUSSION	Judy discussed with the agencies the on-going design change process for the Dixfield and Gorham projects. This was to update the agencies as well as help them understand what occurs when extensive design changes are involved in a project.	
PRESENTATION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

7. ASTICOU AZALLIA GARDEN

DISCUSSION	Kohn Perry led a discussion at NOAA's request regarding the non DOT Asticou Garden project on Mt Dessert Island.	
PRESENTATION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

