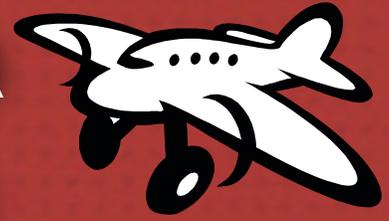


STOP THE ANN ARBOR AIRPORT EXPANSION



Keep Our Community Safe

They say:
Ann Arbor airport poses
significant safety concerns...
Despite an excellent safety
record.

They say:
Longer runway won't change
airport classification...
But heavier jets carrying more
payload & fuel are sure to
come.

They say:
The runway move
accommodates the State
Street expansion plan...
For which there is
NO funding.

Is The Airport Being Totally Honest With A2 ??

What will the future financial
burden be for Ann Arbor
taxpayers?

Why was there minimal public
notification this time, despite
Ann Arbor City Council's
numerous past rejections?

They have no plans to
destroy the fields
and crops...
YET!

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www.StopA2RunwayExtension.com

The Facts So Far.....

Runway Length and Size of Plane

Proposed extension would increase runway length to 4300 feet, moving the end of the primary runway 950 feet southwest. Airport manager says airport (ARB) could then accept aircraft weighing 40,000 pounds - twice the current limit & three times more than originally approved - even though political leaders have said there's no need for heavier planes to land at this airport. At least eight larger/ heavier aircraft types could use extended runway.

Ann Arbor Airport (ARB) Safety Record

Initial justification was based on safety, with multiple overruns claimed. Airport is safe as it is, with very few reported incidents (all pilot error) in almost one million operations during the past decade. Now that safety has been debunked, ARB officials have changed their story.

Public Safety

Thousands of surrounding homes were built on land deemed safe at the time, with assurance airport would remain small. Lengthening the runway will lower the flight path trajectory significantly, compromising safety. To date, ARB has made NO reference to public safety, nor conducted any independent studies of safety consequences of proposed action!

Migratory Birds

Number of bird strikes is increasing nationally. The areas south and west of ARB are prime habitat for migratory birds. Large birds, like locally abundant Canada geese, are especially hazardous to airframe and engines.

State Street Expansion

While there are long-term plans for widening State Street/State Road, there is no money to pay for it. Widening has been primary argument for moving runway 150 feet SW. Since state MDOT officials don't have matching funds to accept federal dollars in future, likelihood of State Street funding is low - so why expand?

Environmental Impact

As environmental statute is written, human beings are not an endangered species, so impact on us is not significantly considered in the ARB expansion evaluation. But, in addition to increased risk to people living around airport, loss of rural appearance and increased noise and traffic will be significant.

Willow Run Airport - Local and Far Safer

Very close and far safer is Willow Run. With two 1.5-mile runways, 24-hour fire-rescue service, fully staffed 24-hour control tower & de-icing service in winter, it has all the services that larger aircraft require - ARB does not. To entice larger jets and other aircraft to ARB with a longer runway is to invite accidents, risking the lives of people who live around airport in a game-changing gamble.

Financial Implications for A2 Taxpayers

Because the city operates the airport, whatever financial burdens ARB cannot meet fall to the city. By accepting federal funds for runway extension, the city agrees to operate the airport for at least 20 years. The city must also support ARB's diminishing operating funds. And, should there be some serious accident related to the runway extension, the city could be liable for tens of millions of dollars.

Who Will Make the Decision

A2 City Council will - although the bulk of impact will be felt by residents of Pittsfield and Lodi townships. Few people driving this proposal or acting as key decision makers live near ARB or will have their families directly impacted by an accident that could result from the wrong decision!

Airport Business Expansion

Proposed runway extension would allow a few firms to operate larger and heavier aircraft - especially jets - carrying more passengers and heavier payloads, increasing danger to all while only financially benefitting a select few.

A Slippery Slope

Future ARB plans include moving the airport *all the way to Lohr Road*. See the A2 Airport website for details of their long term development plan.

What YOU Can Do...

- Write to AA City Council / Mayor Hieftje asking them to vote this down again.
- Write letters of objection to editors of local newspapers and websites.
- Sign-up to join this group and receive regular email updates via our website at www.StopA2RunwayExtension.com.
- Join the "Stop the Ann Arbor Airport Expansion" group on Facebook.



MIGRATORY BIRDS

Statistically speaking, growing North American bird populations and increasing air traffic can only mean one thing: increasing risk of collisions between birds and aircraft.

Business Week
May 12, 2009



VULNERABLE HOMES

When the lone engine on his plane lost power, the pilot knew he was short on time & options. He relied on his 15 years of experience to make an emergency landing on the fairway of the 5th hole.

Emergency Landing,
Stonebridge,
Ann Arbor News
June 16, 2009



BIGGER PLANES WILL COME

"The airport is extending its 3,500 foot runway by 800 feet - an important move which will facilitate a lot more activity there."

Tim Patton,
Flagship Private Air
Mlive - Nov 12, 2008