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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program for Akron-Canton Airport, North Canton, Ohio

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by Akron-Canton Airport. On July 22, 2016, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by Akron-Canton Airport Authority were in compliance with applicable requirements. On January 13, 2017 the FAA approved the Akron-Canton Airport noise compatibility program. All of the recommendations of the program were approved. No program elements relating to new or revised flight procedures for noise abatement were proposed by the airport operator.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Noise Compatibility Program for Akron-Canton Airport is January 13, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Katherine Delaney, Community Planner, DET ADO 604, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, 11677 Wayne Road, Suite 107, Romulus, MI 48174. Telephone number: (734) 229-2900. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the Noise Compatibility Program for Akron-Canton Airport, effective January 13, 2017.

Under section 47504 of the Act, an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map may submit to the FAA a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and

prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

- a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of Part 150;
- b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;
- c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and
- d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required. Prior to an FAA decision on a request to implement the action, an environmental review of the proposed action may be required. Approval does not

constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA under applicable law contained in Title 49 U.S.C. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Detroit Airports District Office in Romulus, MI.

The Akron-Canton Airport study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from 2016 to the year 2019 (or beyond). It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a Noise Compatibility Program as described in section 47504 of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on July 22, 2016 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new or modified flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained twenty-six proposed actions for noise abatement, noise mitigation, land use planning, and program management on and off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program was approved by the FAA, effective January 13, 2017.

Outright approval was granted for thirteen specific program measures. Thirteen measures were either identified as completed, no longer applicable, or to be discontinued.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval signed by the Great Lakes Region Airports Division Director on January 13, 2017. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the Akron Canton Airport Authority, 5400 Lauby Road, North Canton, OH 44720. The Record of Approval also will be available on-line at: http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/environmental/airport_noise/part_150/states/.

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