



# Public meetings on airport noise to be held October 8 and 9

INDIANAPOLIS—Two informal public meetings have been scheduled to share the results of the Indianapolis Airport Authority's noise exposure map (NEM) update for Indianapolis International Airport.

The first will be **Wednesday, October 8** at Plainfield High School, 1 Red Pride Drive from 5 to 7 p.m. The second will be **Thursday, October 9** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lynhurst 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, 2805 South Lynhurst Drive.

Airport officials and study consultants will be available to discuss the project. Large graphics and maps will be on display. No formal presentations are planned. Members of the public are welcome to come and go at any time. There will be an opportunity to submit written comments and a hearing officer with court reporter will record public testimony.

Launched in 1987, the authority's noise mitigation program includes an update initiative every five years in which previous noise exposure studies and maps are reviewed, especially the air traffic and operational projections used in previous studies. Full updates were conducted in 1992, 1997, and 2003.

"Part of the analysis process results in the production of an updated graphic representation or map of the airport's noise contours. The data collected has been used to develop an impact forecast through 2013. It was also used to analyze the effectiveness of the airport's existing noise compatibility plan," explained Robert Duncan, airport director.

The new maps show minor differences between the 2008 existing conditions and future (2013) forecast conditions, with average-annual day runway end utilization expected to change when the new airport opens in November.

Based on these findings, no changes in the current noise mitigation program are recommended. The airport's current guaranteed purchase, purchase assurance/sound insulation, and sales assistance programs will continue for homeowners in those areas identified.

No new noise mitigation project areas are being proposed.

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