

Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
Newport Municipal Airport Obstruction Removal Project

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City of Newport announce the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed Obstruction Removal Project at the Newport Municipal Airport. The City proposes to remove approximately 30 acres of vegetation and trees that area obstructions to the approach surfaces of Runways 16, 20, and 34. Removing these trees and vegetation will allow for a clear 20:1 approach surface for Runways 20 and 34, and a clear 34:1 approach surface for Runway 16. The approach surface is critical in allowing aircraft to execute landings in a manner that is safe to the aircraft, nearby environmental resources, residences, and the general public. The obstructions consist mostly of tall trees that are potential hazards to airplanes approaching the airport to land safely due to their height. Many of the trees to be removed are located off airport property, on surrounding parcels. The Draft EA examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and is available for public review and comment.

The Draft EA will be available for public review and comment beginning on **April 11, 2022**. Copies of the Draft EA may be viewed during regular business hours at the following locations:

Newport City Hall
169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, OR 97365

Newport Municipal Airport
135 S.E. 84th Street South
Newport, OR 97366

The Draft EA will also be made available in electronic format on the Airport's website at <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/onp/projects.asp>. To request a hard copy or CD of the Draft EA, please contact Lance Vanderbeck at 541.867.7422 or via email at L.Vanderbeck@NewportOregon.gov.

Public Comment Period

Public comment on the Draft EA is invited for a 30-day period extending from **April 11, 2022, through May 10, 2022**. The purpose of the Public Comment period is to allow comments on the adequacy of the Draft EA for the proposed obstruction removal project.

A public meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on **April 19, 2022**. The meeting will be held at City Hall and live-streamed at <https://newportoregon.gov>. The public meeting will provide the public an opportunity to discuss the proposed project with representatives of the City. Anyone wishing to provide written public comment should send the comment to publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. The e-mail must be received at least four hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

Written comments can also be submitted to:

Lance Vanderbeck, Airport Director
Newport Municipal Airport
135 S.E. 84th Street South
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L.Vanderbeck@NewportOregon.gov

Anyone requesting a public hearing should contact:

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Federal Aviation Administration

Airports Division, Northwest Mountain Region
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All comments on the Draft EA must be received by the City no later than 5:00 pm on May 10, 2022, to be considered. Please be advised that your entire comment, including such personal identifying information as address, phone number, and e-mail address, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review any personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.