

Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
Proposed Preparation of East Holmes Road Site
Memphis Shelby County Airport Authority

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is reviewing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed preparation of vacant land owned by the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) and reasonably foreseeable development of the site by private companies with an interest in constructing cargo holding or distribution facilities. A proposed development plan identifies the potential for approximately 1.5 million square feet (sf) of facility space at the site with approximately 300,000 sf of additional space allotted for future growth, if needed. The approximately 245-acre site is located on the south side of East Holmes Road and the west side of Swinnea Road in Memphis, Tennessee, approximately 1 mile south of Memphis International Airport, at the Tennessee/Mississippi state line. MSCAA seeks to return the vacant land to productive use, comply with federal grant assurances, enhance operational and financial efficiency, and spur economic development for MEM and the surrounding area. The MSCAA proposed to prepare the site for development by overseeing the extension of sanitary sewer and water services, gas and electrical services and meters, installation of stream crossings, and placement of fill to bring future building pads, parking lots, and driveways to required elevations. A reasonably foreseeable connected action, following the preparation of the site, includes the construction and operation of cargo holding or distribution facility space at the site. The purpose of the Draft EA is to address how the project would potentially impact economic, social, and environmental resources. The Draft EA can be reviewed by accessing the MSCAA website, www.FlyMemphis.com. Click the "About MEM" tab then navigate to the "Environment" page. Members of the public may issue comments on the Draft EA within 30 days of this notice. Comments or requests for an electronic copy of the Draft EA should be addressed to James Hay, MEM Director of Development at jhay@flymemphis.com