

9. DECISION AND ORDERS

In the Final EIS, Chapter Eight, Section 8.4 *Identification of FAA's Preferred Alternative*, the FAA identified Alternative B1b as the FAA's "preferred alternative." The FAA must now select one of the following choices:

- Approve agency actions necessary to implement the proposed project, or
- Disapprove agency actions to implement the proposed project.

Approval would signify that applicable federal requirements relating to airport development and planning have been met and would permit Broward County, as the Airport Sponsor, to proceed with the proposed development and be eligible to receive federal funding and/or approval to impose and use Passenger Facility Charges for eligible items. In addition, Broward County is required to comply with its obligations under federal grant assurances upon acceptance of a grant offer. Not approving these agency actions would prevent Broward County from proceeding with the implementation of the FAA's Preferred Alternative (B1b).

Decision: I have carefully considered the FAA's goals and objectives in relation to the various aeronautical aspects of the proposed project at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport discussed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Final Environmental Impact Statement. The review included: the purpose and need that this project would serve; the alternative means of achieving the purpose and need; the environmental impacts of these alternatives; and the mitigation to preserve and enhance the human, cultural, and natural environment.

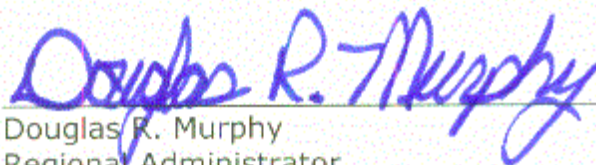
Under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator of the FAA, I find that the project in this ROD is reasonably supported. I therefore direct that action be taken to carry out the following agency actions discussed more fully in Section 2 of this ROD, *Requested Federal Actions and Approvals*, including:

1. Eligibility for federal Funds through the Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding and to impose and use Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs) funding.
2. FAA approval to amend the ALP with the conditions noted in Section 8 of this ROD, *Conditions of Approval*, for the projects summarized in Section 1 of this ROD, *Description of Airport Sponsor's Proposed Action*, which constitutes the selected alternative in this ROD – FAA's Preferred Alternative (B1b).
3. FAA installation and/or relocation of navigational aids associated with the FAA's Preferred Alternative (B1b).
4. The FAA would amend the existing and/or develop new air traffic control procedures for FLL to include an expanded runway and the closure of Runway 13/31. The FAA would have to approve the amended and/or new instrument procedures, verify them through flight testing, and publish the procedures for general use.
5. FAA evaluation, determinations, and actions, through the aeronautical study process of any off-airport obstacles that might be obstructions to the navigable airspace under the standards and criteria of 14 CFR Part 77

*Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace*¹⁶¹, and the evaluation of the appropriateness of proposals for on-airport development from an airspace utilization and safety perspective based on aeronautical studies conducted pursuant to the standards and criteria of 14 CFR Part 157, *Notice of Construction, Alteration, Activation, and Deactivation of Airport*.

6. FAA certification and other approvals. FAA modification or amendment of existing certificates or specifications is required to comply with FAA design standards and to accommodate, in a safe and efficient manner, the passenger enplanements and aircraft activity forecasts.
 - Certification under FAR 14 CFR Part 139, *Certification of Airports*.
 - Operating specifications for scheduled air carriers intending to operate at the airport in the future under FAR 14 CFR Part 121, *Certification and Operations: Domestic, Flag, and Supplemental Air Carriers and Commercial Operations of Large Aircraft*.

Approved:



Douglas R. Murphy
Regional Administrator
FAA Southern Region

12-19-08

Date

¹⁶¹ 49 U.S.C. § 40103(b) and 40113