



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**CONFERENCE MEETING**

**#24-1056**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**TITLE:** Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Runway 9-27 Extension Project Public  
Information Workshop Update – (**Commission District 1**)

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On October 18, 2024, the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) hosted a public information workshop at the Airport Administration building and via Zoom to introduce the proposed Runway 9-27 Extension Project and outline the schedule for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

The proposed project would consist of the extension of Runway 9-27 by approximately 1,000 feet, from 6,002 feet long to 7,002 feet long. The runway extension would provide additional departure length for Runway 9-27, and additional arrival length for Runway 27. The purpose of the proposed runway extension is to increase business jet aircraft safety, eliminate existing business jet aircraft payload restrictions, and enhance the efficiency of Airport operations. Furthermore, the proposed expansion is needed to meet the demands associated with the current and proposed fleet operating at FXE.

The Workshop was attended by thirty-three Fort Lauderdale residents, a City of Tamarac representative, and twenty Zoom participants. The residents in attendance had concerns related to increased aircraft noise, attracting commercial service operations, and attracting cargo operations. FXE is identified in the FAA National Plan of Integrated Airports System as a General Aviation reliever airport to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), and therefore cannot allow commercial service operations to occur at the Airport. A justification study calculated the runway extension project would experience an increase of 0.2% more operations per year, which is less than the forecasted ten year increase from the Master Plan Study in 2018.

Comment cards were made available, and residents were encouraged to provide their concerns and comments in writing so we can provide to the FAA for review. The next step in the EA process will be followed by a draft EA preparation by end of year 2024, then publication of draft EA for additional resident comment.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient multimodal transportation network.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Connected.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Element
- Goal 3: Recognize and include in economic development planning the role of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – EA Process Schedule

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