

Yavapai County/ Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority

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County Considers Sedona Airport Safety Enhancement Project

SEDONA (May __, 2023) – Yavapai County, as Airport Sponsor of the Sedona Airport, is considering a multi-phased safety enhancement project at Sedona Airport. The project is intended to fully meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards for runway safety areas at each end of Runway 3-21, the airport’s single runway. The proposed project would provide standard runway safety areas through a combination of engineering solutions, including constructing retaining walls at each end of the runway to allow the installation of EMAS (engineered materials arresting system) beds. The airport’s parallel taxiway, Taxiway A, would be improved at the same time, as well as other minor taxiway geometry and related drainage and perimeter fence improvements. The project’s potential funding sources include federal and state aviation grants and county matches established specifically for airport improvements.

FAA is currently funding a Focused Planning Study to evaluate preliminary design concepts and environmental and land use considerations. Two parcels (2.6 acres) of Coconino National Forest land located within the airport’s perimeter fence are needed for the project. Additional environmental analysis under federal and state law will follow the conclusion of the Focused Planning Study.

To give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed project, the Yavapai County and the Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority are holding two public information meetings. The information will be provided using an “open house” format with presentation boards. Yavapai County and airport staff, as well as members of the project team, will also be available to discuss the proposed project. For those who cannot attend, the information will be posted on the Sedona Airport website following the meetings. Information given at the meetings will be the same at both locations and dates/times.

- Sedona United Methodist Church – 110 Indian Cliffs Road, Sedona, AZ on Monday, May 22, 2023, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sedona Public Library, Si Birch Community Room – 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, AZ on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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