

## 4. Summary of Public Involvement

The NEPA process is designed to inform the public of the potential environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and involve them in the federal decision-making process. The *Intergovernmental Coordination Act* and Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, require federal agencies to cooperate with and consider state and local laws when implementing federal actions. Formal notification and opportunities for public participation, as well as informal coordination with government agencies and planners, are incorporated into the EA process. Section 6 of this EA contains a list of the federal, state, and local agencies that were invited to review and comment on the Draft EA. Appendix F includes copies of correspondence, outreach materials, and comment matrices documenting public and Agency responses, including records of consultation for Section 106 of the NHPA and *Endangered Species Act*.

Early public engagement during the initial environmental evaluation phase included the distribution of scoping letters to the stakeholder list in Section 6 on May 19, 2023. Additionally, the airport mailed 14,109 postcards to reach communities within a 1-mile radius of the airport boundary. The postcards included links to the airport's website and a quick response (QR) code linked to a survey, which included key questions to be answered by the communities. The postcards provided instructions for the public and stakeholders on how to submit comments during the scoping period.

The purpose of the survey was to seek input from the public regarding the Proposed Action's potential effect on the environment. The survey included opportunities for comment on the 15 resource areas included in this EA, as well as a prompt to include any additional information or comments not covered within the 15 resource areas presented. The survey, which was available from May 19, 2023 through June 20, 2023, received a total of 320 comments received from 70 respondents. The five resource areas in which feedback was received were noise and noise-compatible land use, hazardous materials, air quality, pollution prevention, and socioeconomics. Additional detail is included in the survey response summary in Appendix F.

The Draft EA was available for public review from September 22 through October 26, 2023. Notification regarding the availability of the Draft EA was mailed to communities within a 1-mile radius of the airport boundary, published in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *St. Louis American* newspapers, and posted on the airport's website (<https://www.flystl.com/civil-rights/public-notice-and-reports>). These publications provided instructions for the public and stakeholders on how to submit comments during the public EA review period.

Copies of the Draft EA were made available for the public to review on the airport's website and at the airport administration office, the Berkeley City Hall, and at the following local libraries near the airport:

- St. Louis County Library – Bridgeton Trails Branch:  
3455 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044
- St. Louis County Library – Rock Road Branch:  
10267 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO 63074
- St. Louis County Library – Prairie Commons Branch:  
915 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042
- Ferguson Municipal Public Library:  
35 N. Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135
- St. Louis County Library – Florissant Valley Branch:  
195 N. New Florissant Road, Florissant, MO 63031
- St. Louis County Library – Parkview Branch:  
8400 Delport Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114

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- St. Louis County Library-Natural Bridge Branch:  
7606 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121

A public meeting was held on October 17, 2023, at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport's Concourse B. The meeting included two formal presentations and provided an open-house opportunity to view visual aids and speak with project representatives. Comments received during the public comment period, including during the public meeting, were considered during preparation of the Final EA. Comments received raised concerns regarding hazardous materials historically used on or near the proposed sites and radiological impacts associated with SLAPS and SLAPS VPs. Please see Appendix F.