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## **Appendix J – Public and Agency Comments on the Draft EA**

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This Appendix J includes details of the Public Meeting held October 22, 2025, and provides a summary of the public and agency comments received on the 2025 Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) including St. Clair County International Airport (Airport or PHN) responses.

## 1. Public Meeting Details

A Public Meeting was held at St. Clair County International Airport on October 22, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The purpose of the Public Meeting was to present the Preferred Alternative and its associated impacts to the public and receive written comments on the proposed action. Public comments received have been incorporated into the EA where appropriate.

The Public Meeting was an informal, walk-through event where individuals had the opportunity to review maps and displays, ask questions, give feedback, and discuss the project with Airport staff and consultant team members. Attendees could arrive at any time and choose to visit each station or select specific areas of interest. A printed open house guide was provided to inform guests of the station topics. According to the Public Meeting sign-in sheets, four people attended the Public Meeting. Copies of the legal public notice and sign-in sheets are found at the end of this document.

The legal public notice was advertised in two local newspapers prior to the Public Meeting. The notice was published in the Times Herald 31 days before the Public Meeting, and the Voice News 21 days before the Public Meeting. The public notice explained that the Draft EA was available for public review and comment and announced the date, time, and location of the Public Meeting. Physical copies of the Draft EA document were available for public review at the Airport during normal business hours and an electronic copy was also available on the Airport's website.

## 2. Summary of Public Comments Received and Airport Responses

One written comment was left at the Public Meeting. Public comment received is summarized below. The actual written comment is included in this appendix.

### Written Comments Received:

Ken Harris

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*Revenue if any outdated.*

*Any future contracts to augment improvements for long term?*

*Appears, not enough air service to support these plans.*

*Access airport road dilapidated, narrow and not maintained?*

*Facebook data, dated and NOT up to date.*

*Cheap air petroleum noted along, not a ground breaker.*

*Last time airport needed they ended with commission violating Open Meetings Act.*

*Not many years ago, a rumor of expansion cause area residents issues.*

**Response:** This list of comments was not specific to the EA and the obstruction clearing project but were focused on general Airport topics and operations. The commenter discussed these questions/concerns directly with the Airport Manager at the public meeting.

### **3. Summary of Agency Comments Received and Airport Responses**

Correspondence from one agency was received on the 2025 Draft EA. A summary of their comment and the Airport response is included below. The agency comment received has been incorporated into the EA where appropriate. The actual correspondence letter received is provided later in this appendix.

#### **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

*This email is to provide comment for the EA at St. Clair County International Airport.*

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*Chapter 2, Table 2-0 provides a good summary of the proposed alternatives. Given the need for this land manipulation, fragility of wetlands, and higher risk of wildlife habitat disruption and large cost of alternative 1, alternative 2 is most suitable.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to provide input,*

**Adam Shook**

*Wildlife Biologist*

*Michigan Department of Natural Resources*

*Wildlife Division*

**Response:** Comment noted. Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the EA.



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AND  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
FOR  
PROPOSED AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS  
AT THE  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further advised of a public information meeting being held by the Airport. The purpose of the public meeting is to consider the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements and whether the improvements are in the public interest and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The public meeting is scheduled for: October 22, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at 297 Airport Drive, Kimball, MI 48074. The public information meeting will focus on the Draft EA for the following proposed improvements:

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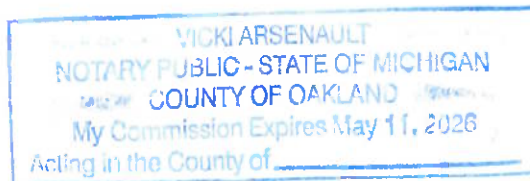
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**St. Clair County International Airport  
Environmental Assessment Public Meeting  
October 22, 2025  
Sign-in Sheet**

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Public Comments Received

From: Ken Harris harriskiceman@gmail.com  
Subject: Public Notice St.Clair County International Airport's ,Proposed  
Improvements .  
Date: Oct 22, 2025 at 3:21:49 PM  
To: Ken Harris harriskiceman@gmail.com

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The Following Agencies Received the Draft EA for Review and Comment

**Federal and State Coordination - Master List**

Mr. Duffiney	Tony Duffiney	State Director	USDA - APHIS Wildlife Services	2803 Jolly Rd., Suite 100,	Okemos, MI 48864	517-336-1928
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Mr. Dugan	Moises Dugan	Regional Administrator (Acting)	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 5	536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor	Chicago, Illinois 60605	312-408-5500
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