
APPENDIX E: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

- Public Notice/Advertisement
- EA Distribution
- Public Meeting
- Summary of Public Comments

E.1 Public Notice/Advertisement

A public notice/advertisement was published in the Mountrail County Promoter on February 14, 2024. This included a notice of the public meeting and a notice of availability for the EA. A description of the proposed project, along with information on how to access the EA and submit public comments, was included in the advertisement. The public comment period was open from February 14th through March 22, 2024. **Figure E-1** shows the affidavit and a copy of the publication.

Figure E-1: Affidavit and Copy of Public Notice/Advertisement

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
County of Mountrail) ss

I, Mary Kline, being first duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am the bookkeeper of the Mountrail County Promoter, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Stanley, in said county and state, and that the advertisement headed:

Notice of Public Meeting + Availability of EA

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

for 1 consecutive week _____ to wit:

Straight Matter Lines	<u>93</u>	<u>February 14</u> , 20 <u>24</u>
First Time Line Rate	<u>.86</u>	_____ , 20_____
Subsequent Line Rate	_____	_____ , 20_____
Column Inches	_____	_____ , 20_____
First Time Inch Rate	_____	_____ , 20_____
Subsequent Inch Rates	_____	_____ , 20_____

Notary Fee _____ Total Cost of Legal, \$ 79.98

Mary Kline

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Feb.
A.D. 2024

(Seal) Kris M. Halvorson
Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires _____ 20_____

KRIS M HALVORSON
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My commission expires Dec 28, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR STANLEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TURF CROSSWIND RUNWAY PROJECT STANLEY, ND

Notice is hereby given that the Stanley Municipal Airport Authority (SMAA) will hold an in-person public meeting on March 5th, 2024 to provide information and respond to questions and comments relative to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Stanley Municipal Airport Turf Crosswind Runway project. The public meeting will be located at Stanley City Hall in the Council Chamber room at 221 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784. The meeting will be held in an open house format beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a brief informational presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m., including an opportunity for the public to ask questions. There is no set end time for the public meeting. The meeting will conclude once all who wish to leave written comments have had the opportunity to do so.

The SMAA, as the Airport Sponsor, intends to undertake a project that includes constructing a new turf crosswind runway at Stanley Municipal Airport to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards. The proposed project includes on-site excavation to meet grading standards, land acquisition, storm pipe installation, modifications to existing electrical, the use of borrow sites, installing crosswind runway hold position signs, topsoil, seeding and mulching, and a staging area and haul route for construction.

In accordance with its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA requires the SMAA to complete an EA. The SMAA and its airport consultant evaluated the environmental impacts of proposed airport improvements at Stanley Municipal Airport. During the EA process, the environmental, economic, and social effects of the proposed development were considered.

The results of the analysis are published in the EA document, which can be viewed on the project webpage, www.meadhunt.com/StanleyEA. Alternatively, a hard copy of the EA document can be viewed at the following locations: Stanley City Hall at 221 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784; Stanley Public Library at 116 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784; and the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission at 2301 University Dr, Ste 22, Bismarck, ND 58504.

The purpose of the public meeting is to address the proposed project's potential economic, social, and environmental effects, and the project's consistency with the affected areas' land use or planning strategy. All interested persons are invited to attend and to present concise, relevant oral or written statements concerning the economic, social, and environmental effects of the development.

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, March 22nd, 2024. Written comments can be submitted via email to jenna.weigman@meadhunt.com or mailed to: Stanley Municipal Airport EA Comments c/o Jenna Weigman, Mead & Hunt 1702 Lawrence Drive De Pere, WI 54115

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Feb. 14, 2024

E.2 EA Distribution

E.2.1. Electronic Format

The EA was distributed electronically to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties. The EA was sent to the following parties on February 14, 2024:

- North Dakota (ND) Game & Fish Department
- ND Department of Environmental Quality
- ND Department of Water Resources
- ND Parks & Recreation Department
- ND Department of Emergency Services
- ND Department of Health
- ND National Guard
- ND Geological Survey
- ND Soil Conservation Committee
- ND Public Service Commission
- ND Association of Counties
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Department of Energy
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Department of Housing & Urban Development
- Minot Air Force Base
- US Air Force Environmental Office
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / WBI Energy
- Mountrail County Planning & Zoning
- Mountrail County Emergency Management
- Mountrail County Ag Agency/Weed Control
- Mountrail County Engineer
- Mountrail County Auditor
- City of Stanley Auditor / Deputy Auditor
- City of Stanley Assessor
- City of Stanley Planning & Zoning
- City of Stanley Public Works Director
- City of Stanley Park Board

Figure E-2 shows an example letter that was sent to these parties along with the EA.

Figure E-2: Example Letter Sent with EA to Electronic Distribution List

February 14, 2024

Mr. Aaron Birst
Executive Director, ND Association of Counties
1661 Capitol Way
Bismarck, ND 58502

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Environmental Assessment (EA) for Stanley Municipal Airport

Dear Mr. Birst,

The Stanley Municipal Airport Authority (SMAA), with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the North Dakota State Aeronautics Commission (NDAC), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new turf crosswind runway at the Stanley Municipal Airport in Stanley, North Dakota.

To continue our coordination on this project, we are notifying you that the EA is available for review and public comment. The EA document can be viewed on the project webpage, www.meadhunt.com/StanleyEA. Alternatively, a hard copy of the EA document can be viewed at the following locations: Stanley City Hall at 221 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784; Stanley Public Library at 116 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784; and the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission at 2301 University Dr, Ste 22, Bismarck, ND 58504.

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Sincerely,

MEAD & HUNT, Inc.

E.2.2. Hard Copy Format

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Figure E-3 shows the letter that was included with the hard copy EAs.

Figure E-3: Example Letter Sent with EA to Hard Copy Distribution List

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
STANLEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
TURF CROSSWIND RUNWAY PROJECT
STANLEY, ND**

Enclosed is the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed development at Stanley Municipal Airport. The EA should be made available for the public to view at Stanley City Hall. Please make this cover letter and the EA available to the public during all operating hours from February 14th until March 22nd, 2024.

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E.2.3. Website

Mead & Hunt developed a project website where the EA and supplemental materials were made available to the public. Supplemental materials available on the website include the Aquatic Resources Delineation reports from 2020 and 2023, the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment from 2024, and the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory from 2023. The website provides a summary of the proposed project, information on the public comment period, and how to submit public comments. The website can be found at: www.meadhunt.com/StanleyEA.

E.3 Public Meeting

An in-person public meeting was held on March 5th, 2024, at the Stanley City Hall in the Council Chamber room at 221 S Main St, Stanley, ND 58784. The public meeting was held to provide information and respond to questions and comments about the EA for the proposed Stanley Municipal Airport Turf Crosswind Runway project. The meeting used an open house format beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a brief informational presentation hosted by Mead & Hunt staff members at 7:00 p.m. The public had an opportunity to ask question after the presentation. The meeting had 14 attendees, see **Figure E-4** for the sign-in sheet. **Figures E-5** shows the poster boards that were located around the Council Chamber room at the public meeting. **Figure E-6** shows a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides.

Figure E-4: Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Stanley Municipal Airport
 Turf Crosswind Runway 2/20 – Environmental Assessment
 Public Information Meeting
 March 5, 2024



Participant sign-in sheet:

Name	Address	Phone or email
1 Trucan Sorenson	6354 85 th Ave NW	541-519-8297
- David Enander	6061 83 rd Ave NW	701-628-2970
- Jeff Rood	9111 57 th St NW Ross	629-2006
- Gary Tandé	7941 97 th Ave NW Powers Lake	701 339 1239
- Dakota Stammes	6166 89 th Ave. NW ROSS, ND 58776	629-0282
- Dan Lindberg	7855 63 rd St NW Stanley ND	629 2130
- Ryan Hanna	Box 158 Berthold ND	290-1624
- Steve Larson	106 Grace Burlington	705-4386
- SM Fall	6845 darlitz road Palermo ND	701-629-1515
- Ty Taylor	25 3 rd St SE Stanley 58784	615-483-1911
- Chad Hynul	603 5 th St SE Stanley	701-621-1580
- Jon Larson	411 1 st SE Stanley	701-629-2244
- Amy Johnson	8090 72 nd St NW, Stanley	701 240 9635
- Heidi Montano	6205 80 th Ave NW Stanley	701-629-0061

Figure E-5: Poster Boards for Public Meeting

Welcome!

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Stanley Municipal Airport (08D)

Public Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Please join us to learn about the proposed turf crosswind runway development at 08D.

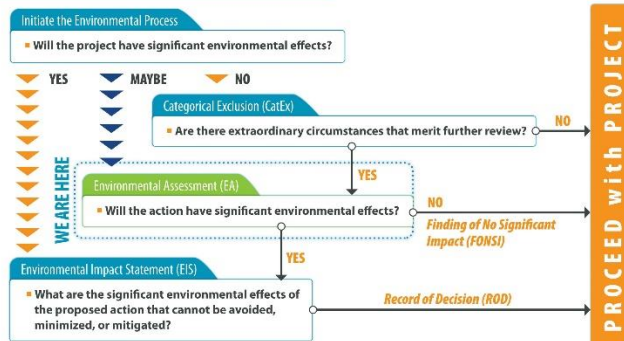
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

EA Process

- 1 Scoping
- 2 Purpose and Need
- 3 Alternatives Analysis
- 4 Affected Environment
- 5 Environmental Consequences
- 6 Mitigation

Levels of NEPA Review



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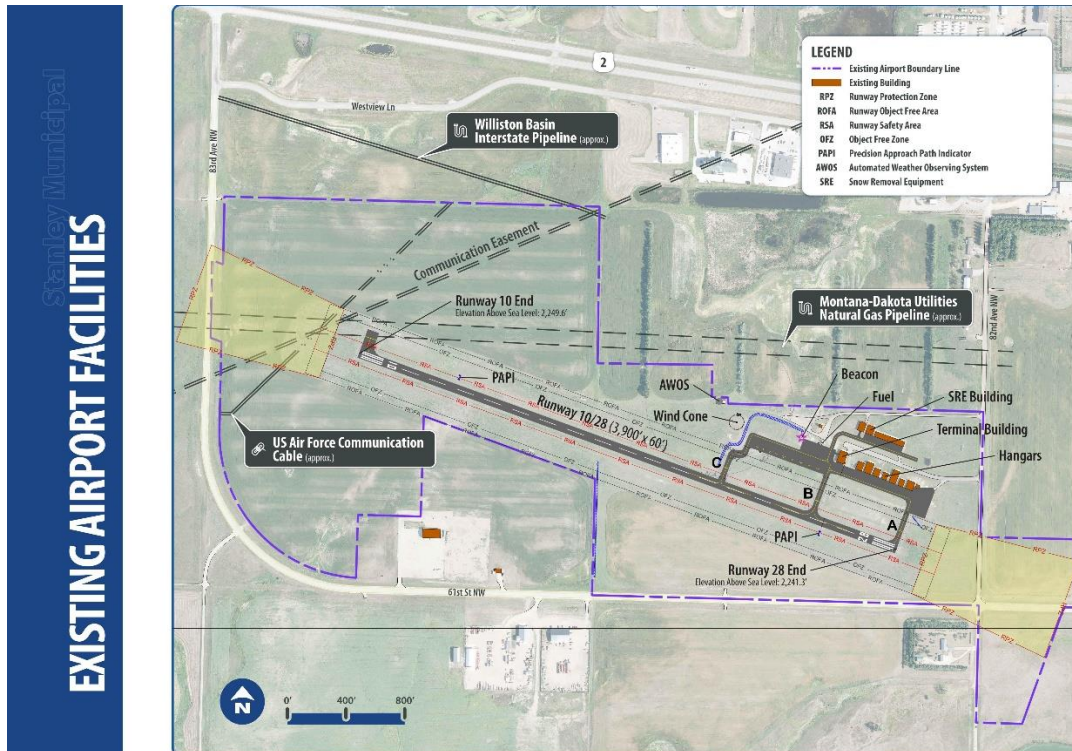
PROJECT PURPOSE

- ✈ To provide adequate wind coverage for all aircraft regularly using 08D.
- ✈ To satisfy near-term user needs.
- ✈ To meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards.



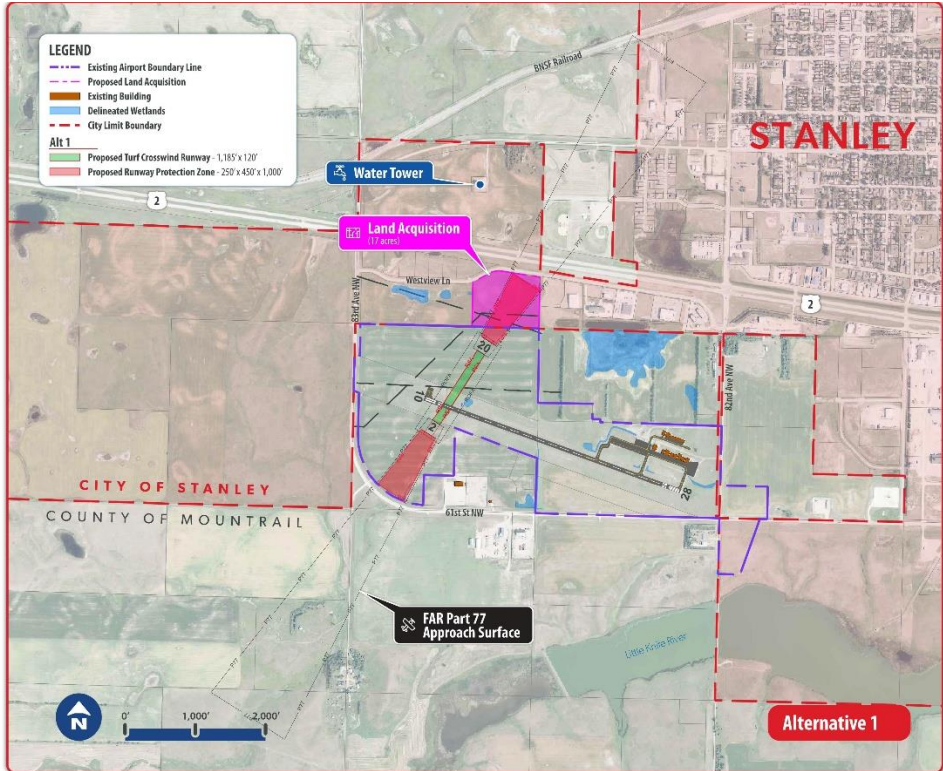
PROJECT NEED

- ✈ Existing Runway 10/28 has 86.49% all-weather wind coverage for small aircraft.
 - FAA recommends 95% wind coverage for aircraft regularly using the airport.
- ✈ Stanley cannot provide 95% wind coverage without a new turf crosswind runway.



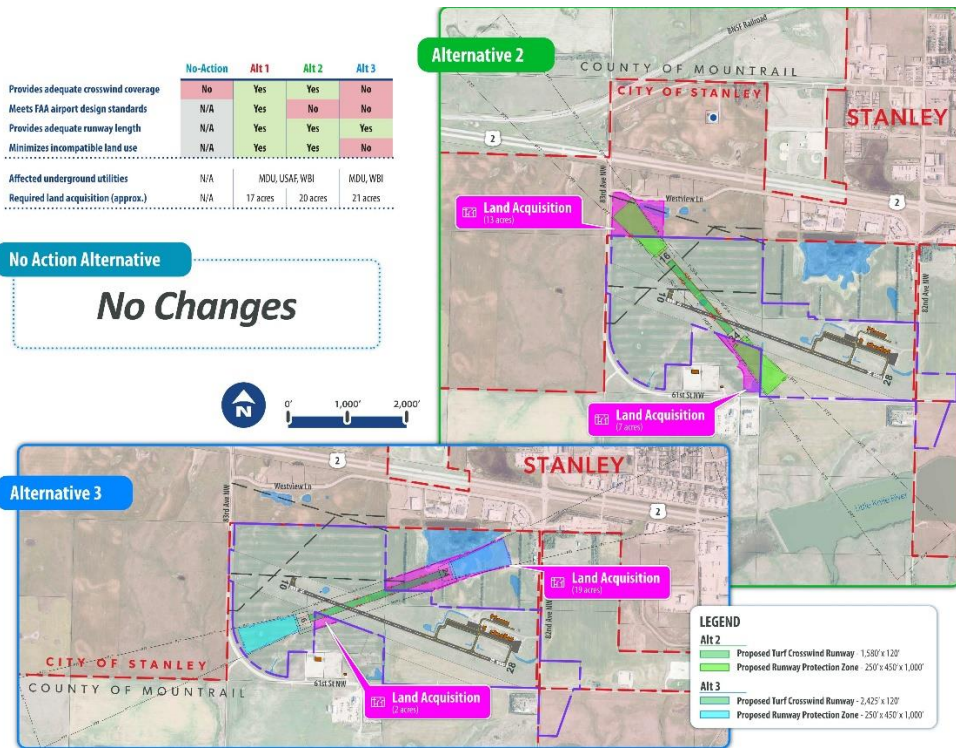
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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED



NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CATEGORIES

 **Air Quality**

 **Biological Resources**

 **Farmlands**

 **Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, Pollution Prevention**

 **Historic, Architectural, and Archaeological Resources**


 **Land Use**

 **Natural Resources and Energy Supply**

 **Noise and Compatible Land Use**

 **Socioeconomics**

 **Visual Impacts**

 **Water Resources**

- Surface Water and Stormwater
- Wetlands

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**Share your
feedback with us!**

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jenna.weigman@meadhunt.com

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**5:00 p.m. CT
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Figure E-6: PowerPoint Presentation Slides for Public Meeting

Turf Crosswind Runway 2/20 – Public Meeting

Evan Barrett, AICP, CM | March 5, 2024

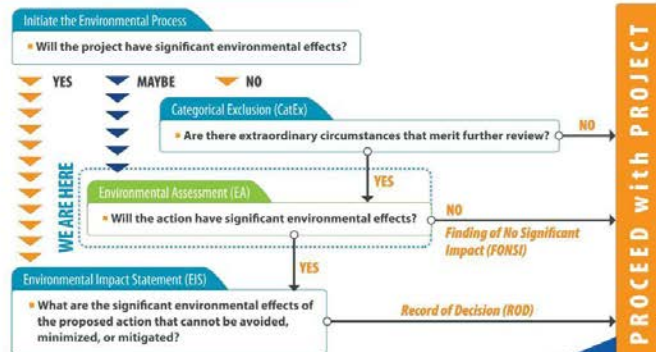


National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

EA Process

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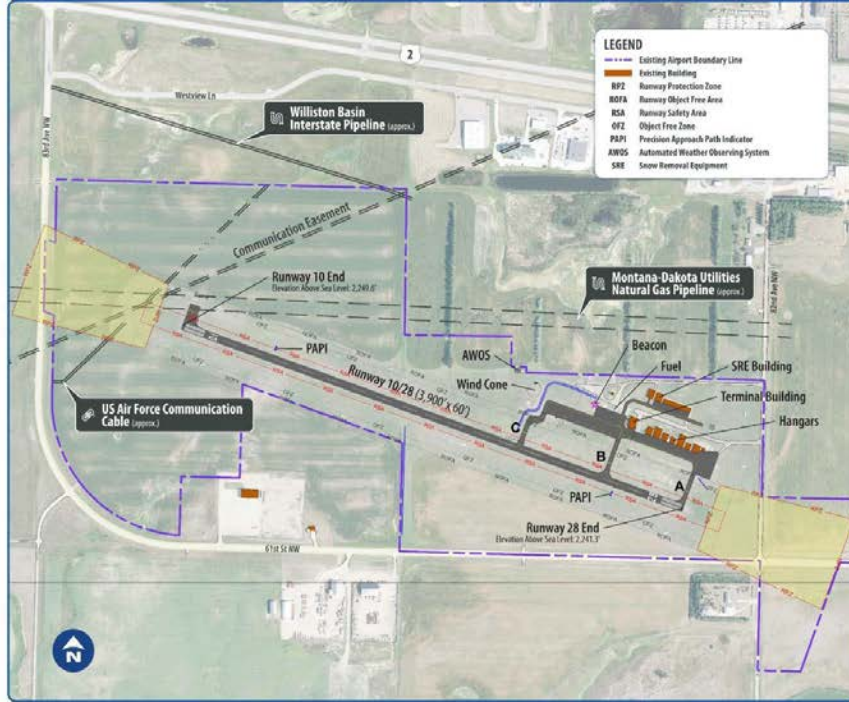
Levels of NEPA Review



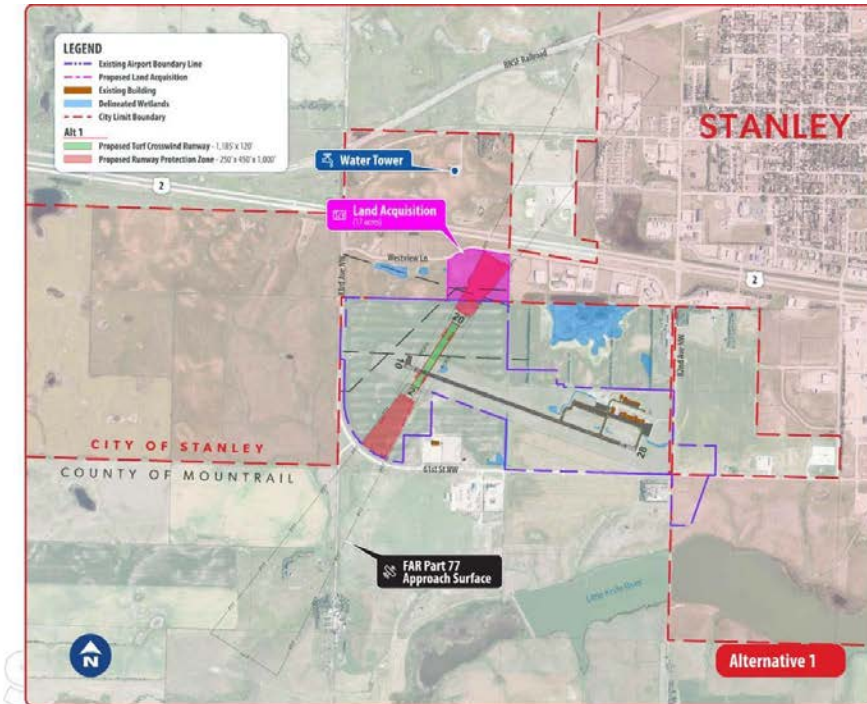
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Existing Airport Facilities



Proposed Action



Purpose

- Provide adequate wind coverage for all aircraft regularly using 08D.
- Satisfy near-term user needs.
- Meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards.

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Need

- Existing Runway 10/28 has **86.49%** all-weather wind coverage for small aircraft.
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Alternatives Comparison

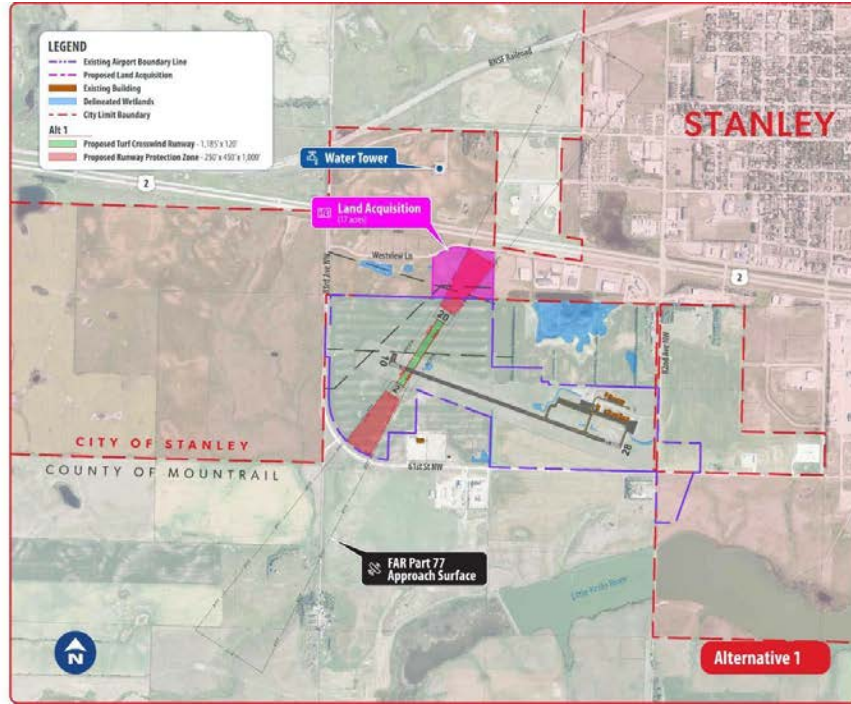
	No-Action	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3
Provides adequate crosswind coverage	No	Yes	Yes	No
Meets FAA airport design standards	N/A	Yes	No	No
Provides adequate runway length	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimizes incompatible land use	N/A	Yes	Yes	No
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Affected underground utilities	N/A	MDU, USAF, WBI	MDU, WBI	MDU, WBI
Required land acquisition (approx.)	N/A	17 acres	20 acres	21 acres

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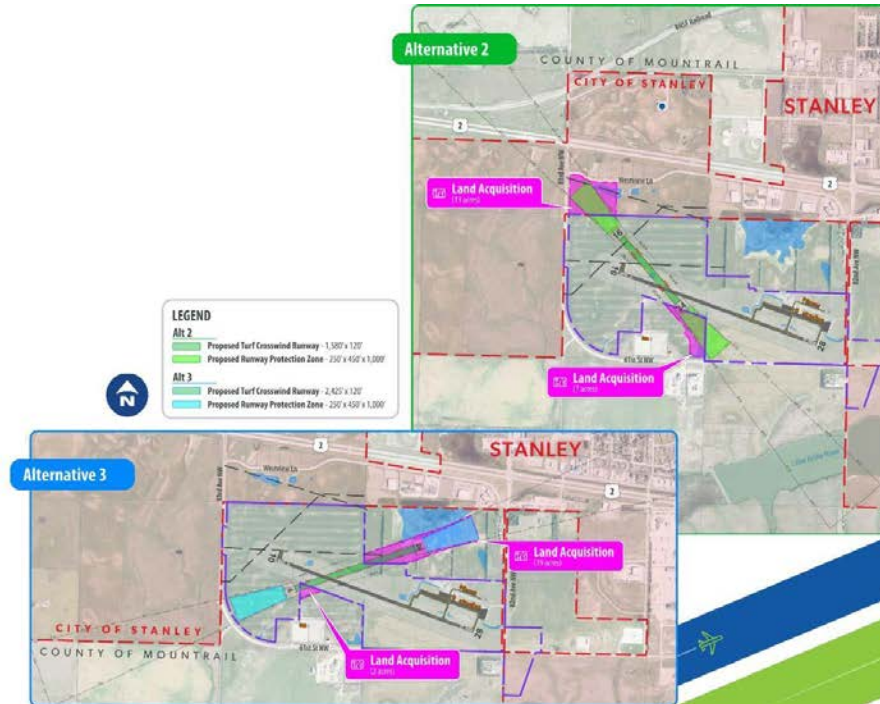
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Preferred Alternative



Other Alternatives Considered



NEPA Resource Categories

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|---|--|
|  Air Quality |  Natural Resources and Energy Supply |
|  Biological Resources |  Noise and Compatible Land Use |
|  Farmlands |  Socioeconomics |
|  Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, Pollution Prevention |  Visual Impacts |
|  Historic, Architectural, and Archaeological Resources |  Water Resources |
|  Land Use | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Surface Water and Stormwater■ Wetlands |

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Categories Analyzed in Detail

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, Pollution Prevention |  Natural Resources and Energy Supply |
|  Historic, Architectural, and Archaeological Resources |  Socioeconomics |
|  Land Use |  Water Resources |
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Stanley Municipal



Next Steps

- **Written comments will be accepted until March 22**
- **All written comments, and responses (if appropriate), will be incorporated into the Final EA document**
- **The Federal Aviation Administration will issue a decision; one of two outcomes:**
 - Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
 - Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



Stanley Municipal Airport
Turf Crosswind Runway 2/20 – Environmental Assessment
Public Information Meeting
March 5, 2024



Comment Form

Name: Steve Larsen
Address: Burlington, ND
Comments:
the cross-wind runway will make this airport
much more useful. With only one runway,
take-off and landing is contingent on
wind direction. Winds not aligned with
the runway could completely stop any activity
at Stanley.
This addition will be so important and long-awaited

Thank you for your comments!

Please hand in during the meeting or return to:

Jenna Weigman
Aviation Planner
Mead & Hunt, Inc.
1702 Lawrence Drive
De Pere, WI 54115



March 18, 2024

Jenna Weigman
Mead and Hunt
1702 Lawrence Drive
De Pere, WI 54115

Re: Stanley Municipal Airport EA

Dear Jenna,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has reviewed the above-referenced proposed Stanley Municipal Airport Environmental Assessment in Stanley, North Dakota.

NDPRD's scope of authority and expertise covers properties that NDPRD owns, leases, or manages; properties protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); rare plants; and ecological communities established through the Natural Heritage Program.

The project does not appear to affect properties NDPRD owns, leases, or manages.

The project does not appear to affect any properties protected under Section 6(f) of the LWCF.

A North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database query determines if any current or historical plant or animal species of concern or other significant ecological communities are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the project area. Based on this review, no known plant and animal species of concern or significant ecological communities are documented within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal, and ecological community conservation, management, and inter-agency cooperation. For additional information, please contact Kathy Duttenhefner at 701-328-5370, 701-220-3377 (cell), or kgduttenhefner@nd.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Kathy Duttenhefner, Chief Natural Resources Division

604 E Boulevard Ave Dept. 750 | Bismarck, ND 58505

PHONE: 701-328-5357 | FAX: 701-328-5363 | EMAIL: parkrec@nd.gov | WEBSITE: www.parkrec.nd.gov

NORTH
Dakota | Water Resources
Be Legendary.

March 11, 2024

Jenna Weigman
Mead and Hunt
1702 Lawrence Drive
De Pere, WI 54115
Jenna.weigman@meadhunt.com

Dear Ms. Weigman

This is in response to your request for a review of the environmental impacts associated with the Stanley Municipal Airport project.

The proposed project has been reviewed by Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the following comments are provided:

- Initial review indicates the project does not require a conditional or temporary permit for water appropriation. However, if surface water or groundwater will be diverted for construction of the project, a water permit will be required per North Dakota Century Code § 61-04-02. Please consult with the DWR Water Appropriation Division if you have any questions at (701) 328-2754 or appropinfo@nd.gov.

- There are no FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplains identified or mapped where the proposed project is to take place. No permit relative to the NFIP are likely required based on the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and State minimum standards. However, flood risk has been identified through the North Dakota Risk Assessment Mapservice and Base Level Engineering (BLE) (ndram.dwr.nd.gov). In the absence of FEMA NFIP data, BLE is often considered best available data and is recommended to be considered in the design process. The State of North Dakota has no formal NFIP permitting authority as all NFIP permitting decisions are considered by impacted NFIP participating communities, the community with zoning authority for the area in question. Please work directly with the local floodplain administrators of the zoning authorities impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. Should you have further questions, please contact me at 701-328-4970 or vdavila@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Davila
Water Resource Planner

VD:dm/1570