

DEKALB COUNTYITEM NO. **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HEARING TYPE

Preliminary

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2010

ACTION TYPE

Resolution

SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing the Proposal of the FAA to lower the KATL Class B Airspace over all of DeKalb County.

DEPARTMENT: Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING: Yes NoATTACHMENT: YES NoINFORMATION CONTACT: Commissioner Elaine Boyer
District 1PAGES: PHONE NUMBER:
404-371-2844PURPOSE:

To adopt a resolution opposing the proposal of the FAA to lower the KATL Class B Airspace over all of DeKalb County and recommend that DeKalb County formally submit its comments and concerns to the FAA.

NEED/IMPACT:

The FAA is proposing to lower the KATL Class B airspace over all of DeKalb County. This change will lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over north DeKalb County north of the PDK Airport. It will lower the airspace for both commercial and general aviation air traffic by 3,000 feet over and immediately south of PDK Airport. It will lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over south DeKalb County.

Lowering the Class B airspace over all of DeKalb County will cause more departure delays. This will lead to increased noise and aircraft emission pollution for the residents of DeKalb County.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Adopt a resolution opposing the proposal of the FAA to lower the KATL Class B Airspace over all of DeKalb County and recommend that DeKalb County formally submit its comments and concerns to the FAA.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF THE FAA TO LOWER THE KATL CLASS B
AIRSPACE OVER ALL OF DEKALB COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the FAA is proposing to lower the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (KATL) Class B airspace over all of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Peachtree Airport (KPK) is owned and operated by DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the PDK Airport is the second most busy airport in the State of Georgia in total number of takeoffs and landings (operations) and is located in northern DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed KATL Class B airspace will:

Lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over north DeKalb County north of the PDK Airport; and

Lower the airspace for both commercial and general aviation air traffic by 3,000 feet over and immediately south of PDK Airport; and

Lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over south Dekalb County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will compress Visual Flight Rules (VFR) traffic over all DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will lower all Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) traffic over all DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will cause more departure delays for aircraft awaiting IFR departure from the PDK Airport; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of all flights (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more noise pollution to all the residents of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of all flights (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more aircraft emissions pollution to all the residents of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of IFR flights in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more noise pollution to the residents nearby the PDK Airport as ground delays increase; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of all flights (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more emissions pollution to the residents nearby the PDK Airport as ground delays increase; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will reduce property values in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will reduce the total DeKalb County tax digest with the reduction in property values; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will affect the overall quality of life for all the residents and business owners of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) has voted against the proposed FAA KATL Class B airspace changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners (BOC), as a body, formally opposes the FAA's proposed changes to the KATL Class B airspace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners (BOC), as a body, recommends that DeKalb County formally submit its comments and concerns to the FAA formally opposing the FAA's proposed changes to the KATL Class B airspace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective when adopted and that all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

LARRY JOHNSON, MPH
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

W. BURRELL ELLIS
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS
Clerk
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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