

# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S DON SCOTT AIRPORT EXPANSION FACT SHEET

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OSU wishes to expand their airport and the surrounding properties bordered by West Case, Sawmill, and Godown roads and 161. This includes extending the north runway to 6,000 feet, building new hangars, and the development of bordering properties.

## **Airport Expansion Will Affect Your Quality of Life**

- Heavier aircraft will be able to use the airport, resulting in lower flight paths.
- Landings and take-offs on the north runway will be closer to and lower over residential areas.
- More hangars mean more aircraft will be using the airport and flying overhead.
- Increased flights also increase pollution, fuel odors and decrease safety.
- The current noise problems have been ignored for years.

## **Airport Expansion Will Cost You Money**

- Airport noise decreases property values.
- 90% or more of the expansion will be paid for with federal tax dollars.
- State funding for airport improvements comes from the general fund, including income and sales taxes.
- Necessary improvements to local roadways will be paid for by local cities.
- Estimates of the airport's economic contribution to the area are grossly miscalculated.

## **Expansion is Contrary to the Airport's Educational Mission**

- The primary goal of expansion is to attract more corporate customers.
- OSU plans to create a corporate park/gateway near the north runway.
- 80% of airport revenue is already from corporate traffic.
- The educational mission of the airport and community programs are not affected if expansion is halted.
- Expansion could harm aviation and non-aviation educational activities at the airport.
- The airport's current payment of revenue to OSU may be in violation of federal laws.

## **Airport Expansion is Unnecessary**

- There are at least 4 airports within 20 minutes of Don Scott Field, each better situated to handle the corporate traffic OSU is trying to attract.
- These airports are currently underutilized and could easily handle additional traffic.
- Don Scott field is already the fifth busiest airport in Ohio!

## **OSU Is Not Completely Studying the Issue**

- Current studies are small in scale and do not address all of the potential impacts of an expanded airport. A full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) would.
- There remain flaws and unanswered questions about the current studies.
- Governmental bodies surrounding the airport have called for an EIS and more study!
- Noise mitigation is voluntary without a proper Part 150 noise study – a study which is 15 years overdue!
- Most governing bodies recognize the FAA noise standards are inadequate.
- The University is breaking the project into small parts instead of looking at the impacts of a full build.

## **What Can I Do?**

- Read more and learn the facts.
- Sign the on-line petition.
- Put a sign in your yard or on your car.
- Write a letter.
- Participate in airport related events.
- Talk to others!
- Register your aircraft complaints at <http://woose.org/acs/>

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# OSU Airport Expansion - Who to Write

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## Recommendations for OSU

### Moratorium on all expansion plans

Including:

- New Hangars
- Runway Extension
- Conditional Airport Layout Plan Approval
- Board of Trustees Approval

Until:

- Study existing problems
- Define and implement mitigation procedures
- Demonstrate mitigation is effective

### Noise mitigation

- Analyze existing complaint data
- Study single events, not just averages
- Lease restrictions, landing fees
- Part 150, 161 studies
- 24 hour air traffic control tower

### Regional Planning

- Master Plan should be integrated with regional aviation and land use plans
- Clearly define OSU's regional mission, purpose and need

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