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FAA Approves Houston JetPort Near Fulshear

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the revised “Notice of Landing Area Proposal” for Houston JetPort, a business aviation airport between Fulshear and Katy planned by Houston-area pilot and business executive Ron Henriksen. The FAA confirmed that:

- (1) no airport traffic pattern conflicts exist between Houston JetPort and any other airport,
- (2) after considering the routes of aircraft arriving and departing other Houston area airports, the proposed location of Houston JetPort is neither unsafe nor objectionable,
- (3) the noise that would be created by Houston JetPort would not be incompatible with any neighboring land use, and
- (4) wildlife management practices would allow Houston JetPort to operate safely.

The FAA’s approval is conditioned on restricting the Houston JetPort’s VFR traffic pattern (aircraft practicing takeoffs and landings in nice weather, as opposed to aircraft on an instrument approach) to aircraft which have a final approach speed of 138 miles per hour, or less, and fly at least 900 feet above the ground (except when climbing from or descending to the runway), and by restricting the VFR traffic pattern at Houston JetPort and several private airstrips in the area to one side of each airport.

Houston JetPort will feature a 5,300 foot runway designed for business aircraft, taxiways, hangars navigational aids and other infrastructure necessary to support business aviation operations. The airport, if built, would bring considerable economic development, quality jobs and tax revenue to Ft. Bend County and the school district.

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Federal and Texas state aviation agencies have been endeavoring to open a jet reliever airport west of Houston for several decades. Henriksen and his team have worked extensively with the FAA in their effort to design and build this much-needed reliever airport for the Houston metropolitan area.

Drew Coats, a Houston-area pilot and project spokesman said, "this is a victory for groups that have known that a business aviation airport was needed on the west side of Houston for years. Mr. Henriksen's willingness to invest his own money to develop this kind of facility on his own land for use by the public is really very unique. We are pleased that the FAA has agreed that Mr. Henriksen can develop Houston JetPort safely and integrate it into the national air transportation system."

Ron Henriksen also recently announced that he is investigating an alternative development at a private airport in southern Waller County. The alternative site is on farm land and has been a private airport for over twenty years and sits on farm land near the Igloo factory, Interstate 10 and a rail line. "We are hopeful that Waller County residents, as well as Royal ISD, will welcome our expansion and development of the existing airport. The project will create new jobs, economic development and significant tax revenue for Waller County and Royal ISD. However, if we encounter significant opposition or technical difficulties with the Waller County site, we now have FAA approval to proceed with building the Houston JetPort north of Fulshear."

Henriksen hopes to be able to make a decision on whether he will develop the Waller County airport, or proceed with the Houston JetPort near Fulshear within the next sixty days. For more information about Houston JetPort, please visit our website at www.HoustonJetPort.com , or contact spokesman Drew Coats at 281-945-5444 or Coats@HoustonJetPort.com.

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