

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW
FOR THE RUNWAY 06 OFF-AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AT
HICKORY REGIONAL AIRPORT
HICKORY, NC**

The City of Hickory intends to submit a request for state and federal financial assistance with the Federal Aviation Administration and North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Aviation to help carry out the following project at the Hickory Regional Airport, Hickory, NC:

The project is the removal of tree obstructions within the 20:1 and 30:1 approach surfaces to Runway 06 and 40:1 departure surface for Runway 24 at the Hickory Regional Airport. The Proposed Action is located on off-airport property and would require access to 104 properties, for which aviation easements would need to be acquired, to remove the tree obstructions.

The FAA Atlanta Flight Procedures Office (FPO) identified obstructions off the end of Runway 06 based on a previous Area Navigation Approach/Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (ANA/LPV) survey, which only identified the tallest trees in the approach and departure surfaces and included weeding out data for other adjacent trees that also likely penetrate these surfaces. These obstructions are impacting the existing approach procedures to Runway 06, as well as departure procedures for Runway 24; and have resulted in nighttime restrictions. The Proposed Action is to remove these off-airport obstructions within the approach and departure surfaces, in order to remove nighttime restrictions for Runway 06 and improve departure procedures for Runway 24.

The Proposed Action would be the removal and/or trimming of penetrations or near penetrations within the 20:1 and 30:1 approach surfaces to Runway 06 and 40:1 departure surface for Runway 24. After it is determined that the tree is an obstruction, the next step is to determine if the amount of trimming required (including an additional trimming allowance for tree regrowth) would result in a healthy tree that would continue living. If the amount to be trimmed is 33 percent or greater than the total existing tree height, the tree would be designated to be removed.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are notified of the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the effects of the Proposed Action. The EA is available for examination during normal business hours at the following location:

Hickory Regional Airport
Airport Terminal
3101 9th Avenue Drive NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Comment regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the Proposed Action are invited to be submitted to Mr. Terry Clark, Airport Manager on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2020. Comments may be mailed to Mr. Terry Clark, Airport Manager at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601 or delivered in

person to him at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further advised of an opportunity to request a public hearing by the City of Hickory. A public hearing may be requested by individuals to whom the Proposed Action is a significant concern. The hearing requested should indicate the concerns and reasons why a hearing is requested. A public hearing may be held if it is determined that there is substantial public interest to warrant a hearing.

Before making a request for a public hearing, persons are encouraged to contact Mr. Terry Clark, Airport Manager, at (828) 323-7408 to express their views and discuss those aspects of the Proposed Action that are of concern. If a hearing is held, it will consider the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action and whether the action is in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning.

A request for a public hearing may be made by submitting a written request Mr. Terry Clark, Airport Manager on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2020. Comments may be mailed to Mr. Terry Clark, Airport Manager at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601 or delivered in person to him at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601, on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2020. If a hearing is held, notice of the time and place will be published in area newspapers.