



Baltimore/Washington International Airport

Third Quarter 2005

## SUMMARY

This report provides a review of the aviation noise abatement program for the third quarter of 2005 (July 01 – September 30, 2005). Included in this report are updates on the various types of aircraft operations, noise levels at the permanent noise monitoring sites, a summary of complaints received about aircraft noise, and updated information on the Noise Assistance Programs.

Overall trends are outlined below:

- Average daily jet flights were approximately 636 per day during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2005, as compared with 635 at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2004.
- Nighttime operations were 73 per night during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2005, as compared with 72 per night at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2004.
- The percentage of re-certified (hush-kit) aircraft operating at BWI was 2.3% during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2005, as compared with 1.9% during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2004.
- Aircraft noise levels at twelve of the permanent monitoring sites were lower than during the previous quarter; four sites were higher; three sites were the same.
- There were 56 calls to the Airport Noise Hotline during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2005.
- The Airport was in a west flow operation for 66% of the time during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2005.

News items of interest in the airport noise field:

- Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele unveiled the new name and logo for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. A memorial to Justice Marshall will be created in the center of the Airport terminal with a completion date of early 2006. The name change goes into effect October 1, 2005.
- The Federal Aviation Administration endorsed Chicago's \$15 billion plan to expand O'Hare Airport. The plan includes building new runways and taxiways as well as reconfiguring others. This will help reduce congestion and flight delays. In 2004, O'Hare was ranked last in on-time departures and arrivals by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This project could still face legal challenges from opposition groups. (July 28, 2005)
- America West and US Airways finalized their merger forming the nation's fifth largest domestic carrier. The two companies merged to create an airline that could compete with low fare airlines such as Southwest and JetBlue. Early next year, America West planes will be painted with the US Airways name. (September 27, 2005)
- Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta announced that four airports in Texas and Louisiana will receive over \$16 million in funds to begin repairs from damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. These airports are Lake Charles Regional Airport, Lake Front Airport and Chennault International Airport in Louisiana and Southeast Texas Regional Airport located in Texas. (September 30, 2005)



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- The Federal Aviation Administration will not mandate the use of safety seats for young children on passenger aircraft. The FAA said mandating the seats would not necessarily improve safety, and it would impose an additional cost since parents would have to purchase seats for their children.

