



Legislation Text

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**Fiscal Note**

No fiscal impact.

**Title**

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE - ~~Declaring the City of Madison Common Council's Intent to Submit Submitting Comments to~~ A Resolution on the Air National Guard as Part of the F-35 Operational Beddown Environmental Impact Statement.

**Body**

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard has operated a base at Truax Field since the late 1940s, has over five hundred full time personnel and a \$99.3 Million local annual economic impact; and,

**WHEREAS, Truax Field is located at the Dane County Regional Airport; and,**

WHEREAS, the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing located at Truax Field conducts state and federal missions including responses to natural disasters and catastrophic events, completes approximately 3000 flights per year, and has executed 5 combat deployments over the past 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing provides Fire, Crash and Rescue service for Dane County Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the Air National Guard issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for F-35 Operational Beddown; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed F-35A aircraft would replace the F-16 aircraft located at Truax Field; and,

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard has selected Truax Field in Madison as one of two of five alternative installations for a squadron of 18 F-35A aircraft and two backup aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, **after hearing concerns from residents, City of Madison** Alders from the North and East **Sides** of Madison organized a public listening session on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the East Side Community Center to discuss the proposal; and,

WHEREAS, Alders and community residents attended the Air National Guard scoping meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza; and,

WHEREAS, some residents are looking forward to the F-35 Beddown, others have expressed concerns and questions about the potential **environmental** impacts of the F-35 operations at the Truax Field in Madison; and,

WHEREAS, the Alders have collected information and comments related to the **environmental concerns regarding the** F-35 Beddown; **and,**

~~WHEREAS, no other representative governmental body has weighed in on the scope of the EIS on behalf of residents living in the vicinity of Truax Field,~~

~~NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council intends authorizes~~

~~Common Council President Marsha Rummel to submit comments the environmental concerns raised by residents at the February 28, 2018 listening session and in follow-up communications to the Air National Guard as part of the F-35 Operational Beddown Environmental Impact Statement; and,~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ~~the City of Madison Common Council will submit comments based on the feedback from Madison residents. Those~~ **the** questions and comments **submitted** collected by Alders include but are not limited to the: 1) flight paths and plans, 2) the noise impacts especially on low-income neighborhoods and vulnerable communities, 3) the environmental impacts of operations and maintenance of the F-35s including air pollution and runoff into Starkweather Creek, and 4) safety concerns related to crashes and munitions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council believe that community involvement is important; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Common Council will remain engaged throughout the entire Environmental Impact Statement process to ensure that residents are represented in the decision making process.