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FAA to Consider Changing Flight Plans for Executive Airport

The City of Fort Lauderdale has begun taking steps to ask the Federal Aviation to reduce noise at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The goal is to reduce noise and the City of Fort Lauderdale has hired an environmental consultant to assess the impact of requiring planes to immediately turn north at I-95 after takeoff. The airport will consider expanding the time, but will need approval from the FAA.

The airport is considering two options:

- expanding the time for the I-95 turn from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.,
- or a requiring the turn 24 hours a day.

The airport is also considering requiring the jets to use SID, which is an instrument that would automatically direct the plane to make the I-95 turn. This will be more accurate because the pilots currently make the turn themselves without the SID equipment.

We ask that you send a comment to the airport consultant requesting that they implement a 24-hour turn at I-95 with SID for both jets and airplanes. These comments will be forwarded to the FAA as part of the consultant #8217's report. Simply send the consultant the following statement:

I am a resident of Oakland Park and live in the North Andrews Neighborhood. The residents of North Andrews would like all aircraft coming and going to the airport to be required to use the I-95 turn with SID to eliminate noise pollution and address safety issues.

Feel free to add any additional comments and send them by February 15. Please email them to the city #8217's consultant, Douglas Barrett, at dbarrett@hmmh.com, or mail them to Douglas Barrett, Harris Miller; Hanson Inc., 77 South Bedford Street, Burlington, MA 01803. For questions about the study, contact Clara Bennett, Airport Manager of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, at (954) 828-4955.

