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BOCA RATON AIRPORT (BCT) CUSTOMS FEASIBILITY STUDY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Will traffic increase if customs is built at BCT?

The Customs Feasibility Study projects NO additional flights resulting from implementing customs at BCT. Customs is an amenity to aircraft arriving internationally that are based or destined for BCT. Currently, international arrivals wishing to land at BCT make an interim stop to clear customs at other airports on their return home to BCT from their international trip.

How many flights does BCT anticipate clearing customs?

The Study forecasts 700 annual flights clearing customs at BCT. This is an average of two flights per day. The Study also forecasts 350 boaters annually will clear customs at BCT (paper work only, boats will not be cleared at the airport).

What hours will customs operate?

The Study suggests that customs operate five days per week from 10:30 am-6:30pm.

Who pays for the operation of customs?

No local tax dollars go to the operation, maintenance or development of the airport. The operating costs will be paid by users fees. BCT is self-funded through lease revenues and other fees charged to airport users.

When will customs be built?

The Boca Raton Airport Authority, who operates the airport, has not yet voted on whether to move forward with the project. Staff will present the facts and costs to the Airport Authority after all factors, including site location and costs, are considered.

Will the size of aircraft that use the airport increase when customs is offered at BCT?

No. The size of aircraft will not increase. BCT anticipates that the same aircraft that are using BCT currently will continue to use the airport. No additional traffic is anticipated. The Study is based on aircraft with ten or less passengers per aircraft.

How will customs affect the safety at the airport?

Safety is a huge factor in offering a customs facility at BCT. Aircraft will no longer require customs clearance at a nearby customs office, but instead, international arrivals will be able to fly directly to BCT. This prevents low altitude return flights to BCT from nearby customs facilities.

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What type of customs will operate at BCT?

A user fee airport customs office that receives international flights for a fee. Each international flight arriving to clear customs will be required to pay a fee to BCT for the clearance of customs. Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Lauderdale Executive and Palm Beach International provide customs clearance at NO fee. The fact that BCT will be a user fee airport that charges a fee to land will discourage the use of BCT for customs clearance for non-based aircraft or transient aircraft because they can use several nearby airports to clear customs at no fee. Further, the type of customs facility at the airport will be to clear passengers and their baggage, not to clear freight or cargo.

Is the airport building an additional runway?

No.

Is the airport extending the existing runway?

No.

Will commercial aircraft be allowed to land at the airport to clear customs?

No. The airport is physically unable to accommodate commercial airline aircraft.

Do aircraft dump fuel when arriving or departing the airport?

No. The types of aircraft that fly into and out of the airport are not able to dump fuel. They are not designed or equipped to release fuel.

Is the study available to review?

Yes. The study is published under Airport Information/Documents on the Authority's website at www.bocaairport.com.