

**5/14/19 - Press Release**

**Public Meetings on Burlington International Airport's Release of Noise Exposure Map**

**From the Office of the City Manager**

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The Burlington International Airport will be hosting two open house events regarding the updated CFR Part 150 Noise Exposure Map (NEM):

May 29, 2019, @ the Burlington International Airport / 5 – 7 PM

May 30, 2019, @ the O'Brien Community Center (32 Malletts Bay Ave, Winooski VT) / 5 – 7 PM

These events are free and open to all. If you plan on attending the event at the O'Brien Community Center in Winooski and require translation services, please call or email the City of Winooski: 802 655 6410 / [communications@winooski.vt.gov](mailto:communications@winooski.vt.gov)

The Noise Exposure Map documents the airport layout and operation, aircraft related noise exposure and land uses surrounding the airport. This update will look at aircraft noise exposure for the years 2018 and 2023 including data from the F-35s. The current FAA approved 2015 NEM represent calendar years 2015 and 2020 conditions. Noise Exposure Maps present current and future (5 years) aircraft noise contours and land use. This is an open house format with boards describing the study progress and the draft NEMs. No formal presentation will be made. Both verbal and written comments will be accepted. In addition, written comments can be submitted to [www.BTVsound.com](http://www.BTVsound.com).

Copies of the Noise Exposure Maps will be available beginning May 29th at the Airport Administrative offices during normal business hours or via [www.BTVsound.com](http://www.BTVsound.com). Also on this site is additional information on the NEM, Frequently Asked Questions, and contact information.

The consultant team will be available to answer questions and solicit public comments which will be included in the Study report. The City of Winooski is working closely with the Burlington International Airport and with VT Air National Guard to provide information regarding these meetings. A series of Frequently Asked Questions have been compiled in preparation for these meetings, which you can find attached to this press release and on <https://winooski.vt.gov/>

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## **BTV Noise Exposure Map FAQs**

### **What does “not suitable for residential use” mean in relation to the confirmed unit of 65 DB?**

The Federal Aviation Administration adopted land use guidelines relating to types of land use near airports. These guidelines, contained in 14 CFR Part 150, are utilized to define areas that may be eligible for federal funding to mitigate the impacts and to identify for local jurisdictions the land use guidelines for planning purposes. Specific to the 65 dB DNL noise contour, some residences and public buildings may be eligible for sound insulation treatments to ensure an interior noise level is at or below 45 dB DNL. It is important to note, that the contours do not delineate suitability of residential use. They are a planning guideline that identifies land use compatibility in conjunction with the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP).

### **How many parcels will be impacted in Winooski?**

The number of parcels located within the 65 DNL noise contour will be available on May 29, 2019 with the release of the Draft Noise Exposure Maps.

### **How will the impact be mitigated?**

Once the noise contour is finalized, those residential properties located inside the 65 db DNL noise contour may be eligible for mitigation including sound insulation. The Airport, working with the neighboring towns, is finalizing a Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) that will identify the type of the programs (such as sound insulation) that will be offered to those homes. The final recommendations are expected to be completed this summer with submission of the report and FAA approval at the end of the 2019.

### **When will sound mitigation funds be available to the public?**

Once the noise compatibility program is approved by the FAA, the Airport will be able to apply for FAA grant funds to begin a sound insulation program. The Airport hopes to have those funds available by the summer of 2020. As the airport continues its planning into implementing the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP), the eligible properties closest in proximity to the airport will first be offered the mitigation programs as funding becomes available. In subsequent years, more properties will be eligible as federal funding becomes available.

### **Who do we contact for additional information?**

Further information about the Noise Exposure Map or the Noise Compatibility Program is available at [www.BTVSound.com](http://www.BTVSound.com). There is a link on the home page to email the consultant team with questions or comments.



## Vermont Air National Guard F35 FAQs

When are the primary hours of operation?

In regards to the 158th Fighter-35 hours of operation, the Vermont Air National Guard will run schedule to the 16s, generally two take offs a day, and drill weekends (once a month). These are flights and we will continue four in communication with our communities on any irregular flying changes in flying schedules.

Will the F-35's run nighttime drills (9 PM or later)?

Yes, the requirements for night flying operations does not change.35. Night operations usually done when the hours of darkness are at their earliest (winter seasons) to minimize the impact in the area. We will provide notice when these night flying operations are scheduled.

Will there be the same number of flights at F-16? (less? more?)

The intent will be to have a similar flying schedule.16 to the F

Will the F-35's be carrying nuclear weapons while they fly in and out of Winooski?

The F35s will be stationed at the Vermont Air National Guard who utilize the Burlington International Airport. The Burlington jets will not have the hardware necessary for the nuclear mission. There are no the hardware necessary to make the Burlington-35s nuclear capable. In accordance with DoD policy: "It is U.S. policy to neither confirm nor deny the presence or absence of nuclear weapons at any ge specific location."

Questions regarding VTANG and-35 can be sent to:

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