

TITLE: Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration Proposed Modification of the Atlanta, GA, Class B Airspace Area
RE: FR Doc. E9-28900, Filed 12-3-09

WHEREAS the FAA is proposing to lower the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (KATL) Class B airspace over all of DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the DeKalb Peachtree Airport (KPDK) is owned and operated by DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the PDK Airport is the second most busy airport in the State of Georgia in total number of takeoffs and landings (operations) and is located in northern DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the proposed KATL Class B airspace will:

Lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over north DeKalb County north of the PDK Airport;

Lower the airspace for both commercial and general aviation air traffic by 3,000 feet over and immediately south of PDK Airport; and,

Lower the airspace for commercial air traffic by 1,000 feet over south DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will compress Visual Flight Rules (VFR) traffic over all DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will lower all Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) traffic over all DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the proposed lowering of KATL Class B airspace will cause more departure delays for aircraft awaiting IFR departure from the PDK Airport;

WHEREAS the lowering of all flights (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more noise pollution to all the residents of DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the lowering of all flights (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more aircraft emissions pollution to all the residents of DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the lowering of IFR flights in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more noise pollution to the residents nearby the PDK Airport as ground delays increase;

WHEREAS the lowering of all flight (VFR/IFR) in the KATL Class B airspace will bring more emissions pollution to the residents nearby the PDK Airport as ground delays increase;

WHEREAS the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will reduce property values in DeKalb County;

WHEREAS the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will reduce the total DeKalb County tax digest with the reduction in property values;

WHEREAS the lowering of KATL Class B airspace over DeKalb County will affect the overall quality of life for all the residents and business owners of DeKalb County;

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Georgia:

Formally opposes the FAA's proposed changes to the KATL Class B airspace as it affects all the residents of DeKalb County.