



Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Division of Transportation
Infrastructure Development
Bureau of Aeronautics

Mr. Frank Gattolin
National Transportation Safety Board
31W 775 North Avenue
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Dear Mr. Gattolin:

We agree with your thoughts concerning the safety of approaching aircraft to the Sylvania Airport in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. Surface traffic on Interstate 94, crossing the final approach to the airport's runway 27, are also at an increased risk. We have reviewed the materials that you have provided regarding the fixed-panel visual glideslope indicator. The Aeronautical Information Manual refers to this system as the Alignment of Elements System in paragraph 2-1-2 (c).

We will address the situation in two steps:

- We have begun preliminary discussions with the department's Office of Transportation Safety. This office should address the glideslope indicator and its installation due to the multimodal benefits.
- We have placed the Sylvania Airport into a list of candidates for our Airport Marking Program. This is a no-cost runway marking program normally available to publicly owned airports. Completion of runway marking will be after the installation of the glideslope indicator system.

We will provide you progress reports as we move towards completion of this effort at increasing safety for pilots approaching the Sylvania Airport and those surface vehicles traveling along Interstate 90.

Thank you for your input, suggestions and concern for the welfare of the traveling public.

Sincerely,


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