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Mr. Eric Otto, Senior Water Resources Engineer
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RE: Waukegan National Airport (UGN), Rehabilitate SE Quadrant Taxiways Coastal Zone Consistency Review Request

Dear Mr. Otto:

To fulfill its requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently preparing a Categorical Exclusion for the proposed Rehabilitation of the SE Quadrant Taxiways at Waukegan National Airport (UGN or Airport) located in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois. This project is intended to extend the service life of two asphalt taxiways serving the users of UGN's southeast quadrant. The 2024 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) values for Taxiway E3 range from 9 to 57 and Taxiway F is 28. These pavements represent some of the lowest PCI's on UGN's airfield. The pavements have exceeded their useful life and rehabilitation is needed. This project will include mill and overlay of Taxiways F and E3 as shown on the attached Sponsor's Proposed Action figure.

The project is expected to be initiated in May 2028 and completed by October 2028.

The Proposed Action includes the rehabilitation of SE Quadrant Taxiways within the Illinois Coastal Zone Boundary, which extends through the airport to Green Bay Road, as shown on the attached coastal zone map. New underdrain and minor drainage improvements are expected to follow the existing drainage patterns. Therefore, future runway drainage patterns would generally remain consistent with the existing watershed boundaries. The sponsor's Proposed Action is not within a floodplain. There are no water resources within or near the project area. The National Wetlands Inventory map is attached and indicates that there are no water resources within or near the project area.

UGN will obtain all federal, tribal, state, and local permits necessary for the construction and operation of the proposed project.

The proposed activity will not negatively impact coastal use or resources. The proposed activity complies with the Illinois approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies. We are requesting your concurrence with this determination within 60 days in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. Concurrence will be assumed if its response is not received within 60 days plus any extension, as applicable pursuant to 15 CFR 940.41(b).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 847-294-7354 or craig.k.pullins@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

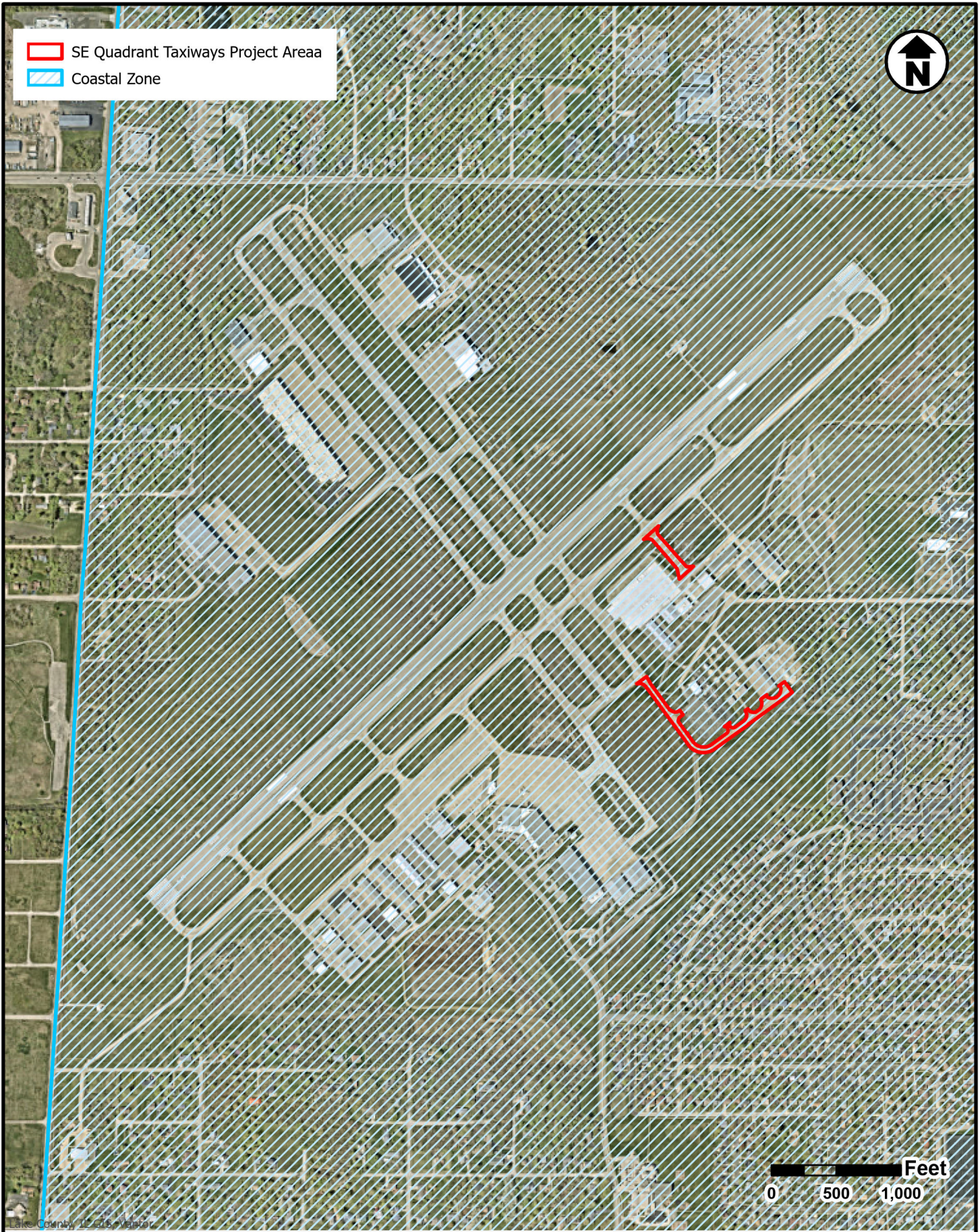
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Enclosure:
Proposed Action Exhibit



UGN SE Quadrant Taxiways Coastal Zone Aerial Map



Rehabilitate SE Quadrant Taxiways National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Map