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After this newsletter went to press, the Port Authority of New and New Jersey announced a public meeting to hear comments on its revised proposal for the redevelopment of Terminals 5 & 6 at JFK.

Terminal 5 is TWA (Eero Saarinen, 1962) and Terminal 6 is National Airlines (I.M. Pei, 1970). The Port Authority has issued a revised proposal (a Draft EA/4(f) analysis) that differs little from the proposal offered in Summer 2001.

THE PROPOSAL:

- A massive new terminal, semi-circular in form, will surround TWA Terminal, cutting it off from the airfield and leaving it marooned between a new parking garage and the new terminal.
- National Airlines Terminal will be demolished.
- The TWA satellite gates will be demolished, as will portions of the boarding "tubes."
- No definite plan is given for the reuse or rehabilitation of TWA Terminal. The proposal only specifies that some unknown new user may restore and use the building.
- Input given by the consulting parties (including DOCOMOMO US) during the prior Section 106 review process has had little discernible impact on the revised proposal.
- Concepts presented in an alternate plan, prepared by the Municipal Art Society (MAS), have been dismissed without adequate justification.

THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD JULY 15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 30TH.

Please send your comments to the Port Authority and FAA before the 30th. (addresses on the flip side)

The Port Authority and the FAA will not be deterred by a few sharply worded letters from DOCOMOMO as an organization. A barrage of letters from concerned citizens across the country is needed. Please pass these details on to others.



OVER PLEASE FOR SOME FACTS

- TWA Terminal is an NYC landmark. However, the Port Authority is exempt from any city oversight and thus does not require LPC approval of its plan.
- TWA Terminal is listed on the State and National Register. The Port Authority's revised proposal will go through Section 106 review. This is another reason that letters are important, to establish public disapproval of the plan.
- National Airlines Terminal is not on the Register and does not have local landmark protections. Efforts are starting now to establish State and National Register eligibility.
- Public opinion against this plan can also be used to generate negative PR for the airlines planning to occupy the new terminal (Jet Blue, for instance). By leasing in the new terminal these airlines assume partial responsibility for the abandonment of TWA Terminal and demolition of National Airlines Terminal.
- The Port Authority is basically abandoning TWA Terminal to the uncertain hazards of a weak economy. The plan is at best a form of bureaucratic wishful thinking when it suggests that a private developer will step in with the resources and incentive to do something constructive with the building.
- Airport planners working on the MAS alternate plan believe that their plan meets or exceeds the gate capacity, passenger circulation and landside frontage outlined in the Port Authority proposal. It does so without demolishing key portions of TWA Terminal or taking it out of airport service. With further development it could meet all requirements for the Terminal 5 & 6 site set by the Port Authority.

TWA Terminal and National Airlines Terminal need air travel-related uses. They need to be made part of a better JFK, not engulfed or erased. Tell the Port Authority and the FAA this is important. **Write your letter now.**

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

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NY Airports District Office
Federal Aviation Administration
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Garden City, New York 11530

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Bernadette Castro, Commissioner
NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation
Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12238

Don Klima, Executive Director
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Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 809
Washington, DC 20004

IF YOU JUST CAN'T SEND A REAL LETTER, SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO DOCOMOMO VIA EMAIL TO BE PRINTED AND DELIVERED ON THE 30TH.

Be sure to include your full name and address **docomomo_ny@hotmail.com**

A copy of your letter will help DOCOMOMO US with ongoing advocacy on this issue.
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