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Heliport Proposal Update (6/1/10)

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Dear Arian,

IDOT to Hold Another Public Hearing on Proposed Rooftop Heliport

IDOT has NOT approved Children's Memorial Hospital's (CMH) rooftop heliport application.

Despite the construction of the proposed heliport atop the new CMH the heliport is still just that - a proposal. The yellow "X" now visible on the landing pad is required by the FAA to indicate to pilots that the proposed heliport **IS NOT** a legitimate landing site.

Early in 2010 SOAR objected to the construction of the proposed heliport. IDOT indicated that its authority extended only to determining whether the heliport is safe to operate rather than restricting its construction. The Department warned CMH that if it commenced construction it did so at its own risk. CMH cannot now argue that its expenditure of funds to build the heliport should be a reason to allow its operation.

So where do things stand?

IDOT has informed SOAR and CMH that IDOT will hold another public hearing on the proposed heliport.

IDOT indicated nothing further as to the hearing's scope or timing. In response to SOAR's queries IDOT also stated that it has no written findings, reports or conclusions from the expert witnesses IDOT hired to review CMH's proposal.

SOAR is following up on this new development and will communicate additional information as it becomes available. As always, we welcome your comments and questions.

Sincerely,

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SOAR Campus Task Force Co-Chairs

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