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## **HUNTSVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETING**

*Aviation Expert Swelbar to Present Study on Fares and Impacts on Huntsville;  
Answer Questions From the Community*

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., August 23, 2013** – Air travel expert Bill Swelbar will address the community at a public meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10, on his recent study analyzing average fares at more than 450 U.S. airports, including Huntsville International Airport (HSV). The public meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. at the UAH College of Business Administration Chan Auditorium ([map](#)).

“It is safe to say that the U.S. airline industry has forever changed. This new normal has resulted in communities of all sizes losing air service and we’re seeing increased prices across the board,” said Swelbar. “Huntsville is quite a unique community when you look at its air service, and I think many will be surprised to see how Huntsville stacks up.”

Swelbar will present findings relevant to Huntsville from his studies and answer questions from the community. He co-authored “Evolving Trends of the U.S. Domestic Airfares: The Impacts of Competition, Consolidation, and Low-cost carriers” along with Michael Wittman. This is the third white paper at MIT on small community air service. All three studies can be found on HSV’s website at [www.flyhuntsville.com/newsroom/public-info-reports/for-the-media/swelbar/](http://www.flyhuntsville.com/newsroom/public-info-reports/for-the-media/swelbar/).

“We encourage our community to attend this town hall meeting and engage in an open conversation about fares and how Huntsville fits into the national landscape of air service,” said Rick Tucker, executive director for HSV.

[Register here for the town hall meeting.](#)

Recent press coverage from *USA Today* on this topic can be found [here](#).

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### **About Bill Swelbar**

William S. Swelbar ([full bio](#)) is a Research Engineer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s (MIT) International Center for Air Transportation, where he is affiliated with the Global Airline Industry Program and Airline Industry Research Consortium. Prior to MIT, Swelbar spent 25 years in the consulting world with a focus on airline labor cost restructuring, regulatory issues governing air transport, communication strategy and support, and air service development on behalf of airports and communities.