D/FW boosters launch pro-expansion blitz

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IRVING — In a race to capture public sentiment, supporters of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport expansion beat their opponents out of the gate yesterday with a pep rally that attracted more than 300 business and government leaders.

The lunchtime rally, billed as the kickoff for a six-week campaign to overcome opposition in cities around the airport, came one day after the release of a long-awaited environmental assessment of D/FW's expansion plan.

The 1,000-page study will be subjected to intense scrutiny for the next six weeks. After a public hearing in September, the Federal Aviation Administration will make a final decision on the airport's expansion.

As one D/FW supporter said during yesterday's rally, "This is the most significant mile of the race."

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