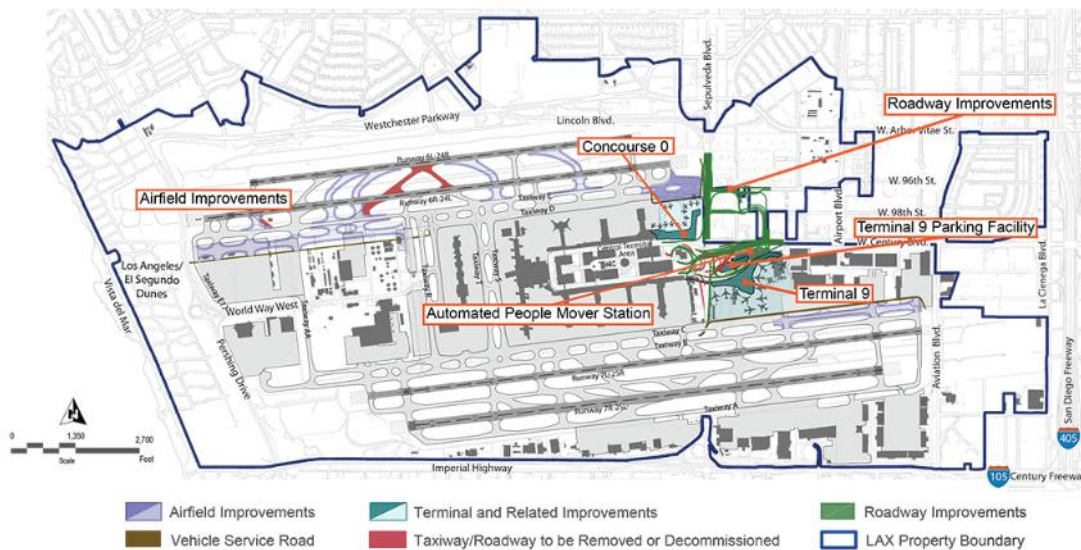


The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Extends Comment Period on Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft General Conformity Determination for the LAX Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP)

LAWA has announced an extension to the public comment period on the Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft General Conformity Determination for the LAX ATMP. The comment period will close at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021. The ATMP proposes to construct a new aerial roadway, a new concourse next to Terminal 1, and a new terminal (Terminal 9) with improvements to the North Airfield.

Airfield & Terminal Modernization Project



As previously reported, on March 15, 2021, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes submitted a comment letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the LAX ATMP (attached). The City expressed concerns related to:

- Aircraft noise pollution caused by passenger jets overflying RPV airspace;
- Vehicle traffic impacts near LAX and how LAWA needs to prioritize efforts to disperse air traffic to other airports.

For more information on the DEIR and the project, please click LAWA's project link: www.lawa.org/ATMP. LAWA is also inviting the public to join a virtual public meeting to learn about and provide formal oral comments to the LAX Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project and its environmental assessment. The public meeting and hearing will be on June 29, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to provide oral testimony must register with LAWA in advance. To register, please see www.lawa.org/ATMP.

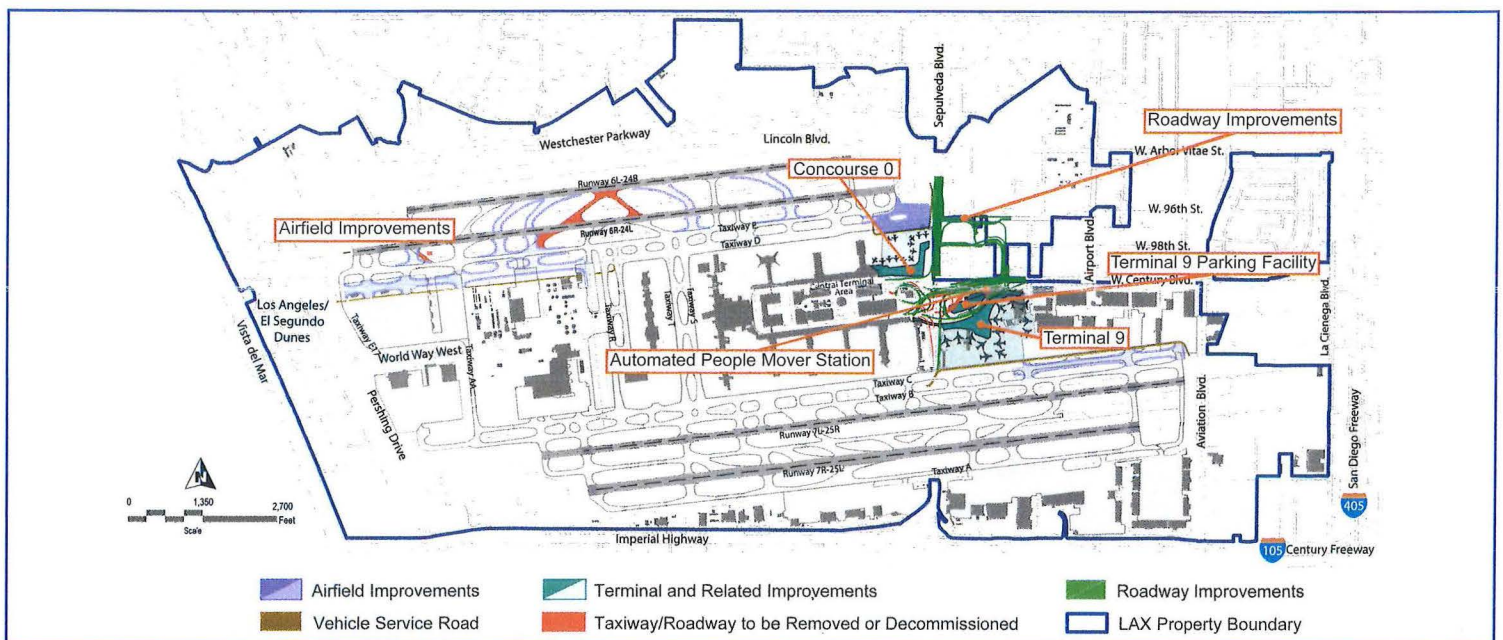
AIRFIELD & TERMINAL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LAWA proposes to implement the LAX Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project as part of LAWA's continuing commitment to maintain LAX as a world-class airport. The Proposed Project consists of several elements, including airfield improvements to enhance safety and operational management within the north airfield, new concourse and terminal facilities to upgrade passenger processing capabilities and enhance the passenger experience, and an improved system of roadways to better access the Central Terminal Area (CTA) and new facilities while reducing congestion.

PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS

- **Airfield Improvements:** Airfield safety and operational management would be enhanced with the westerly extension of Taxiway D, the easterly extension of Taxiways D and E and relocation and reconfiguration of runway exits from the northernmost runway in the north airfield, and the easterly extension of Taxiway C in the south airfield.
- **New Terminal Facilities:** Concourse 0 would be a new easterly extension of Terminal 1. Terminal 9 would be a new passenger terminal located southeast of the Sepulveda Boulevard/Century Boulevard intersection.
- **Roadway Improvements:** New arrival and departure roadways would improve access to and from the CTA and would provide access to the new Terminal 9 facility. Access to the new terminal would be provided by a new station on the approved LAX Automated People Mover (APM) line with a pedestrian connection to Terminal 9. Other landside improvements include a pedestrian corridor between Terminals 8 and 9 that would bridge across Sepulveda Boulevard, and a parking facility.



REPORT AVAILABILITY

The Draft EA and Draft GCD documents are available for review online at www.lawa.org/ATMP under Documents, and at the following library locations, subject to each library's operating hours and Covid-19 related restrictions:

Culver City Library

4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

El Segundo Public Library

111 W. Mariposa Avenue
El Segundo, CA 90245

Lennox Library

4359 Lennox Boulevard
Lennox, CA 90304

Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library

7114 W. Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Due to ongoing library closures as of May 14, 2021, the Draft EA and Draft GCD are not available for review at the following libraries: Hawthorne Library, Inglewood Public Library and Playa Vista Branch Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LAWA released the Draft EA and Draft GCD documents for public review on May 27, 2021 and they will be available for public comment until 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021. In addition to oral comments at the public hearing (see reverse), LAWA invites you to make your voice heard by submitting written comments on both documents in either of the following ways: (1) using the comment button on www.lawa.org/ATMP, or (2) mailing to the following address: Evelyn Quintanilla, Los Angeles World Airports, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, California 90009-2216, Phone: (800) 919-3766. Comments must be received by LAWA no later than **5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday, July 12, 2021**. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Alternative formats in large print, braille, audio, and other formats (if possible) will be provided upon request. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided, if requested a minimum of 72 hours prior to the virtual public meeting, by calling LAWA at (800) 919-3766. Si desea esta información en español llame a (800) 919-3766.

We Want to Hear From You

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft General Conformity Determination Notice of a Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing, and Virtual Open House

LAX Airfield & Terminal Modernization Project

Pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.6(b), notice is hereby given by the City of Los Angeles, California, through its airport department, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), that a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA), and Draft General Conformity Determination (Draft GCD) have been prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Clean Air Act, respectively, to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California (Proposed Project). Please note that this notice relates only to the federal review under NEPA. A separate review process is being conducted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

LAWA released the Draft EA and Draft GCD on May 27, 2021 and is seeking your comments on the content of both documents. LAWA invites you to join a virtual public meeting to hear about the Proposed Project, Draft EA and Draft GCD and to join a virtual public hearing to provide formal oral comments to LAWA. In keeping with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Safer L.A. order, LAWA will be holding both the public meeting and public hearing virtually. The virtual public meeting will be held immediately prior to the start of the virtual public hearing. During the virtual public hearing, members of the public can provide oral comments for the record. There will not be a question and answer period and no project decisions will be made.

Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pacific Time

Register for the virtual public meeting and hearing on LAWA's website after May 27, 2021 at www.lawa.org/ATMP.

No answers to questions or decisions on the Proposed Project will be made during the virtual public meeting or public hearing. The virtual presentation will be 30 minutes and the public hearing will begin at the conclusion of the virtual presentation. Individuals who wish to provide oral testimony can register in advance. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes in order to provide everyone an opportunity to speak. The oral comments will become part of the document record; responses will be provided in the Final EA.

Interactive Virtual Open House

LAWA is pleased to host an interactive open house for the Draft EA, which can be visited online at your convenience. The interactive open house will include stations with summary information about the Proposed Project and the analysis and conclusions in the Draft EA and Draft GCD. Check www.lawa.org/ATMP for updates on the launch of the interactive open house.



Contact Us

We'd like to hear from you. You can provide your feedback, contact LAWA, or access Project information via any of the following information sources:



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SUBJECT: Comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LAX Airfield & Terminal Modernization Project

Dear Ms. Quintanilla,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The City of Rancho Palos Verdes, herein the City, is a quiet coastal town on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, approximately 11 miles south of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), but near eastbound aircraft pathways departing from LAX. In review of the DEIR for the LAX Airfield & Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP), the City wishes to express the primary concern that the ATMP will result in an increase in aircraft noise pollution caused by eastbound passenger jets overflying the airspace above the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

As you may know, this community and the rest of the Palos Verdes Peninsula has a long history of expressing concerns to Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding noise impacts associated with departing passenger aircraft from LAX. The City is an active participant on the LAX Roundtable and has made exhaustive requests to the FAA to curb passenger jet aircrafts being vectored by FAA air traffic controllers (ATC) over the Peninsula. Despite these repeated requests to simply adhere to the approved flight paths, the Peninsula continues to suffer from noisy passenger jet overflights originating from LAX.

General Comments

1. In general, the City is concerned that the ATMP will induce more passenger flights departing from LAX, thus, increasing the likelihood that air traffic controllers will "cut the corner" and improperly and against FAA procedures (OSHNN8), vector additional aircraft at low altitudes over the Palos Verdes Peninsula's airspace. This has been, and continues to be an issue, additional flight will only exacerbate the issue and increase its likelihood.
2. The City also shares the concerns that have been expressed in separate correspondence by partner cities and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG). We share the concern that LAWA needs to prioritize efforts to disperse

air traffic to their other regional airports. Without a coordinated plan to disperse infrastructure improvements to other local airports, LAX is guaranteed to see an accelerated growth of air traffic activity. This increase in air traffic activity will inevitably result in noisy air traffic near and over the Peninsula, increased traffic congestion, additional local air pollution concentrations and other negative unintended consequences.

Specific Comments

1. In reference to Section 2.3.1.2, the City questions the DEIR's projected air traffic passenger growth data, since the LAWA's study was done prior to the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. LAWA should reconsider the projected growth in light of changes to pandemic-induced passenger travel behavior and reconsider the projected growth at other airports and those airports' ability to handle the projected growth.
2. In reference to Section 4.4, the City encourages LAWA to consider expanding the scope of study for greenhouse gas emissions based on projected aircraft departures from LAX under known aircraft dispersal patterns. Specifically, air pollutants should be studied, which are emitted from passenger jets vectored over the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The toxic air contaminants of concern should be studied over exposed populations based on the quantity and altitudes of passenger jet with Peninsula overflights. LAWA should consider a range of mitigation measures available to lessen passenger jet air pollution over Peninsula residents, including effective communication with TRACON air traffic controllers to vector passenger jets over the ocean east of the HOLTZ waypoint.
3. Specific to Section 4.7.1 of the DEIR and only specific to the construction phase of the project, the City is concerned that the proposed improvements to Runway 6L-24R will cause significant aircraft departure delays and disruptions. Disrupted and inefficient aircraft movement on the ground has the potential of causing FAA departure controllers to rush departures, resulting in congested air traffic between LAX and the Peninsula. We have witnessed that congested air traffic increases the likelihood of vectoring aircraft from the published offshore flight path (OSHNN8) towards the Peninsula because of the FAA's requirement to maintain aircraft separation for safety purposes or because of the pressure placed on air traffic controllers to make up time for departure delays. In addition, given the projected length of the proposed runway construction from 2021 to 2025 and due to the length of runway closures occurring in 4.5-month duration periods, the City is especially concerned that these runway closures may result in disturbing aircraft noise impacts to the community for lengthy periods of time.
4. Section 4.7.1.5.1.1 of the DEIR does not adequately address the foreseen airspace congestion impacts attributed to temporary airfield construction described above nor does the DEIR adequately address or provide mitigation measures for aircraft noise impacts to communities, such as the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, outside of LAWA's Noise Exposure Map. Although the City is not adjacent to LAX, where the Noise Exposure Map illustrates elevated noise disturbances, the City considers

itself a noise-sensitive community due to the low ambient noise levels enjoyed by its visitors and residents.

5. In reference to Section 4.8 of the DEIR, the City, along with the SBCCOG, believes that the DEIR does not adequately evaluate impacts to motorists coming from the South Bay. Although CEQA may not require it, LAWA should not use the Vehicle Miles Traveled standard to avoid responsibility for the increased congestion on the critical thoroughfares that will directly result from this large airport expansion. The City encourages LAWA to work with stakeholders such as the SBCCOG, LA Metro, Caltrans, and surrounding cities who have been working together to identify freeway improvements and can do so again to address off site roadway mitigation improvements necessitated by this project. Even though LAWA may have restrictions by the FAA on paying for these off-facility improvements, the impacts to these facilities occur, nonetheless. For example, it may prove beneficial for LAWA to work with other implementing agencies to address the Century Boulevard exit on the northbound I-405 to allow motorists to head west on Century Boulevard without the need for a traffic signal.
6. In reference to Section 4.8.3.2.1 of the DEIR, the City supports LAWA's proposal to eliminate permanent access from Sepulveda Boulevard to Terminal 9. However, we share the same traffic concerns as that of the SBCCOG about opening the new Terminal 9 before the aerial roadway system is complete. We also believe that temporary access from Sepulveda Boulevard is unwise. There will already be access to Terminal 9 via Century Boulevard and the new Jet Way street, which are not dependent on the construction of the aerial roadway and they should alleviate the need for temporary access from Sepulveda Boulevard, particularly given the burden it will cause on the traffic traveling through the tunnel. We urge you to commit to eliminating any access from Sepulveda Boulevard at any time to Terminal 9. Temporary access is costly and unsafe as you have already recognized by eliminating the permanent access from Sepulveda Boulevard. If a third means of access to Terminal 9 is deemed necessary, then we would ask that you delay the opening of Terminal 9 until the aerial roadway system is completed.


The City supports the concept of continued evolution and a more efficient, modernized LAX. However, it is difficult to support the ATMP without first addressing some of the current vexing issues, such as FAA improper routing of low flying aircraft, local air space congestion, and environmental sustainability. We must have confidence that LAWA is effectively communicating aircraft noise concerns to the FAA and the two agencies are working together to solve this ongoing issue. The City expects LAWA to champion the concerns of those communities affected by aircraft noise pollution and use their resources to influence the FAA, particularly the FAA's air traffic controllers, to adopt more enforceable, reliable, meaningful and measurable aircraft noise mitigation measures than those described in DEIR.

We appreciate your attention to the City's concerns as LAWA finalizes the environmental review. We hope the provided comments, as well as those comments from affected communities, will translate into implementing amicable measures that will mitigate project related impacts to those affected communities, including the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

City of Rancho Palos Verdes Comments to DEIR
March 15, 2021

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 310-544-5202 or via email at aram@rpvca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a stylized 'M' and a trailing line.

Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP
City Manager

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