



PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
SCH#2015121105
and Announcement of Public Meeting

Proposed Monterey Regional Airport Master Plan

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (District), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Monterey Regional Airport Master Plan (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project provides a development framework to implement improvements that will enable the Airport to accommodate future demand for air travel forecast to occur at Monterey Regional Airport (MRY). The Proposed Project would result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts during construction and/or operation of the project: aesthetics, biological resources, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, off-airport emergency response times, land use policy inconsistencies, noise, and traffic and circulation. Significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts related to: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, GHG emissions, land use policy inconsistencies, noise, and traffic could also occur. This notice is to advise you of the availability of Draft EIR SCH#2015121105 for your review and comment between September 17 and October 31, 2018.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Proposed Project that is evaluated with the DEIR include the projects recommended in the Airport Master Plan's (AMP) capital improvement program, as well as the AMP's overall land use plan (which includes non-aviation development and redevelopment on airport property). Short and long-term (programmatic) project components include, but are not limited to: (1) Taxiway A shift to meet current FAA design standards, (2) Terminal replacement and relocation with a loop road to provide better customer service experience including traffic flow, a sustainable facility with technological advances, (3) Relocated and expanded apron on the south side to better serve air carriers, (4) ARFF replacement and relocation to the site of the existing commercial terminal to enhance service and safety, (5) Relocation of general aviation (GA) activity to the northside to separate GA from air carrier activity and addition of GA hangars, (6) New access road from Hwy 218 to the northside to accommodate future GA hangars and development and avoid additional traffic in local neighborhoods to the west, (7) Non-aviation uses on the north and south side of the Airport, (8) Frontage road along Hwy 68 to access properties and enhance safety on Hwy 68, and (9) Existing airport industrial area redevelopment maintaining existing use intensity.

The District has studied the effects of the Proposed Project on the environment in the DEIR in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA guidelines including an analysis of reasonable and feasible alternatives, potentially significant impacts, and mitigation measures. The DEIR provides an analysis of the following topics: Aesthetics, Agriculture, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, Cumulative Impacts, and Growth Inducement.

The DEIR, in conjunction with the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS), scoped out the following environmental resources categories because the Proposed Project is not anticipated to have impacts on these resources: Forest Resources and Mineral Resources.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Draft EIR SCH#2015121105 and technical studies are available for review between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Monterey Regional Airport Administrative Office locates at 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940. Copies on thumb drives are also available at the Monterey Regional Airport and are available for purchase. The documents are also available online at www.montereyairport.specialdistrict.org and at the following public libraries (review days and times vary by location):

Monterey Public Library
625 Pacific Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Seaside Branch Library
550 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the MRY Administrative Offices, in the Airport District Board meeting room, at 200 Fred Kane Drive, CA 93940. More information will be available on the website link listed above. The public meeting will provide an overview of the Proposed Project and the findings of the Draft EIR. Written and oral comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted at the meeting.

Comments may also be submitted, in writing, postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on October 31, 2018, via regular mail to Monterey Regional Airport’s Planning Department, 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940 or by e-mail to planning@montereyairport.com.

Hand delivery to the Airport District offices at Monterey Regional Airport, 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940 will also be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Any questions may be addressed to the Planning Department at 831-648-7000 ext.208.