



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE Availability of Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

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Case No.: 2017-007468ENV
Project Title: **SFO Recommended Airport Development Plan**
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A notice of preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The NOP is available for public review and can be accessed on the Planning Department's website at <https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents>. Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center at 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 (call 415.575.9107).

Project Description: The project sponsor, San Francisco International Airport (SFO or Airport), is proposing to implement the SFO Recommended Airport Development Plan (RADP), which involves a long-range plan to guide the Airport's development. The purpose of the RADP is to plan for forecast passenger and operations growth at SFO through the following measures: maximizing gate capacity, geometry, and flexibility; optimizing lobby and security flows and incorporating new technology for passenger screening; maximizing shared-use facilities and baggage handling system flexibility; and maximizing transfer connectivity for passengers and baggage. The proposed RADP includes recommended projects that would accommodate long-term demand at the Airport, forecast to reach 71.1 million annual passengers at the estimated maximum airfield capacity in its existing layout.¹

The RADP serves as a roadmap for guiding future Airport development in order to modernize SFO, increase the efficiency of Airport operations, and enhance the passenger experience. The RADP is not expected to induce passenger demand, and no airfield expansion or changes are proposed as part of the RADP, nor would the proposed project increase the capacity of the airfield, change aircraft operations or aircraft types operating at the Airport, or affect the propensity of passengers to use SFO. Long-term demand at the Airport is forecast to reach 71.1 million annual passengers, which is the estimated capacity of the existing airfield, irrespective of the RADP.

¹ Landrum & Brown, Inc., San Francisco International Airport Aviation Activity Forecast, April 2014, approved by the Federal Aviation Administration on June 9, 2014.

The EIR will also evaluate a project variant, referred to as the "Boarding Area F Variant," which would include an extension of Boarding Area F and the realignment of two taxiways to maintain access between the boarding areas and runways.

Finding: The Planning Department has determined that an EIR must be prepared for the RADP prior to any final decision regarding whether to approve the project. The Planning Department will prepare an initial study and focused EIR to evaluate the physical environmental effects of the proposed project. These studies will assess both project-specific and cumulative impacts for all topics. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about the potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project, to identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and to describe and analyze possible alternatives to the proposed project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or disapprove the project. However, prior to making any such decision, the decision makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

The Planning Department will hold two **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS** during the following times and locations: **Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 431 at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and **Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Great Room at the Millbrae Community Center, 623 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae. The purpose of these meetings is to receive oral comments to assist the Planning Department in reviewing the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR for the project. To request a language interpreter or to accommodate persons with disabilities at the scoping meeting, please contact the staff contact listed above at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, June 21, 2019**, and may be submitted at the public scoping meetings, at the Planning Department, or by letter or email. Written comments should be sent to Michael Li, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or to michael.j.li@sfgov.org. Referenced materials are available for review at the Planning Department's office at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 (call 415.575.9107).

If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or a Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, please contact **Michael Li** at **415.575.9107**.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.