



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Infield and Taxiway Improvements Project

Date: June 29, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (District), as owner and operator of the Monterey Regional Airport ("Airport"), is seeking Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of an Airport Layout Plan change for the Airport for the proposed Infield and Taxiway Improvements Project (Proposed Action).

The Proposed Action involves several construction activities including:

- Rehabilitation of 15 infield areas;
- Removal of a non-standard segment of Taxiway "E";
- Reconfiguration of the Taxiway "F" intersection with Taxiway "A"; and
- Reconfiguration of the Taxiway "K" intersection with Taxiway "A."

The Proposed Action will enhance safety by:

1. Reducing potential damage to aircraft that may result from foreign object debris from deteriorating chip seal surfaces and unpaved surfaces;
2. Enhancing the safety of aircraft movements at the Airport by modifying existing non-standard taxiway geometry and hold line separation distances between the taxiway and the runway centerline;
3. Eliminating habitat for burrowing animals that attract wildlife hazardous to aircraft operations; and
4. Enhancing safety by regrading infield areas that do not currently meet FAA airport grading design standards, which both enhances airport drainage, and provides a smooth surface to roll across if an aircraft loses control and veers off of a runway or taxiway.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action described above pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA), and Section 509(b)(5) of the *Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982*, as amended. The FAA is the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development actions.

The Draft EA was prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. Pursuant to the federal *Clean Water Act*, *Clean Air Act*, the *National Historic Preservation Act*, and the *Department of Transportation Act*, the Draft EA includes an analysis of prudent or feasible alternatives, potential impacts, and mitigation measures, as appropriate.

Beginning Friday, June 29, 2018, the Draft EA can be reviewed at the District's office at: 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, Monterey, CA 93940, and Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940 while electronic copies can be viewed at: <https://montereyairport.specialdistrict.org>. The Draft EA can also be reviewed at the Federal Aviation Administration Airports District Office at 1000 Marina Boulevard, Suite 220, Brisbane, CA 94005.

Written comments on the proposed Environmental Assessment must be addressed to:

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Comments may also be sent by email to: planning@montereyairport.com. The District will receive comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment during the public review period **beginning Friday, June 29, 2018 and closing at 5:00 pm (PDT) on Monday, July 30, 2018**. Please allow enough time for mailing. All comments must be received by the deadline, not simply postmarked by that date.