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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports has prepared an Initial Study for the Project described below. Under CEQA, the City determined that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures have been incorporated that will reduce all impacts to a level of less-than-significant. Thus, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.*

**Date:** March 19, 2015

**To:** All Interested Parties

**Project Title:** Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Runway 6R-24L Runway Safety Area (RSA) Improvements Project

**Project Location:** The project site is within the northern portion of LAX, which is situated within the City of Los Angeles, an incorporated city within Los Angeles County. The RSA components of the proposed Project are located on the north airfield of LAX with the Central Terminal Area (CTA) and World Way West to the south; Sepulveda Boulevard to the east; Westchester Parkway and Lincoln Boulevard to the north; and Pershing Drive and Vista del Mar Boulevard to the west. The taxicab holding/staging area would be relocated to an existing parking lot located on LAX property, generally bounded by West 96th Street, Vicksburg Avenue, and West 98th Street. The proposed Project site is bordered to the north, south, and east by airport facilities. To the west of the proposed Project site is vacant, open land and the Pacific Ocean.

**Lead Agency:** Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)

### **Description of Project:**

The intent of the proposed Project is to comply with the *Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006* (Public Law [P.L.] 109-115), November 30, 2005. P.L. 109-115 requires completion of Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements by airport sponsors that hold a certificate under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 139, *Certification and Operations: Land Airports Serving Certain Air Carriers*, such as LAX, to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards by December 31, 2015. LAWA prepared an RSA Practicability Study and concluded that the existing RSA for Runway 6R-24L does not meet current FAA airport design standards and improvements to the RSA were needed.

The proposed Project would include: (1) relocate the end of Runway 6R approximately 200 feet to the east and displace the threshold of Runway 6R approximately 550 feet; (2) construct blast pads 400 feet long and 280 feet wide on both runway ends; (3) construct a retaining wall and add fill graded to RSA standards on the Runway 6R end; (4) remove/relocate/shift of existing taxiways at the end of Runway 6R and construction of new Taxiway connectors E16 and E17; (5) relocate various navigational aids, including the glide slope antenna, Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI), and ILS Localizer Antenna; (6) replacement of the Runway 6R Medium Intensity Approach Light System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) lights including removing the two

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westernmost stations and shifting of light stations to the east coincident with existing light station locations; (7) shift Runway 24L endpoint by constructing approximately 800 feet of new runway pavement to the east; (8) shift Taxiway E endpoint approximately 500 feet to the east with 400-foot separation from the runway; (9) remove existing Taxiway E7 including the existing loop westbound that joins Taxiway V between Runways 24L and 24R; (10) construct new connector Taxiways E7 and E6; (11) demolish and relocate existing Secure Area Access Post (SAAP) #3 and the Air Operations Area (AOA) fence; (12) protect in place existing storm sewer and utilities; (13) relocate taxicab holding/staging area and associated buildings; (14) implement declared distances; (15) extend and realign service roads south of Taxiway E, requiring the closure of LAWA-owned Alverstone Avenue and Davidson Drive and adjacent parking lots, none of which are publicly accessible; (16) construct new and rehabilitate existing runway and taxiway pavement, as needed in the areas of the improvements identified above; and, (17) modify existing lighting and markings in newly constructed pavements. The proposed Project would not result in increased or decreased aviation activity at LAX compared to existing conditions, and would not increase usable runway length or move the runway north or south.

### **Relationship to Draft Environmental Assessment:**

LAWA released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the LAX Runway 6R-24L Runway Safety Area Improvements project on March 12, 2015. The project evaluated in the Draft EA and this Initial Study are the same project; however, LAWA is required to assess and disclose potential environmental effects of the project under both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Because of the complexities and differences between the two Acts, and how potential environmental effects are evaluated, two separate documents have been prepared. Comments on both documents are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2015. To the extent possible, commenters should specify which document they are commenting on when providing comments.

### **How to Comment on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration:**

Beginning on March 19, 2015, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Initial Study will be available for public review through LAWA's website at <http://www.ourlax.org> under "Current Projects" and in the following locations during normal business, through **April 24, 2015**:

- LAWA Administrative Offices, One World Way, Room 218, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- City of Los Angeles Public Library, Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- City of Los Angeles Public Library, Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90094
- Inglewood Library, 101 W. Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA 90301
- El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245

A Public Workshop on the Draft Initial Study will be held in conjunction with a public workshop on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Project on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time at the **Flight Path Learning Center, 6661 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, California, 90045**. A public hearing on the Draft Environmental Assessment will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the public workshop. Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Initial Study will be accepted during the public workshop.

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Please call (800) 919-3766 for other questions. Comments on the document must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2015** at the following address:

Los Angeles World Airports  
Capital Programming and Planning  
Environmental and Land Use Planning  
Attention: Evelyn Y. Quintanilla  
One World Way, Suite 218, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Comments may also be emailed via a link on the project website [www.OurLAX.org](http://www.OurLAX.org).

Sign Language Interpreters, Communication Access Real-Time Transcription, Assistive Listening Devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Due to difficulties in securing Sign Language Interpreters, five or more business days' notice is strongly recommended. For additional information, please contact: LAWA's Coordinator for Disability Services at (424) 646-5005 or via California Relay Service at 711.

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