

Public Notice: FAA Northern California Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (NorCal OAPM) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Document Release

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA is releasing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that will be available for public review and comment. The EA Document considers the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the Northern California Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (NorCal OAPM) Project.

A “metroplex” is a geographic area that includes several commercial and general aviation airports in close proximity serving large metropolitan areas. The NorCal OAPM proposed action would improve the efficiency of the National Airspace System in the Northern California Metroplex by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure routes at a number of airports.

The Study Airports include:

- San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
- Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (OAK)
- Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC)
- Sacramento International Airport (SMF)

The project involves changes in aircraft flight routes and altitudes in certain areas. Specifically, the FAA proposes to publish and implement optimized standard arrival and departure instrument procedures, serving air traffic flows into and out of airports in the Northern California Metroplex. The proposed action does not require any ground disturbance or increase the number of aircraft operations within the Northern California Metroplex airspace area. The analysis of potential environmental impacts in the EA was conducted in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*.

The Draft EA is available online and at many libraries throughout the General Study Area. The General Study Area covers areas surrounding the four Study Airports and extends approximately 40 to 45 miles north, east, south and west of SMF and 55 miles north, 70 miles east, and 100 miles south of SFO. The western boundary of the General Study Area generally runs contiguous with the coastline. In total, the General Study Area includes 11 entire counties and portions of 12 additional counties. These libraries include but are not limited to the following:

- Oakland Main Library, 125 14th St., Oakland, CA 94612, 510-238-3134
- Sacramento Public Library Central, 828 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-264-2920
- San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA 94102, 415-557-4400
- San Mateo Main Library, 55 West 3rd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402, 650-522-7800
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112, 408-808-2000

A complete list of libraries and an electronic copy of the Draft EA is available online at:

http://www.oapmenvironmental.com/norcal_metroplex/norcal_introduction.html

The FAA invites the public to attend public information workshops for the Draft EA. During the workshops, representatives from the FAA and its Consultant Team will be available to answer questions about the project. The workshops will be open-house format and participants can attend anytime at the times and locations listed below:

April 14, 2014

Attend anytime between:

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sacramento International Airport

Terminal A - Media Room

6900 Airport Blvd.

Sacramento, CA 95837

Free voucher for Terminal A Parking

April 15, 2014

Attend anytime between:

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Port of Oakland

Exhibit Room

530 Water Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Free voucher for Jack London's Waterfront Parking

April 16, 2014

Attend anytime between:

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Independence High School

Villa C-Commons

1776 Educational Park Drive

San Jose, CA 95133

April 17, 2014

Attend anytime between:

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

San Mateo Public Library

Oak Meeting Room

55 W 3rd Avenue

San Mateo, CA 94402

April 18, 2014

Attend anytime between:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Francisco Federal Building

Room B-020 (auditorium)

90 7th Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

Those interested in attending the public workshop who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Chris Jones of ATAC Corp. at **(408) 736-2822** at least 2 days prior to the workshop. Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made.

The FAA encourages interested parties to review the EA, and provide written comments during the public comment period. Written comments will be accepted by the FAA until April 24, 2014. The public is invited to comment by mail or email. Please be aware that your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment may be made publicly available at any time. You may include in your comment a request to withhold your personal identifying information, however we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments can be emailed to: 7-ANM-NorCalOAPM@faa.gov

Comments can be submitted by regular mail to:

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