

Draft Environmental Assessment/Draft General Conformity Determination

Eastgate Air Cargo Facility – San Bernardino International Airport

Welcome!

Thank you for attending the Public Workshop/Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft General Conformity Determination for the Eastgate Air Cargo Facility at San Bernardino International Airport (Proposed Project). At this Public Workshop/Public Hearing, you are invited to:

- Review project information and learn about the: Proposed Project, alternatives evaluated, impacts of the Proposed Project, and mitigation measures to be implemented.
- Discuss the Proposed Project with the Study Team.
- Provide comments on the Draft EA and Draft General Conformity Determination.

Public Workshop/Public Hearing Format

Thank you for attending this important Public Workshop/Public Hearing. The Public Workshop is an “open house” format that allows you to view project materials and speak with representatives from the organizations responsible for assembling the Draft EA and Draft General Conformity Determination about the Proposed Project. This Workshop will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Public Workshop will close, and the Public Hearing will begin. A brief presentation will be made at the start of the Public Hearing to explain the purpose, procedures, and rules of conduct.

Introduction to NEPA

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) establishes a broad framework for the United States national environmental policy. All government entities are required to consider the potential environmental effects of federal actions that may significantly affect the environment. EAs document the decision making process surrounding those actions: they present a systematic analysis of proposed actions and potential alternatives, and they promote an iterative process that generates better decisions. An EA “...determines whether a proposed action or its alternatives have the potential to significantly affect the environment.” (FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*).

Introduction to General Conformity

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations require a General Conformity Determination (GCD) for the Proposed Project if the total direct and indirect pollutant emissions resulting from a project are above de minimis emissions threshold levels specified in the General Conformity Regulations. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) stated that the Proposed Project will conform to the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) (i.e., project emissions are within AQMP budgets) and is not expected to result in any new or additional violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or impede the projected attainment of the standards.

Overview of the Proposed Project

This Draft EA has been prepared to facilitate the FAA’s review and consideration. The proposed Eastgate Air Cargo Facility (Proposed Project) within the San Bernardino International Airport (SBD or Airport) property boundaries is intended to accommodate the demand for air cargo logistics operations at the Airport. The Proposed Project would develop a package sorting and distribution center with an air cargo hub facility that would satisfy an unmet need for large-scale air cargo facilities at the Airport. The Proposed Project site is located on a portion of the Airport, north of Taxiway “E” and West of Hangar Way and south of 3rd Street in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California.