

Final Environmental Impact Report for San Diego International Airport Master Plan now available

Airport Authority Board to review at May 1 public hearing

SAN DIEGO – April 18, 2008 – The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority today announced that the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Diego International Airport Master Plan is now available on www.sanplan.com. Copies of the Final EIR on CD can be picked up at the Airport Authority's offices.

The Final EIR incorporates responses to all public comments on the project's Draft EIR. The public comment period closed on February 4. All agencies, organizations, individuals and others who commented on the Draft EIR will receive a CD of the Final EIR via mail.

The Final EIR is a comprehensive study of all potential impacts on the environment resulting from proposed improvements to San Diego International Airport and enhancements to travel experiences for San Diego County residents and visitors. It ensures actions being taken are in the best interest of surrounding communities and the environment. The EIR covers potential impacts on aesthetics, air and water quality, traffic circulation, archaeological and historical issues, impacts on endangered species, potential noise, the coastal zone, toxic and hazardous issues and all cumulative effects to the environment as well.

The Airport Authority's Airport Master Plan includes improvements that are essential to maintaining San Diego International Airport's award-winning customer service. Some of these improvements include:

- 10 new jet gates
- Parking for aircraft parked overnight
- Dual-level roadway separating departing and arriving passengers
- Parking structure
- Taxiway improvements
- Passenger walkway connecting parking garage to Terminal 2
- Curbside check-in allowing departing passengers to check their baggage and pick up boarding passes before entering the terminal

Renderings of the proposed improvements can be viewed at www.sanplan.com/renderings.asp.

The Final EIR will be reviewed by the Airport Authority Board during a public hearing on May 1 at 9 a.m.

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The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. The Airport Authority is governed by a twelve-member appointed Board representing all areas of the County. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees and not local taxes — served some 18.3 million passengers in 2007.

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