



## MONTGOMERY-GIBBS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

### THE PROJECT

The City of San Diego Airports Division (City) has embarked on a master planning process to define the vision and provide the necessary framework to guide future airport development at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport (Montgomery-Gibbs) for the next 20 years. The master planning process considers the needs and demands of airport tenants, users and the general public. The City is committed to a transparent, comprehensive and inclusive planning process and will engage the community and stakeholders to garner feedback to develop this Airport Master Plan.



### WHAT IS AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN?

The Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan will establish the long-term development plan for the airport by determining the extent, type and schedule of development needed. The Airport Master Plan will include a report of existing and future conditions, an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and a schedule of priorities and funding sources for proposed improvements.



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offers a number of objectives as a guide in the preparation of a master plan:

- Understand the issues, opportunities and constraints of the airport
- Consider the impact of recent national and local aviation trends
- Identify the capacity of airport infrastructure
- Determine the need for new improvements
- Estimate costs and identify potential funding sources
- Develop a schedule for implementation of proposed projects
- Comply with federal, state and local regulations

### WHY IS AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN NEEDED?

- A new Airport Master Plan is needed to:
- Consider new and changing long-term uses for the airport
- Improve the regional transportation system and local economy
- Address improvements necessary to comply with federal aviation regulations
- Accommodate existing and projected demands on the airport



### AIRPORT TERMINOLOGY

- **Airport Layout Plan (ALP):** A scaled drawing (or set of drawings) of current and future airport facilities within the 20-year planning period. This drawing requires approval by the FAA, which makes the airport eligible to receive federal funding for airport improvements and maintenance.
- **General Aviation:** The segment of aviation that encompasses all aspects of civil aviation except certified air carriers and other commercial operators such as airfreight carriers.
- **Federal Aviation Regulations:** FAA rules that govern all aviation activities within the U.S.
- **Instrument Landing System (ILS):** A radio navigation system that provides aircraft with horizontal and vertical guidance just before and during landing and, at certain fixed points, indicates the distance to the reference point of landing.



## ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Opened in 1937, Montgomery-Gibbs is one of two City of San Diego public-use, 24-hour, general aviation airports. Located in the Kearny



Mesa community, the airport has three runways and a helipad and provides a variety of services including flight training, aircraft maintenance, aircraft rentals and sales and car rentals.

Montgomery-Gibbs is classified by the FAA as a reliever airport, meaning it serves general aviation aircraft that might otherwise use a congested air carrier airport (e.g., San Diego International Airport). Airline passengers benefit from reliever airports by experiencing fewer delays due to air traffic congestion.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The airport is named for John J. Montgomery, who is credited with making the first controlled flight in a fixed wing aircraft, and William "Bill" Gibbs, the founder and original owner of the airport.



## KEY AIRPORT FEATURES

- Three runways that can accommodate all types of aircraft year-round
- Central location with close proximity to Downtown
- All amenities necessary to service aircraft on-site
- Instrument Landing System (ILS) on Runway 28R allowing for aircraft arrivals in inclement weather (e.g., low visibility)

## GET INVOLVED

The City is committed to a comprehensive and inclusive planning process guided by broad community outreach and public participation. You can participate in the Airport Master Plan process in any of the following ways:

- **Visit the project website**

at [www.SDAirportPlans.com](http://www.SDAirportPlans.com) for information about the Airport Master Plan process and events, and to sign up for e-newsletter updates.



- **Participate in public workshops** to learn more about the project and provide feedback that will help shape the Airport Master Plan. Workshops will be held periodically throughout the planning process.

- **Attend Advisory Committee meetings.**

The Advisory Committee will be composed of stakeholder organization representatives who will provide input throughout the planning process. Meetings will be held periodically, and the public is welcome to attend and provide comments.

- **Find informational materials**, such as fact sheets and Frequently Asked Questions documents, on the project website or at project-related events.



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The development of the Airport Master Plan is an 18-month process that will be completed in summer 2018. The project is divided into five phases with opportunities in each phase for the public to provide input that will help shape the Airport Master Plan.



**ALP** Airport Layout Plan  
**CEQA** California Environmental Quality Act  
**FFA** Financial Feasibility Analysis