



## BROWN FIELD MUNICIPAL 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 Brown Field Municipal Airport 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 Brown Field Municipal 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In 1957, Brown Field was selected as a site for one of the Vanguard Earth Satellite Tracking Stations.



## ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Brown Field Municipal Airport (Brown Field) is one of two City of San Diego public-use, 24-hour, general aviation airports. Located 1.5 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border in the Otay Mesa community, the airport opened in 1918 when the U.S. Army established an aerial gunnery and aerobatics school in order to relieve congestion at North Island. Today, Brown Field provides a variety of services including aircraft storage and maintenance, flight training, aircraft and car rentals, sky diving and banner towing.



The U.S. Navy took over the airfield in 1943 and operated there until 1962, with the exception of a five-year period that the airport was decommissioned and used by the County of San Diego. In September 1962, the U.S. Navy transferred ownership of Brown Field to the City of San Diego, with the condition that it remains an airport for the use and benefit of the public.

Brown Field 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.



## KEY AIRPORT FEATURES

- Two runways that can accommodate all types of aircraft year-round
- One of the longest public use runways in San Diego County (Runway 8L-26R)
- Close proximity to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry with Land Rights Airport designation; aircraft entering the U.S from Mexico may land at the airport for customs and other federal inspections services

## 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 public comment.

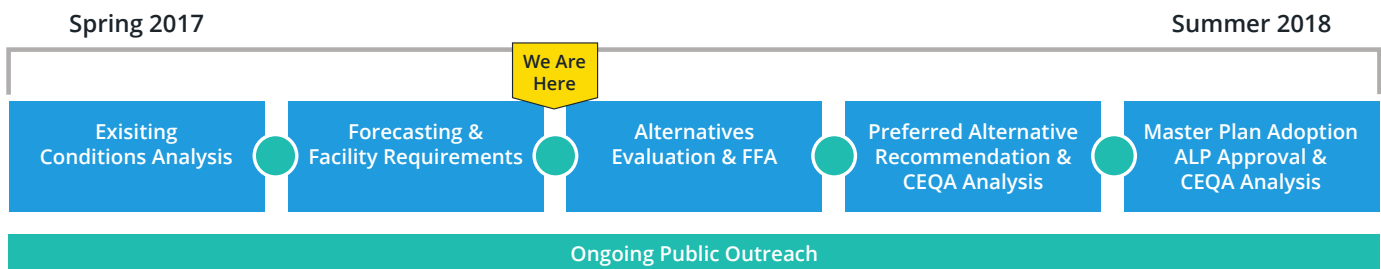
- **Find informational materials**, such as fact sheets and Frequently Asked Questions documents, on the project website or at project-related events.



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

## PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUNDING

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. The City of San Diego received an FAA grant of \$500,000 and is providing funds from the Airport Enterprise Fund to pay for the Airport Master Plan.



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