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**Date:** September 24, 2019  
**To:** Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *T.M.*  
**From:** Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport *C.G.*  
**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** **Long Beach Airport Terminal Area Improvement Project Phase II:  
Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of Availability for  
Public Comment**

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This memorandum is intended to provide an update on the federal environmental clearance status of the planned improvements to enhance the customer travel experience and operational functionality and efficiency at the Long Beach Airport (Airport).

## **Background**

The scope of the Terminal Area Improvement Project (TAIP) Phase II was identified in Final Environmental Impact Report 37-03 (FEIR 37-03). This FEIR satisfied the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was certified by the City Council in 2006. Updates were provided to the City Council in previous memorandums to the City Council on November 25, 2014 and September 11, 2017.

Phase I of the TAIP, completed in 2012, included the construction of a new passenger concourse and parking structure. Phase II of the TAIP makes additional improvements to the Airport to enhance the level of service for passengers and visitors. It also involves mechanical and structural improvements to the Airport's 1941 terminal building, a local historic landmark. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) process is required to determine whether the TAIP has the potential to cause significant environmental effects to the historic terminal building. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development projects. After extensive coordination with the FAA and Airport staff, the draft EA is ready for publication and public comment.

## Notice of Availability

The Notice of Availability (NOA) announces to the public that the draft EA is available for viewing and that the public may submit comments on the plan. The

NOA is expected to be published on, or around, September 30, 2019, and the comment period is 30 days. The NOA will be published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram and on the Airport's website ([www.lgb.org](http://www.lgb.org)) with a link to the draft EA. Hard copies of the EA will be made available to the public at the following locations:

- Long Beach Airport, Administration Office, 4100 E. Donald Douglas Drive, Second Floor, Long Beach
- Long Beach City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, First Floor, Long Beach
- Bach Neighborhood Library, 4055 N. Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach
- Los Altos Neighborhood Library, 5614 Britton Drive, Long Beach
- Federal Aviation Administration Office of Airports, 777 South Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150, El Segundo

#### Public Comment Period

The proposed 30-day public comment period is September 30 through October 30, 2019. During this time, the Airport will collect and review comments and coordinate anticipated responses shortly thereafter.

The FAA will review the draft EA and all comments and determine whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 570-2605.

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