

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Sacramento County is providing notice of the intent to adopt a Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

PROJECT TITLE: Mather Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) Update

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the adoption of the updated Mather Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) by SACOG, acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Sacramento County. The ALUCP establishes policies applicable to the development of future land use in the area surrounding the Airport in the city of Rancho Cordova and unincorporated Sacramento County. The ALUCP establishes an Airport Influence Area (AIA) composed of two review areas. Review Area 1 includes areas within the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contours and safety zones delineated for Mather Airport as part of the ALUCP update. Review Area 2 includes the imaginary airspace surfaces for Mather Airport as defined under 14 CFR Part 77 and the overflight notification area identified in the ALUCP. Agencies with jurisdiction over land uses within the AIA would be required to submit proposed general plan amendments, specific plans, master plans, and zoning ordinances and amendments to the Airport Land Use Commission, for determinations of consistency with the ALUCP.

The preparation or amendment of an ALUCP for public use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21670 *et seq.*). The need for updating the ALUCP is due to local and state level changes that have occurred since the ALUCP was prepared in 1993. The 2021 ALUCP has been prepared using the latest guidance provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics: the 2011 California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook). The function of the proposed ALUCP is to promote compatibility between the County's public use Airports and the land uses in their vicinity to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The plan accomplishes this function through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to new development around an Airport. Additionally, the proposed ALUCP serves as a tool for use by the ALUC in fulfilling its statutory duty to review plans, regulations, and other actions of local agencies and Airport operators for consistency with the proposed ALUCP criteria.

The local affected agencies, including the County of Sacramento, City of Rancho Cordova, Special Districts, School Districts and Community College Districts, are expected to incorporate and implement certain compatibility criteria and procedural policies from the proposed ALUCP into their respective general plans, specific plans, master plans, and/or zoning ordinances to ensure that future land use development will be compatible with the long-term operation of the airports. These local agencies also have the option of overruling the ALUC in accordance with the steps defined by state law (PUC Section 21676). Neither the proposed ALUCP nor the ALUC have authority over existing land uses, operation of the Airport, or over federal, state, or tribal lands.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the SACOG Board of Directors in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project. An Initial Study was prepared to identify potentially significant impacts on the environment, and it was determined that the project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

LEAD AGENCY: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

ADDRESS WHERE COPY OF INITIAL STUDY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: The Initial Study and Draft ALUCP are available for download at <https://www.sacog.org/post/public-review-draft-mather-alucp-0>

Copies of the Initial Study in other formats are available upon request by contacting Greg Chew at the address and telephone number below.

REVIEW PERIOD: The review period begins March 4, 2021, and ends April 5, 2021. Public comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of the Initial Study are invited. Comments received by the end of the review period will be considered before adoption of the Negative Declaration.

Written comments may be submitted electronically to MHRcomment@sacog.org or mailed to SACOG/ALUC at 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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