



## City of Huntington Beach NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW

**Date:** February 20, 2025

**To:** **Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Organizations, and Individuals**  
State of California Office of Planning and Research  
County of Orange Clerk-Recorder

**From:** **City of Huntington Beach (Lead Agency)**  
Department of Community Development, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the **Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach Project**, SCH # 2024020006

**Location:** Regionally, the Airshow is located in the City of Huntington Beach, which is in coastal Orange County in Southern California. The Show Center Area is the location where primary on-the-ground events and activities of the Airshow take place. Locally, the approximate boundaries of the Show Center Area from northwest to southeast are 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1 or SR-1) to Beach Boulevard (State Route 39 or SR-39) and Pacific Coast Highway to the Pacific Ocean including a portion of the Huntington Beach Pier landward of the State Lands Commission mean high tide line. The Airshow Performance Area, the primary area for civilian and military aircraft flybys and aerial acrobatics, is located adjacent to the Show Center Area over the Pacific Ocean with an east-west length of approximately 3,000 feet from the shoreline and a north-south length of approximately 12,000 feet.

**Public Review Period:** February 20, 2025 through April 7, 2025

The **City of Huntington Beach**, as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach Project, as further described below. This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been issued to notify interested parties that the Draft EIR is publicly available for review and comment. The City is requesting comments on the Draft EIR from responsible and trustee agencies, interested public agencies, organizations, and the general public.

### **Project Setting:**

The Show Center Area consists of the beach, the Huntington Beach Pier landward of the State Lands Commission mean high tide line, parking lots, commercial/restaurant uses, bicycle and walking trails along Pacific Coast Highway. Land uses surrounding the Show Center Area comprise of commercial/restaurant uses, hotel uses, parking lots, bicycle and walking trails, Pacific Coast Highway, and the beach.

### **Project Overview/Description:**

As permitted by the City's Specific Event Permit Process, the Airshow has been held annually in the City for three (3) days during the fall season each year since 2016, except in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2021 Airshow, an unrelated oil spill from a pipeline leak off the Orange County coast resulted in the cancellation of the final day. The most recent Airshow took place from October 4, 2024 to October 6, 2024.

The Project would provide a spectacle-scale airshow in Huntington Beach that attracts attendees throughout the Southern California area (and perhaps beyond) and features civilian and military aircraft flybys and aerial acrobatics, air racing, helicopter and aircraft landing/runway displays comprised of temporary acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) foundation (stadium flooring) or wood or aluminum flooring, electric vehicle (EV) and drone displays with hangars and aerial competitions and drone shows, displays of other emerging aviation/mobility technology, and visitor-serving entertainment, services, and amenities (e.g., variety of viewing areas, vehicle and aircraft demonstrations and displays, illustrations, flight simulations, merchandise tents, concessions, food trucks, live music entertainment, wave pool surf competitions, skateboard and bicycle motocross (BMX) bowl competitions, sandcastle building competitions, art installations, and pyrotechnic shows). Future Airshows are anticipated to be held annually for three (3) days to up to five (5) days, generally Friday through Sunday or up to Wednesday through Sunday, with aircraft flight familiarization and flight practice flyovers beginning as early as Monday of the week of the Airshow. The Project would include an event program for the continuation of the Airshow for up to ten (10) additional years beginning from year 2024 through 2034 as permitted by the City's Specific Event Permit Process.

**Government Code §65962.5:**

The proposed project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5.

**Required Approvals:**

The proposed project will be reviewed and acted upon by City Council Resolution at a duly noticed public hearing. The DEIR, which has been prepared in compliance with CEQA, will be certified by City Council. The following discretionary actions are also required for the Project:

- Issuance of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) from the California Coastal Commission (CCC).
- Approval of a Specific Event Permit Application.

**Public Meetings/Hearings:**

The public meeting to be held on the proposed Project will be separately noticed.

**Public Review Period and Public Comments:**

The Draft EIR is available for public review for a period of 45 days commencing on **Thursday, February 20, 2025** and ending on **Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** In accordance with Section 15105 of the State CEQA Guidelines, should you have any comments on the Draft EIR, please provide written comments within the 45-day public review period.

The City requests your careful review and consideration of the Draft EIR, and invites **written comments** from interested agencies, persons, and organizations regarding environmental issues identified in the Draft EIR. If you are part of an agency or organization, please indicate a contact person to whom a response should be directed.

The Draft EIR is available to the general public for review on the City's website at:

- [https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/departments/community\\_development/major\\_projects.php](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/departments/community_development/major_projects.php)
- [https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/departments/community\\_development/environmental\\_reports.php](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/departments/community_development/environmental_reports.php)

A hard copy of the Draft EIR is also available for public review during business hours at the following locations:

- Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California 92648
- City of Huntington Beach, Planning Division, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648

**Comments in response to this notice shall be submitted via e-mail, U.S. Postal Service, or courier service no later than 5:00 PM on April 7, 2025.**

**Lead Agency Contact:**

All comments shall be submitted in writing, including your name, address, and concerns, to:

**If by e-mail:**

[Connor.Hyland@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Connor.Hyland@surfcity-hb.org)

**If by U.S. Mail or Courier:**

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