



Date of Notice: March 27, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND SCOPING MEETING**

**COMPREHENSIVE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN
PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

AVIATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of Palm Springs, as the Lead Agency for the proposed Comprehensive Airport Master Plan for the Palm Springs International Airport, has determined that the project will require the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA, the City will circulate the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and will accept comments on the NOP during a 30-day period starting on **March 27, 2025, and ending on April 26, 2025, at 5:00 pm.** This NOP was submitted for publication in *The Desert Sun* and placed on the Airport website at: <https://flypsp.com/business/document-library/>.

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING: The City of Palm Springs Aviation Department will hold a virtual public meeting on April 15, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Attendance is available using the following zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490714183> The City will accept written comments on the NOP during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Written comments may be mailed to the following address throughout the 30-day public review period: Nikki Gomez, Aviation Planner at Palm Springs International Airport, 3400 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 1 Palm Springs, CA 92262. Comments may be submitted by email to: nikki.gomez@palmspringsca.gov. Please identify the project name, "PEIR for the Comprehensive Airport Master Plan" in the subject line of your emailed or written correspondence. **Your response must be received by April 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b).** Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. Following the comment period, a Draft PEIR incorporating public input will be prepared and distributed for the public to review and comment.

PROJECT NAME: Comprehensive Airport Master Plan for the Palm Springs International Airport

PROJECT AREA: Palm Springs International Airport 2-41 (see Figure 1 and 2)

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Districts 1 and 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Palm Springs owns and operates the Palm Springs International Airport (PSP), a commercial service Airport located within the central part of the city, north of Ramon Road,

west of Gene Autry Trail, south of Vista Chino, and east of El Cielo Road (see **Attachment 1, Project Location**). In 2022, the City initiated a Comprehensive Airport Master Plan to present the community's and Airport's vision for strategic development plan based on the forecast of activity. The Airport Master Plan will be used as a decision-making tool and is intended to complement other local and regional plans. The Airport Master Plan consists of a report documenting existing conditions of the Airport, a forecast of activity, facility requirements (the Airport's needs based on the forecast and compliance with Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] Design Standards for airports), an evaluation of proposed alternatives to meet those needs, and a funding plan for that development. The Airport Master Plan also includes an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) that depicts planned development during 20-year planning horizon identified in the Airport Master Plan (2025 to 2044). The ALP requires FAA approval, which will enable the Airport to be eligible to receive federal funding for Airport improvements and maintenance through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program.

The Airport Master Plan includes comprehensive improvements over a 20-year planning horizon. Projects included in the Airport Master Plan would be implemented in three phases: near-term projects (2025-2029), mid-term projects (2030-2034), and long-term projects (2035-2044).

Near-term enhancements would include a total of nine landside and airside projects. Landside projects would include terminal improvements (phase 1), construction of a Rental Car Center (RCC) and property acquisition for the associated RCC Quick Turnaround Area (QTA), a relocated Fixed-based Operator (FBO) and associated facilities, and a 5-acre solar energy development project. Airside improvements would include taxiway reconfigurations to achieve FAA standards, aircraft fuel facilities, and the construction of an Airport maintenance building. Near-term projects will undergo project-level scrutiny under CEQA.

Nineteen mid-term projects are proposed in the Airport Master Plan that will be evaluated at the program level in the PEIR. Mid-term projects include, but are not limited to, reconstruction of the Airport Rescue Firefighting Facility (ARFF), FBO improvements, the construction of a new vertiport and parking positions, and several other airfield improvements (taxiway reconfiguration, apron expansion, and hangar construction). Proposed long-term projects include additional terminal, RCC and maintenance facility improvements, as well as airfield improvements. Mid-term and long-term projects will be evaluated at the program level in the PEIR. Additional evaluation will be conducted on these projects as timing and funding become more certain.

APPLICANT: City of Palm Springs, Aviation Department

RECOMMENDED FINDING: Pursuant to section 15060(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, the City will not prepare an Initial Study and will proceed directly with the PEIR. The applicant anticipates that the project may result in impacts in the following areas: **Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resource, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazard and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.**

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, call the Office of the City Clerk at (760) 323-8204.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Nikki Gomez, Aviation Planner at 760-318-3817, nikki.gomez@palmspringsca.gov. For information regarding public meetings / hearings on this project, please contact the Office of the City Clerk by telephone (760-323-8204) or email (cityclerk@palmspringsca.gov).

ATTACHMENTS: Figure 1: Airport Location Map (Attachment 1)
Figure 2: Airport Vicinity Map (Attachment 2)

Figure 1: Airport Location Map



Figure 2: Airport Vicinity Map

