

# McClellan-Palomar Airport

## Master Plan Update



February 2016

### About McClellan-Palomar Airport

*Built in 1959, the McClellan-Palomar Airport is located in Carlsbad, California and is the gateway to and from San Diego's North County. The County of San Diego owns and operates the McClellan-Palomar Airport. Serving as a public airport, it currently provides corporate and general aviation facilities for the region.*



### Master Plan Update Process

The County of San Diego has initiated a new 20-year Master Plan for McClellan-Palomar Airport. The existing 1997 Master Plan reached its planning sunset at the end of 2015.

The new 20-year Master Plan will provide a roadmap for the future of McClellan-Palomar Airport's facilities and services.

The purpose of the Master Plan process is to consider a range of future options for the Airport to provide decision-makers with the flexibility to meet the long-term needs of the community. Throughout the process, the Airport's Master Plan project team identified and assessed a range of development alternatives to meet the Airport's needs for current and future aircraft activity, as well as facility requirements for the next 20 years.

The County's goal is to complete a Master Plan that fully incorporates public input from a wide-range of airport and community stakeholders through a robust public engagement program.

#### Did You Know?

**Gerald McClellan:**  
Airport's name honors local aviator and a North County community leader.



### Evolution of the McClellan-Palomar Airport

Today, the McClellan-Palomar Airport is categorized as a B-II facility based on the types of aircraft that have operated at the Airport in the past.

McClellan-Palomar Airport's 1997 Master Plan identified a trend toward larger, faster aircraft operating at the Airport. Aircraft characteristics have evolved industry-wide as operators focus on reducing operating costs. The most effective way to decrease costs is to reduce the aircraft's fuel usage, which means aircraft manufacturers are increasing wing spans and providing more efficient engines. Today, the McClellan-Palomar Airport faces a growing challenge as corporate operators are shifting to C/D-III type aircraft while the facility is still classified as a B-II. To meet the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) recommended design criteria for a C/D-III airport, and to better accommodate today's corporate aircraft, specific geometrical standards pertaining to runway, taxiways and other elements critical to the Airport's functionality would have to be improved.

#### Did You Know?

The pilot determines whether he/she can land an aircraft at an airport, not the airport itself.



# Preferred Alternative: Modified C/D-III

## Project Status

The Airport's Master Plan project team has completed a comprehensive study of possible alternatives to meet the current and future needs at the Airport. The modified C/D-III alternative supported by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors is detailed below. A primary goal is to remain on existing property.

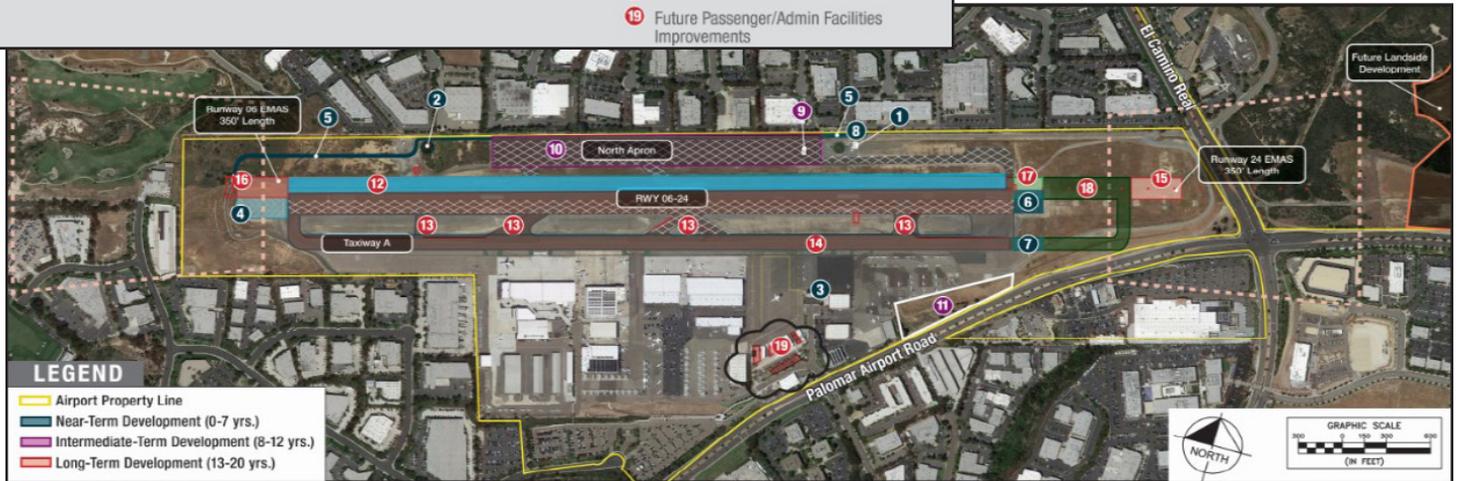
### Did You Know?

**1,446 jobs:**  
The number of local jobs created indirectly from McClellan-Airport (2008).

### Did You Know?

**\$117M:** Local business revenue generated by the Airport's industries (2008).

DEVELOPMENT PHASES/FEATURES:		
NEAR-TERM (0-7 YEARS)	INTERMEDIATE-TERM (8-12 YEARS)	PHASE 3: LONG-TERM (13-20 YEARS)
1 Relocation of the Glideslope Building	9 Removal of Fuel Farm on North Apron	12 Relocation of RWY 06-24 (Includes REILs, PAPIs, Localizer Antennae and MALSRS)
2 Relocation of the Segmented Circles and Windssock Equipment	10 Removal of the North Apron	13 Removal/Reconstruction of Existing Connector Taxiways
3 Relocation of ARFF Facility	11 Future Airside Development	14 Removal/Reconstruction of Existing TWY A (Includes Lighting)
4 Construction of EMAS System on RWY West End		15 Construction of EMAS System on East End
5 Relocation of the Vehicle Service Road		16 Relocation of EMAS System on West End
6 200' Extension of Existing Runway		17 200' RWY Extension
7 200' Extension of Existing Taxiway A		18 600' RWY Extension
8 Relocation of Lighting Vault		19 Future Passenger/Admin Facilities Improvements



## Next Steps

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The County has begun the environmental review of the Modified C/D-III Alternative through the issuance of the Notice of Preparation to prepare a Draft Program EIR. During the 30-day public review period, the public is encouraged to identify areas of potential environmental impacts that should be included in the scope of technical analysis for the environmental documentation. This early coordination will allow the requested analysis to be included in the Draft Program EIR anticipated to be released for public review in Spring 2017. Once the Program EIR and Master Plan are ready to be finalized, they will go before the County Board of Supervisors for approval. Construction could occur upon FAA approval and funding.

**If you wish to submit written comments related to the scope of the environmental analysis, written responses may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:**

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*Comments can be submitted during the 30-day review period between February 29 – March 29, 2016.*

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