

## PREFACE

In 2001, the City of Paso Robles initiated an Airport Master Plan Update for the Paso Robles Municipal Airport under a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The overall objective of the planning study is to prepare an Airport Master Plan Update that meets the goals and requirements of the City and the FAA. The long-range plan will be prepared to guide development at the Airport in order to maintain the Airport as a valued transportation facility for both the City and those parts of the surrounding area for which the Airport is the most convenient aviation facility.

Interim Report No. 1, *Aviation Activity Forecasts and Existing Airport Facilities*, was initially submitted to the City in May 2001 for review and comment. A meeting was held with representatives of the City on June 28, 2001, including City Council members, City staff from Community Development and Public Works, members of the Citizens Airport Advisory Committee, and several Airport tenants and users.

Based on the comments received from the City representatives on Interim Report No. 1, the aviation activity forecasts prepared in May 2001 have been revised. The aviation activity forecasts have also been revised to reflect the latest 2000 U. S. Census Data for the City.

In addition, the City requested that aviation activity forecasts be prepared to include the existing and forecast population data for the northern portions of San Luis Obispo County and the southern portions of Monterey County for which the Paso Robles Municipal Airport could be considered the most convenient airport. An alternative range of forecasts was prepared based on the population of the northern portions of San Luis Obispo County and southern portions of Monterey County. This resulted in slightly lower forecasts than those based on just the City of Paso Robles data and the City determined not to use these alternative forecasts. FAA approved the use of the aviation activity forecasts for the Airport Master Plan Update on April 24, 2002.

At the request of the City long-range aviation forecasts have also been prepared for the Airport that would extend beyond the 2020 Airport Master Plan time frame to 2050. These forecasts will be used to identify areas that should be reserved on the Airport for potential long-range aviation needs.

Interim Report No. 2, *Airport Demand/Capacity, Facility Requirements and Alternative Development Concepts*, was submitted to the City for review and comment in July 2002. A meeting was held with representatives of the City on January 24, 2002, including City Council members, City staff from Community Development and Public Works, and members of the Citizens Airport Advisory Committee to review the alternative airport development concepts.

A meeting was held with representatives of the City on August 12, 2002, including City staff from Community Development and Public Works and members of the Citizens Airport Advisory Committee to review the Airport Master Plan and Airport Land Use Plan. A public information workshop was held by the City Council on August 19, 2002 to review the Airport Master Plan and Airport Land Use Plan. Interim Report No. 3, *Airport Master Plan, Phased Development and Capital Improvement Program, Financial Plan and Economic Land Use Plan*, was submitted to the City for review and comment in November 2002. The Plan was refined based on input received at a meeting with City representatives on December 16, 2002 and further discussions with the City.

The Draft Final Report was provided to the City in July 2003. Subsequent public meetings were held by the City Council appointed Ad-hoc Committee and the Citizens Airport Advisory Committee and Planning Commission to review the Draft Final Report. The Citizens Airport Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Airport Master Plan Update on December 10, 2003. On January 27, 2004 the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Airport Master Plan Update. The reviews and recommendations were forwarded to the City Council for approval of the Draft Final Report on March 16, 2004.

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The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2004 (See attached Resolution No. 04-243). The Airport Master Plan Update was adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2004 (See attached Resolution No. 04-244).