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February 12, 2025

Mr. Ralph Redman, Manager Airport Planning
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Dear Mr. Redman:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division) commends the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) in its role as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for San Diego County, for taking the initiative at the SDCRAA's own expense to develop an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the San Diego International Airport (SAN). This action demonstrates a true commitment to saving lives and improving the livability for those who use, travel or live near the airport. An ALUCP is a very powerful safety instrument that protects the public and aviation users. Additionally, an ALUCP for SAN is essential and statutorily mandated in accordance with the California Public Utilities Code (PUC) sections 21675 (a) and (b), which specifically require that each ALUC shall formulate an ALUCP for each public airport and the area surrounding the airport within the jurisdiction of the ALUC, including areas surrounding any military airport. The Division truly appreciates the SDCRAA for developing the first ever and incredibly essential ALUCP for the SAN.

The Division reviewed the Draft ALUCP for the SAN dated February 2025 pursuant to the California State Aeronautics Act and California Public Utilities Code (PUC), section 21670 et seq. with respect to airport-related noise, safety impacts, and regional aviation land use planning issues. Additionally, this ALUCP was reviewed for consistency with the concepts, principles, practices, and policies contained in the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook) dated October 2011. In part, the PUC, section 21674.7(b) states:

It is the intent of the Legislature to discourage incompatible land uses near existing airports. Therefore, prior to granting permits for the renovation or remodeling of an existing building, structure, or facility, and before the construction of a new building, it is the intent of the Legislature that local agencies shall be guided by the height, use, noise, safety, and density criteria that are compatible with airport operations, as established by this article, and referred to as the Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, published by the Division . . .

This Draft ALUCP if adopted it will help to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards. Additionally, it is appreciated that your staff worked diligently to update Safety Zones 1, 3NW and 4W to reflect both

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current FAA recommended RPZ layouts as reflected in the revised Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and flight track data indicating a necessary change to 3NW and 4W.

Our comments are intended to ensure that the requirements and processes of the PUC, section 21670 et seq. and the Handbook are properly implemented but are not intended to establish land uses in the vicinity of SAN.

Please note: Division comments are to be included in the public record of any decision to approve this project, rezone, code amendments and general plan amendments. If you have questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact me by email at jonathan.huff@dot.ca.gov or call (916) 879-6528.

Sincerely,

Originally signed by

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October 26, 2023

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Electronically Sent
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Dear Mr. Redman:

On April 14, 2023, the California Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Program received your letter requesting the review and acceptance of the updated San Diego International Airport (SDIA) Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Currently, the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the SDIA is being updated, and per Public Utilities Code section 21675(a), the ALUCP must be based on the most recent ALP.

Per your findings, the updated ALP has no effect on the draft ALUCP, as it proposes no changes to the runway, runway thresholds, or runway protection zones. The approved ALP and draft ALUCP document must be consistent with one another.

This letter serves as the Aeronautics Program review and acceptance of the submitted SDIA ALP, for the inclusion into the draft ALUCP. Please note that any proposed changes must be reviewed and approved by the Aeronautics Program to ensure the State's participation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 879-6528 or by email at jonathan.huff@dot.ca.gov.

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Mark Johnson

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Subject: RE: SDIA ALUCP Update - Caltrans review and acceptance of ALP/Forecast

Thanks Matt. If you have any questions regarding the SAN ALP and Forecast acceptance letter please let me know.

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Subject: RE: SDIA ALUCP Update - Caltrans review and acceptance of ALP/Forecast

Hi Ralph,

The Caltrans Aeronautics Program does not take official positions regarding laws passed by the CA State Legislature. However, the Caltrans Aeronautics Program does review proposed local land use plans by local agencies/entities that impact airports, and the review of those proposed plans/actions are based on the specific facts/plans of the proposals. Local Agencies must still follow the density requirements and land use compatibility near airports under the State Aeronautics Act and guidelines of the Airport Land Use Planning Handbook.

Comments regarding the ALP are forthcoming.

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Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you and if you need any additional information, please let me know.

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Hi Ralph,

Thanks for your important questions. The interpretation for San Diego would also be relevant for other urban areas. I am sharing your concerns with other Caltrans colleagues in search of a useful response.

I will also check on the status of the ALP review.

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Matt – I wanted to follow up on my earlier correspondence to see if you had any questions or need additional information as it relates to our requested letter of concurrence.

In addition, we have another issue on which our agency leadership has asked that we solicit Caltrans input, as this is a more recent development not addressed by Handbook guidance.

As you are likely aware, the enactment of Senate Bills 9 and 10 require local agencies to ministerially permit minor subdivisions with the policy goal of increasing opportunities for more housing units. This has potential for conflict with Handbook guidance to limit densities within airport vicinities, particularly dense urban settings such as that in which San Diego International Airport is situated.

Because the Handbook provides that dense urban densities are to be based upon the average of existing uses, we had a technical consultant that computed the densities in place at the time of the 2014 ALUCP adoption and codified those averages as the density limits for ALUCP consistency.

That ALUCP made provision for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) NOT to be counted against safety zone density limits, but concurrently provides that any housing density bonuses permissible under local agency code DO count against the same density limits.

Given the new laws, what is the position of Caltrans with respect to what policy our updated ALUCP should take: should we continue to regard any new density beyond ADUs as subject to ALUCP density limits as potential encroachment upon the airport that creates additional risks, or must we expand the ADU exemption from density limits to include any new units permitted under the new laws?

This will be a central issue in our ALUCP update, and the input of our State governing agency is critical in administering our ALUC mandate. Your guidance is kindly requested.

Regards,
Ralph

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Matt – I'm following up to see if any additional information is needed for the issuance of the SAN ALP and Forecast acceptance letter. As directed under California Public Utilities Code Section 21675(a), we'll need demonstrate that Caltrans has provided its acceptance and include the letter in the appendices of the updated ALUCP. I've attached the letter that was previously provided for the 2014 SAN ALUCP.

The update is progressing and once we have more information to share on the proposed plan revisions, I'll be reaching out to coordinate a discussion. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Ralph

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Subject: RE: SDIA ALUCP Update - Caltrans review and acceptance of ALP/Forecast

Matt,

Our office has reviewed the SAN ALP and Forecast and have no comments.

Thanks,

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Jonathan – I wanted to follow up to see if Caltrans had any questions or need for additional information regarding our request for ALP and forecast acceptance for use in the SDIA ALUCP update. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss, please let me know.

Thanks,
Ralph

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Subject: RE: SDIA ALUCP Update - Caltrans review and acceptance of ALP/Forecast

Good afternoon Ralph,

The ALP will be evaluated by the Technical Services group and the Airport Safety group. I've copied the respective office chiefs, Tarek, and Pat in this response.

They may be able to provide a timeframe for evaluation.

Thanks,

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA), acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for San Diego County, has begun technical studies leading to the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

As required, an ALUCP must be based upon a long-range airport master plan or an airport layout plan (ALP), with the approval of the California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. At this time, we are seeking written acceptance by the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics of the ALP and related Airport activity forecasts for use in our update of the SDIA ALUCP. Please see attachment for further information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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April 14, 2023

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VIA EMAIL

RE: San Diego International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update

Dear Mr. Friedman:

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA), acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for San Diego County, has begun technical studies leading to the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for San Diego International Airport (SDIA), adopted in 2014.

California Public Utilities Code Section 21675(a) requires an ALUCP to be based upon a long-range airport master plan or an airport layout plan (ALP), with the approval of the California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. By this letter, and consistent with the requirements of Section 21675(a), the SDCRAA ALUC is seeking written acceptance by the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics of the enclosed 2021 ALP (Exhibit E-1) and related Airport activity forecasts (Table E-1) for use in our update of the SDIA ALUCP.

Enclosed is a draft technical appendix prepared for the updated ALUCP, which includes a copy of the ALP and summary discussions of the runway system and Airport operations and forecasts.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed information or would like to discuss any of the materials at redman@san.org or (619) 400-2464. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Redman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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