

Town of Mammoth Lakes

**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment
and Conduct Public Scoping Meeting
For the
Mammoth Yosemite Airport Terminal Area Development Plan**

Date: October 19, 2019

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) proposes to implement a Terminal Area Development Plan (TADP) to replace the existing passenger terminal and associated facilities at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport (Airport). The TADP (the Project) will occur within Airport property boundaries and includes a new passenger terminal building, aircraft parking and de-icing aprons, automobile parking lots, a twelve-bay Airport Rescue/Firefighting and maintenance building, an extension of Airport Road and associated infrastructure.

The proposed TADP will allow the airport to function more efficiently and effectively to meet existing and projected demand. Additional terminal capacity is required to accommodate the peak travel demands of arriving and departing passengers at acceptable levels of service.

Based on the 2017 aviation forecast and the 2019 aviation forecast addendum, the Airport will see incremental increases in commercial passenger enplanements and charter flights from destinations throughout the western United States. The greatest demand will be in the winter (January through March), when visitors take advantage of the regional winter sports recreational opportunities.

The Town anticipates applying for federal grant funding for a portion of the TADP construction costs, and that construction has the potential to affect the environment, the Town is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project for review and approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to meet the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from government agencies and the general public regarding the scope of environmental analysis to be included in the EA. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the procedures described in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508; FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*.

PLEASE SUBMIT PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS TO: Kim Cooke, Associate Planner, Town of Mammoth Lakes P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or e-mail: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. Telephone 760-965-3638. Public scoping comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on November 18, 2019 (30 days after notice of scoping).

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING/OPEN HOUSE: October 24, 2019; From 4 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Hall, 437 Old mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, California.

PLEASE NOTE: Before including your name, address, and telephone number, email or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your

personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

The Town plans to implement the Terminal Area Development Plan (TADP) located on the Airport, generally east of the existing passenger terminal building and south of the proposed Airport Road extension. The new passenger terminal (38,688 square feet) two vehicle parking lots with a total of 190 spaces and new aircraft aprons will occupy approximately 5.5 acres of undeveloped land in the northern portion of the Airport.

New aircraft aprons and connecting taxiways are proposed between the new passenger terminal and the existing main taxiway. The aircraft aprons which include an aircraft parking apron and de-icing apron will occupy about six acres of undeveloped land.

Airport Road will be extended approximately 840 feet east of its existing terminus and will be widened to serve the front of the terminal and provide passenger drop-off and pick-up and access to two parking lots. The extended road will be terminated in a cul-de-sac.

A new maintenance facility will be located approximately 600 feet southeast of the proposed passenger terminal. The maintenance facility includes a 12-bay Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)/snow removal equipment building (9,750 square feet), equipment parking apron (32,750 square feet) and new access road (400 feet x 25 feet).