Airports 101

(or, 10 Things You Need to Know about Airports)

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10 Things You Need to Know About Airports

- 1. Why are airports important? (Why does our community need an airport?)
- 2. A pilot's perspective of the airport (What does the user see?)
- 3. Funding basics (Who's paying for that runway extension?)
- 4. Airport Master Plans and ALPs (How does master planning for an airport work?)
- 5. Overview of the NEPA process (NEPA what?)
- 6. Airport design standards (*a.k.a. Alphabet soup*)
- 7. Airspace basics (Why all the height restrictions?)
- 8. Noise basics (*How loud is too loud?*)
- 9. Compatible Land Use (*Can't we all just get along?*)
- 10. Sources for Planners (Where do we go for more information?)

1. Why are airports important?



Source: FAA











1. Why are airports important?



Sources of photos: NBAA.org, www.antsmagazine.com

2. A Pilot's Perspective of the Airport







3. Funding Basics- Show me the \$\$

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

OState aviation or transportation organizations

OLOCAL share

- Authority or Commission
- County or local government

oAIP Authorization expires this year- what will happen in 2016?

3. Funding Basics

•Airport sponsors who accept a grant offer are obligated to accept conditions and obligations associated with Grant Assurances.

oGrant Assurances

- Comply with federal laws
- Removing hazards to airspace (more on this later)
- Compatible land use (including the adoption of zoning laws)
- Airport revenues must be used on the airport
- Airport Layout Plan (ALP) up to date

4. Airport Master Plans and ALPs







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• Pre-planning

Facility Requirements

- o Public Involvement
- o Environmental Considerations
- Existing Conditions
- o Aviation Forecasts*

- Alternatives Development and Evaluation
- o Airport Layout Plans*
- Facilities Implementation Plan
- Financial Feasibility Analysis

* FAA must approve

4. Airport Master Plans and ALPs



5. Overview of the NEPA Process

•National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969

- o"Federal action"
 - o Cat-Ex
 - o EA (FONSI)
 - o EIS (ROD)

oPublic Involvement

• Environmental Resource Agencies

5. Overview of the NEPA Process

- Air Quality
- o Coastal Barriers
- o Coastal Zone
- o Compatible Land Use
- Construction Impacts
- Section 4(f)
- o Farmlands
- Fish, Wildlife, and Plants
- Floodplains
- Hazardous Materials

- Historical, Architectural, Archeological and Cultural Resources
- Light emissions and visual effects
- Natural resources and energy supply
- o Noise
- Socioeconomic, Environmental Justice, and Children's Health and Safety Risks
- o Solid Waste
- Water Quality
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6. Airport Design Standards

oRunway Protection Zone (RPZ)

Runway Object Free Area (ROFA)

oRunway Safety Area (RSA)

OFA and Safety Area for Taxiways, too)

oFAA AC 150-5300-13a, Airport Design



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•What happens when a runway needs to be extended?



7. Airspace Basics

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Why all the height restrictions?

O14 CFR Part 77 "imaginary" surfaces
OPrimary
OApproach
OTransitional
OHorizontal
OConical
OThreshold Siting Surfaces (TSS)
ODeparture Surface for
Instrument Runways



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8. Noise Basics

• Airport Noise Compatibility Planning (14 CFR Part 150)

oDNL = Day-Night Average (not one single noise event)

o65 DNL and under is considered acceptable

oAircraft noise has decreased considerably in the past 20 years

8. Noise Basics



9. Compatible Land Use











Source of photo: www.cloverfield.org

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The Noise Near This Airport's Runway Is Getting Louder

Noise complaints at O'Hare soar in January



SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Residential neighborhoods encircle the municipal airport here on three sides. And while it has no airline service, about 260 aircraft operate every day from Santa Monica Municipal Airport's 5,000foot runway on a plateau above the surrounding terrain.

From above, the airfield looks "like an aircraft carrier in a sea of homes," says Alan Levenson, who lives near the airport and sometimes watches the activity from the roof of his garage.

Aircraft as small as single-engine planes and helicopters and as large as twin-engine business jets fly in and out of the 227-acre airport. As its traffic has increased, it has brought to a boil a simmering battle over whether the airport has outgrown its surroundings.



A jet landing at Santa Monica Airport in California. Emily Berl for The New York Times



10. Sources for Planners

- •Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 77
- •FAA 7460-1: Proposed Construction or Alteration of Objects that May Affect the Navigable Airspace

Forms are required for development proposed in proximity to any public-use airport; FAA will issue a determination to the sponsor. Must be submitted at least 30 days before construction.

www.oeaaa.faa.gov

- •Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT)
 - www.sandia.gov/glare
 - Exhaust plume software

FAA has no regulatory power; limit of the development is the responsibility of the community.

10. Sources for Planners

•APA Planners and Planes

•ACRP Report 27 Enhancing Airport Land Use Compatibility

•FAA AC 150/5190-4A, Model Zoning Ordinance to Limit Height of Objects Around Airports



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