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## **Airport Authority Releases Draft Environmental Document for Terminal 1 Replacement Program**

*Roadway and Airfield Improvements to Enhance Flow of Passengers, Vehicles, Airplanes*

SAN DIEGO – July 9, 2018 – The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority today released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for its Airport Development Plan (ADP), the centerpiece of which is the replacement of the 51-year-old Terminal 1.

This marks the start of a 45-day public review and comment period slated to close August 23. Public involvement is encouraged. The DEIR is online at [www.san.org/plan](http://www.san.org/plan) and comments may be submitted to [planning@san.org](mailto:planning@san.org). To join an e-mail list for updates, contact Rebecca Bloomfield at [rbloomfi@san.org](mailto:rbloomfi@san.org).

With construction anticipated to begin in early 2020 if approved, the project elements also include a new on-airport entry roadway, dual-level roadway and curbfront at the new Terminal 1, expanded close-in parking, and major airfield efficiency improvements. The ADP is a master plan designed to optimize the 661-acre site to accommodate the region's demand for air travel and maintain high levels of passenger satisfaction.

"This is the official launch of the most extensive improvement of San Diego International Airport (SAN) in its 90-year history," said Kimberly J. Becker, Airport Authority President/CEO. "Upon completion, San Diego residents and visitors will enjoy a truly 21<sup>st</sup> century airport for decades to come."

Current plans call for the Terminal 1 replacement (Phase 1a) to open in 2023. The cost for the entire project is estimated not to exceed \$3 billion. As a self-sustaining enterprise that does not levy taxes, the Airport Authority will fund the project primarily through ongoing user fees. Phasing of the project elements will allow the Airport Authority to meet demands that might change over time, as well as facilitate financing.

The DEIR considers potential impacts in areas including air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, water quality, traffic, and noise, as well as potential mitigation measures.

As with past projects at SAN, the ADP will be implemented with six major sustainable design features. The project will target LEED Silver Certification or better, includes on-airport entry and loop roadways to reduce traffic on Harbor Drive, creates airfield efficiencies to reduce airplane taxiing and emissions, expands electric vehicle charging (airside and landside), introduces hydrant aircraft fueling (replacing airfield tanker trucks), and includes a massive (9 million-plus gallon) stormwater capture and reuse system.

“While this is a significant undertaking, it is essential to enhance the customer experience and serve the needs of our region into the future,” added Becker. “Our commitment to the community, as well as the tenets of sustainability, will drive us to deliver the most environmentally friendly project we can.”

*Serving a record 22 million passengers in 2017, San Diego International Airport (SAN) offers nonstop services to 70 destinations in the continental U.S., Europe, Asia, Mexico and Canada. In operation since 1928, the airport is celebrating 90 years of service to the San Diego region. The airport has been managed by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority since 2003. The Airport Authority’s mission is to plan for and provide air transportation services to the region with safe, effective facilities that exceed customer expectations.*

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