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Public Notice of Availability: Phoenix Area FAA Modernization Project Draft Environmental Assessment

Summary: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), [42 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 4321 *et seq.*], and FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Phoenix Area FAA Modernization Project. The Draft EA evaluates the potential effects to the environment that may result from the proposed modifications to Air Traffic Control procedures at 10 airports in the Phoenix area (the Study Airports). The Draft EA has been prepared to disclose the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action and to provide the public and interested agencies with the opportunity to review and comment on the analysis.

The Proposed Action is intended to address operational inefficiencies in the Phoenix terminal airspace through the use of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) procedures consistent with the FAA's national navigation strategy. The procedure updates are intended to enhance the efficiency, predictability, and safety of air traffic operations while reducing reliance on air traffic control vectoring and addressing congestion within the Phoenix terminal airspace. The Draft EA evaluates the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative and assesses potential effects to the environment in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F.

The Study Airports include one major airport, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), and nine satellite airports: Buckeye Municipal Airport (B XK), Chandler Municipal Airport (CHD), Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT), Falcon Field Airport (FFZ), Glendale Regional Airport (GEU), Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR), Mesa Gateway Airport (IWA), Stellar Airpark (P19), and Scottsdale Airport (SDL).

In consideration of the location of the Study Airports, the nature of the project, and existing historic and cultural resources, as well as other section 4(f) resources, both a General Study Area and a Supplemental Study Area have been defined for the Proposed Action. There are 5 counties and 30 cities and towns that are at least partially included in the General Study Area. There are 8 counties and 21 cities and towns that are at least partially included in the Supplemental Study Area.

Draft EA Location: Electronic copies of the Draft EA and supporting materials are available online at: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/phx. Electronic versions of the Draft EA have also been distributed to 33 libraries throughout the General Study Area. A complete list of libraries with an electronic copy of the Draft EA is available online via https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/phx.

Public Workshops: The FAA invites the public to attend virtual public workshops regarding the Draft EA. These workshops will focus on specific airports in the valley, starting with Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Proposed procedures for Phoenix Sky Harbor will be featured in all workshops, which will also address airports in the west, north, and southeast parts of the region. FAA representatives will present information about the project, describe the Proposed Action and alternatives evaluated in the Draft EA, and answer questions from the public. Registration information and the Zoom access links will be available on the project website listed above. The public workshops will be held virtually on the following dates:

May 13, 2026 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT) – Location focus: PHX

May 14, 2026 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PT) – Location focus: West Valley Airports (B XK, GEU, GYR)

May 19, 2026 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PT) – Location focus: North Valley Airports (DVT, SDL)

May 20, 2026 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PT) – Location focus: East Valley Airports (CHD, FFZ, IWA, P19)

Comment Period: The public comment period will commence on April 29, 2026, and will close on June 22, 2026. The FAA will consider comments emailed or mailed/postmarked up to June 22. The FAA encourages interested parties to review the Draft EA and submit written comments during the public comment period. Before including your address, phone number, email address, 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.

Comments may be submitted electronically to:

PHX-MODERNIZATION-comment@faa.gov

You may also submit comments via U.S. mail:

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