

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019049020

Project Title: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP) – Proposed Roadway System Refinements

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 7

Project Location (include county): The project is located at LAX, within the western portion of the City of Los Angeles in Los Angeles County, on Caltrans right-of-way (ROW); it is located along Sepulveda Boulevard (State Route 1) from post mile 26.0 to post mile 27.5.

Project Description:

Background:

LAWA, as the lead agency for the ATMP, prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in August 2021 that evaluated airfield, terminal, and roadway system improvements. The EIR identified significant environmental impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, aircraft noise, and vehicle miles traveled, which cannot be fully mitigated. After considering the operational, economic, and environmental benefits, LAWA's Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, determining that the benefits of the ATMP outweigh the unavoidable adverse effects.

Following ATMP approval, LAWA refined the design of the roadway system, leading to the Proposed Roadway System Refinements within Caltrans ROW. In December 2024, LAWA prepared a CEQA Addendum demonstrating that these refinements do not materially alter the conclusions of the certified EIR and do not trigger the need for a supplemental or subsequent EIR. The BOAC concurred with this determination on January 16, 2025.

Proposed Project:

The Proposed Roadway System Refinements aim to improve traffic flow related to the Central Terminal Area at LAX. These refinements build upon previously approved improvements under the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program and include modifications to roadway infrastructure along State Route 1.

The project will involve various structures encroaching into Caltrans ROW, including overcrossings at World Way South, Century Boulevard, and World Way North, as well as a pedestrian bridge at Century Boulevard. Additionally, the refinements include modifications to southbound Sepulveda Boulevard on-ramps and off-ramps, adjustments to the right-turn pocket on northbound Sepulveda Boulevard between 98th and 96th Streets, and driveway access from northbound Sepulveda Boulevard at 94th Street. These refinements will require installing columns in the Sepulveda Boulevard median, reconstructing median barriers, and shifting existing lanes while maintaining consistent lane and shoulder widths. Highway easements, including aerial easements, will be necessary for structures extending over Sepulveda Boulevard.

Conclusion:

Caltrans, acting as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed and considered LAWA's certified EIR and CEQA Addendum, adopting them exclusively for environmental evaluation of the Proposed Roadway System Refinements within Caltrans ROW. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15096 and 15162, Caltrans formally adopts these documents for the limited purpose of assessing roadway modifications under its jurisdiction, including median barrier reconstruction, lane realignments, and associated infrastructure adjustments. This adoption applies solely to project components within Caltrans ROW and does not extend to other aspects of the ATMP beyond Caltrans' jurisdiction.

This is to advise that the Caltrans District 7 (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project (the Proposed Roadway System Refinements) on March 11, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. An Addendum was also prepared to address modifications to the project, including the Proposed Roadway System Refinements.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses, the record of project approval, and the Addendum, are available to the general public at:

<https://www.lawa.org/atmp/documents>

Signature (Public Agency): *Chris Benz-Blumberg* Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Date: 03/11/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.