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Attachment 1: Service Animal Relief Areas (SARAs) Project

Explanation of Categorical Exemption Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Service Animal Relief Areas (SARAs) Project.

Introduction

The Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA or Authority), as the owner and operator of Ontario International Airport (ONT or Airport), located in the City of Ontario, California, proposes the Service Animal Relief Areas (SARAs) Project (Proposed Project) to relocate the existing, post-security SARAs serving Terminals 2 and 4. The Proposed Project would replace the existing facilities with new SARA facilities, near Gate 212 in Terminal 2 and Gate 402 in Terminal 4, to improve accessibility, enhance the passenger experience, and align with current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance for service animal relief facilities.

The Proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.[1]

Existing Conditions

The existing SARAs are located near Gate 210 in Terminal 2 and Gate 410 in Terminal 4. Each SARA is approximately 75 square feet. Both facilities are situated in open, second-floor terminal areas and do not meet guidance in FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5360-14A, *Access to Airports by Individuals with Disabilities*. Additionally, the location of the existing SARA in Terminal 4 conflicts with the temporary restroom facilities that would be constructed to accommodate the Terminals 2 and 4 Restroom Modernization Program approved by the OIAA in July 2026.

[1] California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 Sections 15000 – 15387.

Proposed Project

The Proposed Project would involve the design, construction, and replacement of SARA facilities in Terminals 2 and 4; the new SARA facilities would be approximately 150 square feet each. The existing SARA near Gate 210 in Terminal 2 would be relocated to an area adjacent to Gate 212, and the existing SARA near Gate 410 in Terminal 4 would be relocated to an area adjacent to Gate 402 (see **Exhibit 1**).

Project-related activities would include:

- Construction of replacement SARA facilities adjacent to Gate 212 in Terminal 2 and Gate 402 in Terminal 4.
- Installation of enclosed relief areas, where applicable, consistent with the design and accessibility recommendations of FAA AC 150/5360-14A.
- Installation of relief and hardscape surfaces, drainage features, and associated maintenance elements.
- Installation of waste disposal amenities, signage, and wayfinding improvements.
- Implementation of accessibility and utility improvements to support the proposed facilities.
- Removal or decommissioning of the existing SARA facilities following completion of the replacement facilities.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Quarter 2 of calendar year 2027 and conclude in Quarter 4 of calendar year 2027. Construction would involve typical light- and medium-duty equipment. OIAA would schedule construction to avoid or minimize impacts to airport operations to the extent feasible. During construction, work areas would be cordoned off, and terminals would remain in operation.

Project Need

ONT serves more than 10,000 annual enplaned passengers and is therefore required to provide wheelchair-accessible SARAs for passengers traveling with service animals, as described in FAA guidance. The existing SARAs in Terminals 2 and 4 do not provide the level of accessibility and passenger experience intended under current FAA guidance. Relocating and replacing these facilities would provide facilities more consistent with current FAA recommendations.

The Proposed Project is also needed to accommodate implementation of the Terminals 2 and 4 Restroom Modernization Program. Temporary restroom facilities are required to maintain restroom availability during renovation activities, and the proposed temporary restroom facilities conflict with the existing SARA in Terminal 4. Relocating the affected SARA would resolve this conflict and allow the Restroom Modernization project to proceed while continuing to provide service animal relief facilities for passengers.

Categorical Exemption(s) Under CEQA

The State CEQA Guidelines identify a list of project “classes” that are determined to generally not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, are considered exempt from CEQA review. Projects may be eligible for exemption under multiple classifications described in State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300-15333.

The CEQA Lead Agency (OIAA) has determined that the Proposed Project is categorically exempt from further CEQA review in accordance with the following provision(s):

- 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15301 (Class 1) – Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

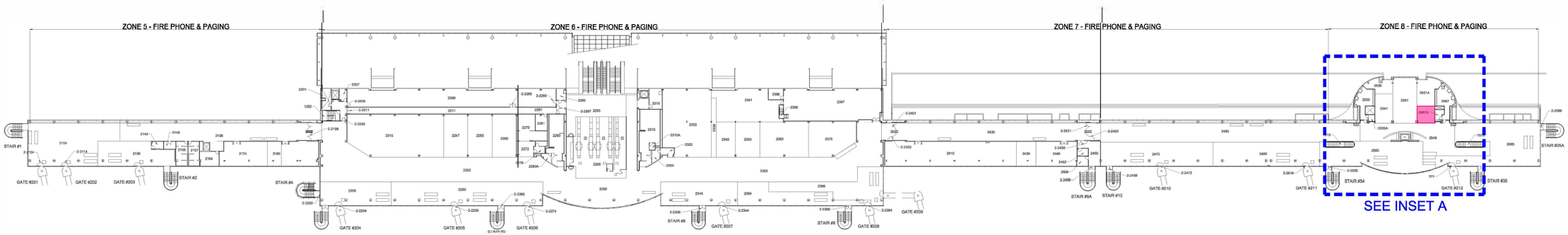
- State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, subdivision (a), identifies "[i]nterior ... alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances" as an example of a Class 1 exempt activity.

The Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to the Class 1 categorical exemption of the State CEQA Guidelines because it would involve minor alterations to existing terminal SARA facilities within Terminals 2 and 4, with negligible or no expansion of existing use. All work would occur within the existing terminal buildings. The Proposed Project would comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, and OIAA would implement environmental and safety best management practices (BMPs). Additionally, given the limited scope and construction area, the Proposed Project would not have any significant adverse effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and none of the exceptions in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 are applicable.

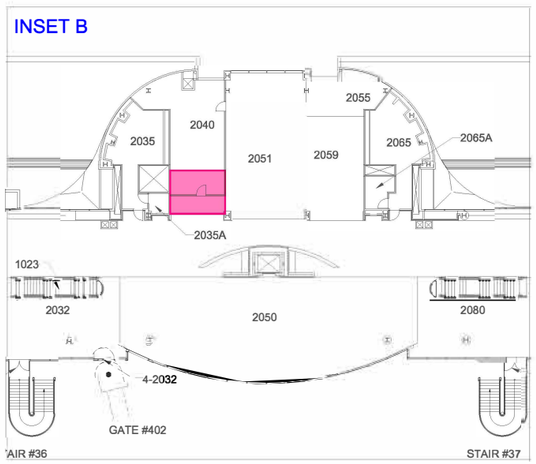
Conclusion

For all the reasons discussed above, the proposed SARAs project at ONT is exempt from further CEQA analysis pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines' Class 1 – Existing Facilities categorical exemption.

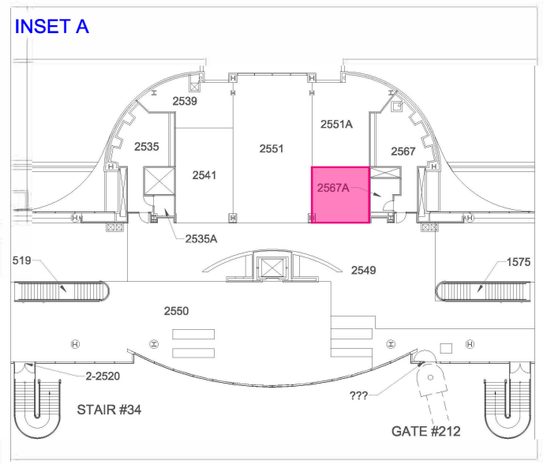
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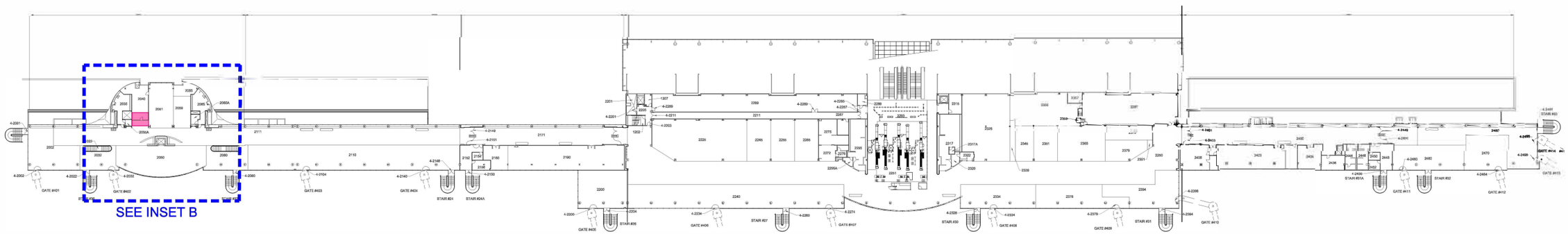
INSET B



INSET A



TERMINAL 4 - SECOND FLOOR



DRAWING LEGEND

PROPOSED SERVICE ANIMAL RELIEF AREA LOCATIONS

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ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRPORT PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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EXHIBIT 1

OCTOBER 2026

TERMINALS 2 & 4 STERILE AREAS
PROPOSED SERVICE ANIMAL RELIEF AREAS

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