April 4, 2012

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Plan Update **PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS:** LAX Northside, Los Angeles, CA (generally bounded by Sepulveda Westway and Sepulveda Boulevard to the east, the Airport to the south, Pershing Drive to the west, and generally 91st Street, Manchester Avenue, and 88th Street to the north) <u>COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA:</u> LAX <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</u> 11- Rosendahl <u>DUE DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:</u> May 4, 2012

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, will be the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above (proposed Project). LAWA requests your comments as to the scope and content of the EIR. The purpose of the scoping meetings is to receive input from the public as to what areas the EIR should study. No decisions about the proposed Project are made at the scoping meeting.

The Project description, requested permits and approvals, and the potential environmental effects are set forth below. Also included below are the dates, times, and location of the scoping meetings that will be held in order to solicit input regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The scoping meetings will be in an open house format. A copy of the Initial Study prepared for the proposed Project is available for review at the Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Public Library, located at 7114 West Manchester Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, and at the Project website at: <u>laxnorthside.org</u>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would set forth new regulations for future development occurring within the Northside area of the LAX Specific Plan, an area of approximately 340 acres north of LAX. The proposed Project is intended to create a vibrant, sustainable center of employment, retail, restaurant, office, hotel, research and development, education, civic, airport support, recreation, and buffer uses that support the needs of surrounding communities and LAWA. In order to allow the flexibility for future development to respond to changing market conditions, transfers and exchanges of uses and development, environmental, and design constraints. Adoption of the proposed Project would enable the development of up to 2,320,000 square feet of new development and would permit areas for recreation, open space, and buffer space. Implementation of the proposed Project may also include a street vacation of Cum Laude Avenue.

REQUESTED PERMITS/APPROVALS: The City of Los Angeles has the principal responsibility for approving the proposed Project. Local approvals required for implementation of the proposed Project may include, but are not limited to, the following: amendment to the LAX Specific Plan, update to the 1989 Design Plan and Development Guidelines, certification of the Project Final EIR and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adoption of a tract map and potential street vacations, LAX Specific Plan Compliance Review for individual development projects, grading permits, building permits, and any additional actions as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities/Services, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. Impacts to Agricultural Resources and Mineral Resources have been found to be less than significant and will be addressed in the Impacts Found to be Less than Significant Section of the EIR.

<u>PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS DATE AND LOCATION:</u> Public scoping meetings in an open house format will be held to receive public comment regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR. LAWA encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend these meetings. The content of each scoping meeting will be the same. The location, dates, and times of the public scoping meetings for this Project are as follows:

Dates and Times:	April 18, 2012, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm April 21, 2012, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Arrive any time to speak one-on-one with LAWA staff and Project consultants.
Location:	St. Bernard High School, Gym 9100 Falmouth Ave. Playa del Rey, CA 90293

The Project is located in an area of interest to you and/or the organization you represent. LAWA welcomes all comments regarding potential environmental impacts of the Project and the issues to be addressed in the EIR. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR. Written comments must be submitted to this office by May 4, 2012. Written comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meetings described above.

Please direct your comments to:

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Enclosures: Project Vicinity Map Project Site Map Scoping Meeting Location Map







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