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# Preface

The goal of the Master Plan process is to produce a plan for modernizing Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) that is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles and for the five-county region. In 2001, the **Draft LAX Master Plan** and the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR)** were published by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the operator of LAX, to seek input from the public and to start the agency review and comment process. These documents were produced to describe and analyze four alternatives: the No Action/No Project Alternative, Alternative A, Alternative B, and Alternative C.

Alternative D, the fifth Master Plan alternative, was developed after the **Draft LAX Master Plan** and **Draft EIS/EIR** documents were published. Alternative D was developed in response to the feedback and public comments received on the No Action/No Project Alternative and Alternatives A, B, and C.

There are three reports to document and describe Alternative D and each is intended for a specific audience and purpose. The **Draft LAX Master Plan Addendum**, the **Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report (Supplement to the Draft EIS/EIR)**, and the **Airport Layout Plans (ALP) Package**.

**Draft LAX Master Plan Addendum:** This document is an addendum to the **Draft LAX Master Plan** and has been prepared to add Alternative D to the four Master Plan alternatives currently being evaluated as part of the LAX Master Plan process. The **Draft LAX Master Plan Addendum** describes and evaluates Alternative D in the same manner the previous alternatives were described, with content and format based on the constrained alternatives analysis contained in Volume 4, Chapter V, Section 3.3 of the **Draft LAX Master Plan**.

**Supplement to the Draft EIS/EIR:** This document has been prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of Alternative D, using the same methodology by which the previous alternatives were analyzed in the **Draft EIS/EIR**, and to compare Alternative D to these alternatives. The environmental impacts of Alternative D have been analyzed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An EIS is produced in accord with NEPA and an EIR produced in accord with CEQA.

**Airport Layout Plans (ALP) Package:** The Airport Layout Plans Package consists of a series of drawings that illustrate the layout of existing and proposed facilities at the airport. This Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) required plans set is intended to serve as a record drawing for the airport as well as a guide for the airport's future development. The **ALP Package** also includes a narrative description of the drawings. The objective of the narrative report is to explain the reasoning behind, and the key features of, the plan and to provide the FAA with information needed to approve the drawings.

The public will have the opportunity to formally review and comment on the **Draft LAX Master Plan Addendum** and the **Supplement to the Draft EIS/EIR**. Government entities and the public will have a chance to review and provide comments through oral testimony, written comments, and public hearings. The City of Los Angeles and the FAA will decide which of the Master Plan alternatives best meets the needs of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles region only after input from the public and governmental entities has been received and considered.

**No action will be taken on the proposed LAX Master Plan until the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council approve it.**