



Stakeholder Liaison Role in the LAX Plan Compliance Review Process

The following is a text summary of the Stakeholder Liaison's role within the LAX Plan Compliance Review process for LAX Master Plan Projects. The LAX Plan Compliance Review process can be described in the following five stages:

1. Project Parameter Identification
2. Consultation
3. Environmental Analysis
4. Executive Director Recommendation
5. Hearings

The process is similar for both *green light* and *yellow light* projects.

Project Parameter Identification. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) staff identifies the elements of a project by performing a review of: (a) existing Master Plan approvals, (b) the LAX Master Plan, (c) adopted General and Specific Plans, (d) appropriate elements of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and (e) Community Benefits Agreement. LAWA prepares an initial project definition that is consistent with these approved documents. The LAX Master Plan Stakeholder Liaison then reviews and shares this information with the stakeholders.

Consultation. The Stakeholder Liaison shall ensure that notice is provided to the stakeholders as soon as the initial project definition is complete. The Stakeholder Liaison provides information to and receives input from the various LAX Master Plan Stakeholders relative to the initial project definition. The Stakeholder Liaison envisions that there will be dialogue and collaboration among the stakeholders, LAWA, and the other City agencies during this stage of the LAX Plan Compliance Review process. The initial project definition may be modified based on input received, ultimately resulting in a defined project that can be used as the basis of an Initial Study. This is the first step in the environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Environmental Analysis. The Stakeholder Liaison may facilitate meetings with stakeholders during the scoping, public review and comment periods during this stage. The project-level environmental analysis is distinct from the program-level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (FEIR/EIS) that was prepared for the LAX Master Plan Program (though data may be taken from these documents). During this stage, the Stakeholder Liaison may also submit comments on the environmental document to LAWA, summarizing stakeholder input and concerns. The outcome of this stage will be a refined project and completion of an environmental document.

LAWA Executive Director Recommendation. During this stage, the Stakeholder Liaison receives a written description of the refined project, along with other relevant documents, prepared by LAWA staff. The Stakeholder Liaison provides this information to and receives input from the various stakeholders and submits a report addressing the concerns of the stakeholders to the LAWA Executive Director. The results of the ongoing consultation with the Stakeholder Liaison are included in the Executive Director's recommendation, which is forwarded to the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC).

Hearings. Prior to project approval, public hearings will be held by BOAC and the City Council. It is also anticipated that the Commerce, Energy, and Natural Resources (CENR) Committee, and/or any other appropriate Council Committee, will hold public hearing(s). The Stakeholder Liaison Report, being part of the Executive Director's recommendation, will be reviewed in connection with each hearing. In addition, the Stakeholder Liaison may testify at the hearings regarding the ongoing consultations. With City Council approval, the LAX Plan Compliance Review process is complete. The City may issue permits and/or construction may commence.