

# Informational Community Meeting OAK Terminal Modernization and Development Project DRAFT EIR August 25, 2023

A corporation of homeowner associations formed to protect the safety, health & welfare of people living in communities near the Oakland airport.

#### Agenda: August 25, 2023

- Welcome and Introductions
- Brief overview of OAK and the expansion project
- What is CEQA?
- Tips for Reviewing and Commenting on the OAK DEIR
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps!



#### Welcome and Introductions

- Who is in the room?
- Who is CLASS?
- Our role in the community and history with OAK
- Why we're holding this meeting



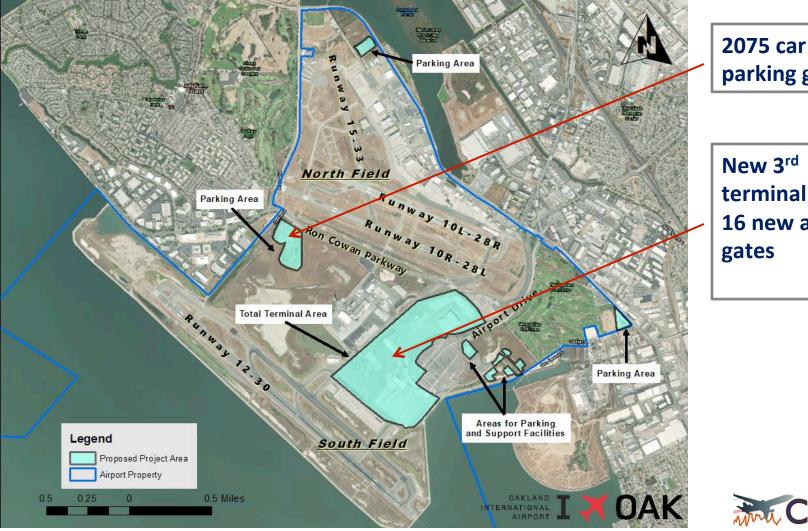
# **Oakland Airport Runways**

**South** Field: Commercial Passenger and Cargo flights **North** Field: Corporate and General Aviation





# **Proposed changes at OAK**



parking garage

New 3<sup>rd</sup> terminal with 16 new aircraft gates



#### OAK airport activity: Baseline and Forecasts

### 2019:

- 29 aircraft gates
- 13.4M passengers
- 640,000 tons of cargo
- 242,000 total aircraft operations

#### 2038:

- 45 aircraft gates
- 24.7M passengers
- 884,000 tons of cargo
- 323,000 total aircraft operations



### **Proposed Project**

- Modernize Terminals 1 and 2
  - Consolidate passenger processing functions (e.g., ticketing, baggage check-in, baggage claim, security screening)
- Construct new 830,000 SF, 16-gate terminal north of T1 with a connection between T1/T2 and new
- Expand international arrivals facilities
- Demolish existing Maintenance Hanger
- Relocate existing cargo and support facilities
- Improve/relocate terminal area roadway, parking areas, and support facilities



#### **Purposes of CEQA:**

- Inform
- Identify
- Prevent
- Disclose

#### What is an EIR?

An informational document to inform the public of environmental impacts, identify ways to minimize project impacts, and identify alternatives that would reduce impacts.

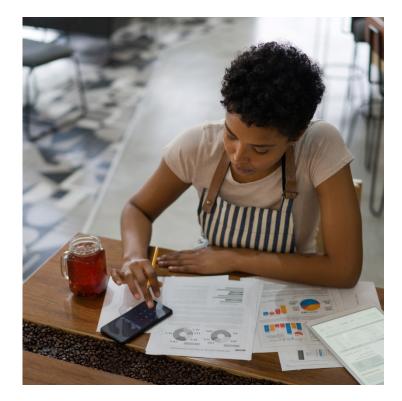
#### An EIR includes:

- A thorough evaluation of the project's reasonably foreseeable impacts.
- Conclusions based on substantial evidence.
- Mitigation measures and alternatives that reduce a project's significant impacts.



#### Tips for Reviewing the OAK DEIR

- Start with the Project Description (Ch. 2) to understand the proposal details.
- Review the Executive Summary for an overview of the EIR and the process.
- Look at the analysis (Ch. 3) for the topics that interest and/or concern you most.
- Skim the alternatives (Ch. 4) to see what other project iterations were studied.





#### **Tips: What to look for in a Project Description**



- Does the Project Description cover all components? Demolition, construction, and operations?
- Does it provide enough detail for readers to understand what the project is, what it will look like, and how it will operate?
- Does the EIR accurately describe the existing conditions on the site?
- Does the EIR identify the local regulations relevant to the site or area?



#### **Tips: What to look for in the Impact Analyses**

- How much and in what way will the project change the existing conditions?
- Does the analysis include impacts to surrounding sensitive receptors and resources?
- Are the data, assumptions, thresholds of significance, technical studies current and accurate?
- Are the conclusions of the project's impacts based on substantial evidence?





#### **Tips: What to look for in Alternatives**

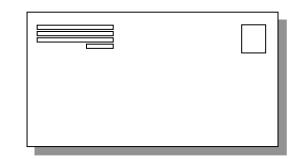
The Alternatives Analysis should:

- Avoid or lessen (one or more) significant effects
- Analyze a "reasonable range" of alternatives that would accomplish "most of the basic objectives of the project"
- Analyze the "no project" alternative
- Identify the "Environmentally Superior Alternative"



#### **Writing Effective Comments**

- Focus your comments on the content of the DEIR, not whether you like the project or not
- Highlight your personal experience, heartfelt concerns and/or observations
- Identify errors or omissions in the project background and existing conditions
- Are there mitigation measures the airport could take to make the project less impactful?
- Write your comments to require a response.







### **Writing Effective Comments**

## DO:

- Use a professional tone
- Point out errors, inconsistencies, omissions, and conclusions not based on evidence
- Give examples and evidence in support of the point you are making
- Provide copies of articles, letters, photos or other documents for support

## DON'T:

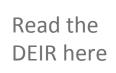
- Be disrespectful or disparaging
- Simply support or oppose a project
- Make generalizations or refer to impacts on property values
- Make unreasonable demands



#### How to submit comments on the DEIR

#### US Mail to:

Port of Oakland Environmental Programs and Planning Division Colleen Liang 530 Water Street Oakland, CA 94607 Email: TermDev@portoakland.com Website: http:// www.oaklandairport.com/ terminaldevelopment



Comments must be submitted before Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM PDT



### Join CLASS in 2023!

- CLASS appreciates your support.
- We need your continued interest and help in doing this important work to protect our community and to hold the airport accountable.
- Help us with:
  - Media coverage
  - Attending regular meetings on technical issues
  - Reviewing quarterly noise reports



## **Questions & Answers**

Be sure to consider attending the next city council meeting in person on September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM to express your opinions regarding the OAK expansion

The number of residents that attend matters!

