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RE: **UPDATED DRAFT AVIATION DEMAND FORECAST (2040)**

On July 28, 2015, SCAG staff met at the San Bernardino International Airport (SBD) to further discuss SBD's available and growing capabilities to serve the rapid economic and population expansion forecast for the Inland Empire during the draft Regional Aviation Demand Forecast (Draft Forecast) period, 2016 – 2040.

Located in the heart of the Inland Empire, the San Bernardino International Airport (SBD) invested heavily in infrastructure improvements throughout the last decade in an effort to support current and future aviation demand within one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in California. During this period SBD has made significant improvements to the former US Air Force Base that included: new Group VI runway (10,001 x 200') designed to accommodate new generation large aircraft such as the Boeing 747-8; new taxiways; new ramp areas; major safety area improvements; new jet fuel farm; new airfield electrical system; new capture affect Localizer; new Automated Weather Observation System; new domestic terminal; new international terminal; new executive terminal; new parking lots; new hangars; major upgrades to Group VI hangars; rehabilitation of the Air Traffic Control Tower (and establishment of controlled air space) and many other improvement projects designed to meet current and future aviation demands in the Inland Empire region.

According to the SCAG Draft Forecast, population in the overall SCAG region is estimated to grow at 0.7%, while population in the Inland Empire is expected to grow at 1.1% during the Draft Forecast period, indicating a shift in population within the SCAG region. At the same time, SCAG projects even stronger growth in employment in the Inland Empire, which the Draft Forecast estimates will grow twice as fast in the Inland Empire vs. the overall SCAG region (1.9% vs. 1.0% respectively). This estimated growth in employment exceeds the Draft Forecast annual growth in aviation demand of 1.6% during the 2016 – 2040 period.

Upon further consideration of the economic and population trends, as well as SBD's current and growing capabilities to serve commercial aviation, SCAG Staff and SBD mutually agreed that an estimate of .2 – 1.5 MAP was a more realistic allotment within the SCAG region during the Draft Forecast period.