

## **AIRPORT RELOCATION PROJECT**

**Request:** To fund the relocation of the existing General Aviation Los Banos Municipal Airport in the amount of \$11,199,000.

**Description:** A new airport location site has been identified along I-5, which would accommodate a 6,000 foot runway, and would be wide enough for terminal development and required lateral clearances.

The City of Los Banos is seeking support based on the following reasons:

- 1. The current location also does not provide clear runway safety areas and runway object fee areas, due to existing road and canal penetrations.
- 2. The current airport location does not have sufficient land for ownership of runway protection zones at each end of the runway.
- 3. The new site has 97% wind coverage and less fog than the current site.
- 4. The new site has sufficient land to accommodate future growth.
- 5. The new site will be adjacent to I-5 and convenient for public safety aviation operations (i.e. CHP, Cal Fire).
- 6. Safety will also be enhanced at the new site with obstacle free zones and compatible surrounding land uses.
- 7. The City has completed a Site Selection and Concept Study to evaluate the existing airport in terms of current condition and ability to meet the City needs in the long run.
- 8. The existing Airport was originally developed in the 1940s at the "edge of town", the city has grown significantly and the airport is not essentially downtown.

**Necessity:** The relocation of the existing airport is necessary to accommodate acreage for safety zones, wind coverage, runway length and clearances, traffic patterns and approaches, instrument operations, and surrounding land uses.

## **Beneficiaries:**

- Residents of Los Banos
- Aviation users
- Airport Land Use Compatibility
- Enhance safety clearance



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