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LAX Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project Draft EIR Aircraft Noise Analysis

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1. Background

HMMH conducted the aircraft noise analysis for the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of this technical report is to document the aircraft noise modeling approach and input assumptions.

The aircraft noise analysis included a baseline study year (2018) plus one future year (2028) for a total of one (1) baseline year and one (1) forecast year. Therefore, the resulting aircraft noise contours and analysis represent 2018 and 2028 conditions. The one (1) future year (2028) includes with and without project scenarios.

The subsequent sections address the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT),¹ Version 3b inputs developed under the following categories:

- Physical description of the airport layout
- Aircraft operations
- Aircraft noise and performance characteristics
- Runway utilization
- Terrain data
- Meteorological conditions



2. Physical Description of the Airport Layout

LAX is located within the City of Los Angeles and has four (4) runways: 06L/24R, 06R/24L, 07L/25R, and 07R/25L. Figure 1 shows the Airport Diagram and **Table 1** provides the runway specifications required for aircraft noise modeling.

Each end of the runways is designated by a number that, with the addition of a trailing "0", reflects the magnetic heading of the runway to the nearest ten (10) degrees, as seen by the pilot. The runways are oriented on approximate magnetic heading of:

- Runway 06L/24R: 60° and 240° and is 8,9

The aircraft operations format for entering data into AEDT includes day, evening, and night arrivals, departures, and pattern/touch-and-go operations (as appropriate) expressed in terms of an average annual day. The average annual day operations are determined by dividing the annual operations by 365 days.

Table 3 presents the average annual daily operations by aircraft type for 2018. **Table 4** presents the average annual daily operations by aircraft type projected for 2028.



Table 5. Runway Utilization Percentages

Runway End	2018		2028	
	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure
06L	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%
06R	1.9%	0.3%	2.1%	0.3%
07L	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
07R	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
24L	0.5%	52.7%	0.4%	49.7%
24R	49.5%	0.2%	46.8%	0.2%
25L	46.1%	14.5%	48.6%	14.8%
25R	0.6%	31.7%	0.6%	34.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sources: LAX Noise & Operations Monitoring System (NOMS), 2018; HMMH, 2020.				



6. Meteorological Conditions

AEDT has several settings that affect aircraft performance profiles and sound propagation based on meteorological data. Meteorological settings include average annual temperature, barometric pressure, and relative humidity at the airport. AEDT holds the following values for annual average weather conditions at LAX:

- Temperature: 63° F
- Pressure: 1011.29 millibars
- Sea-level Pressure: 1015.3 millibars
- Relative Humidity 73.47%
- Dew Point: 53.02° F
- Wind Speed: 6.67 Knots

7. Terrain Data

Terrain data describe the elevation of the ground surrounding the airport and on airport property. If the AEDT user selects the use of terrain data, AEDT uses terrain data to adjust the ground level under the flight paths. The terrain data does not affect the aircraft's performance or noise levels but does affect the vertical distance between the aircraft and a "receiver" on the ground. This, in turn, affects assumptions about how noise propagates over ground. The terrain data were obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Map Viewer⁵ and were used with the terrain feature of the AEDT in generating the aircraft noise contours for LAX.



⁵ <https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/advanced-viewer/>

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approximately 10 dBA lower than the Total L_{eq} . As Site M-2 is located directly in the flight path of the beginning of the Runway 6L-24R approximately 1,400 away, aircraft arrivals to Runway 6L-24R dominated the noise environment at the time of the measurements.



Attachment A

Noise Measurement Data

(Photos, Field Datasheets, Calibration Certificates)



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