

Public Hearing

October 14, 2020

5:30-7:30 p.m. PST

Metropolitan Airpark Project
Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM)

NEPA
Environmental Assessment (EA)

Agenda

- Welcome
- How to Participate
- Project Introduction
- Project Background and Concept
- NEPA Process and EA
- Q&A and Public Comment Session
- Public Hearing Concludes

Note: this hearing is being recorded

Welcome and Introduction

Jorge Rubio, City of San Diego
Airports Deputy Director

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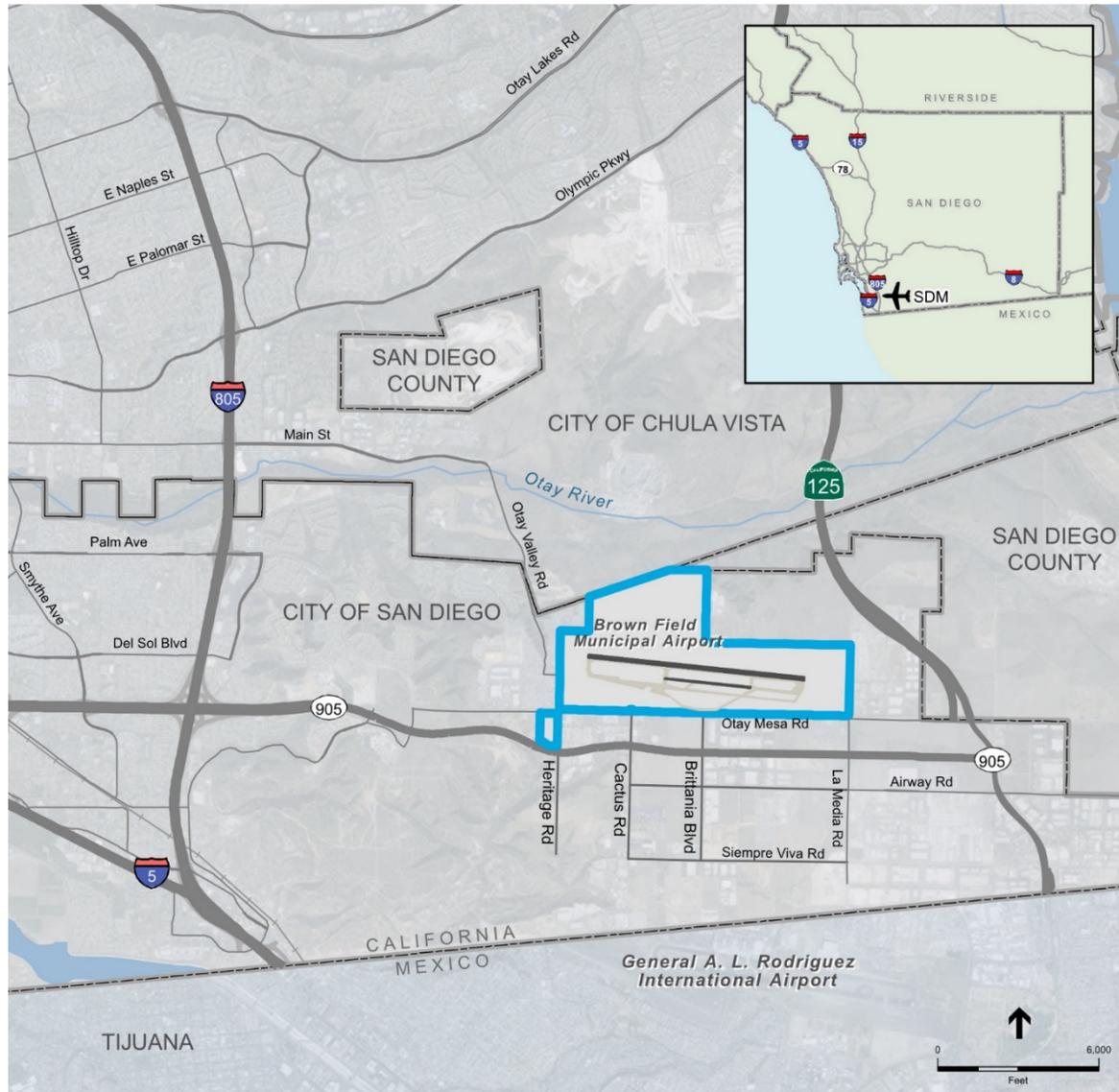
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Metropolitan Airpark Project Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM)

Project Background and Concepts

Jayson Christopher, Metropolitan Airpark, LLC
Executive Vice President

Project Location



SDM History



East Field in 1918 - Brown Field today. Named for Major K. East, USAF, killed in 1918.

Brown Field Municipal Airport was opened by the U.S. Army, as an aerial gunnery and aerobatics school. The airport was originally named East Field in honor of Army Maj. Whitten J. East.

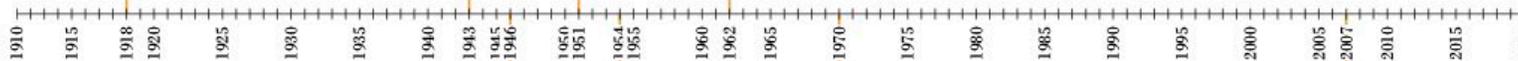
The U.S. Navy took over and renamed it Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) Otay Mesa. That same year, the name was again changed to NAAS Brown Field in honor of Navy Commander Melville S. Brown. Brown Field was used for training by the Army and Navy.



On Sept. 1, 1962 the Navy transferred ownership of Brown Field to the City of San Diego with the condition that it remains an airport for the use and benefit of the public.



The Navy reopened Brown Field for Korean War activity.



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The Navy decommissioned it and leased it to San Diego County as surplus.

Brown Field was again declared surplus in 1954, and was assigned to support fleet aircraft, missile programs, and fleet carrier landing practice.

In the mid-to-late 1960s Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) trained its pilots at Brown Field. PSA also had a contract to train Lufthansa pilots at Brown Field, until they moved in 1970.



The City of San Diego issued a Request For Proposal resulting in the proposed development of the Metropolitan Airpark at Brown Field Municipal Airport.



SDM – Otay Mesa Vicinity



Current Conditions



Long Term Vision

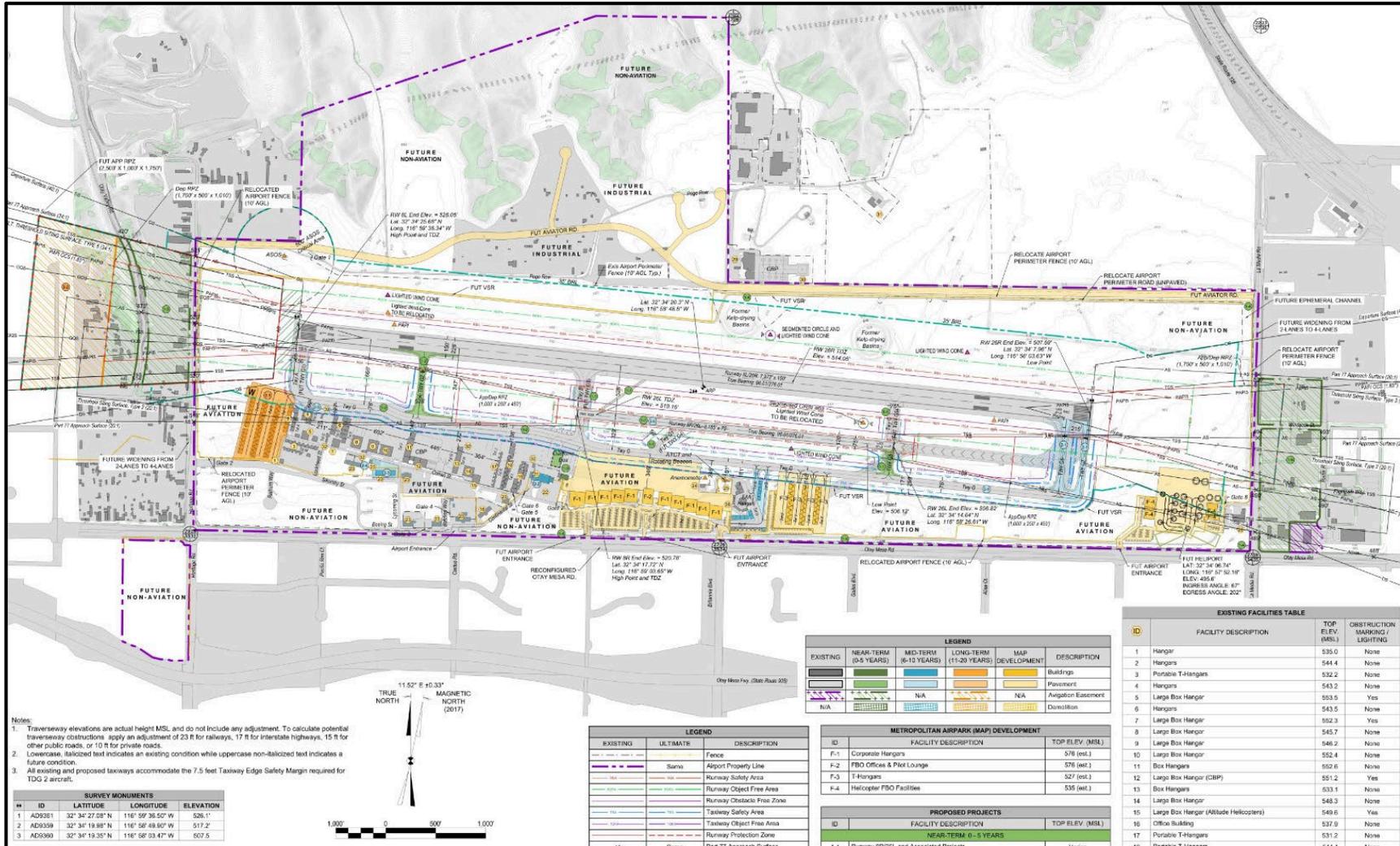


Current Facilities





Airport Layout Plan



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**AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN UPDATE
 BROWN FIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
 CALIFORNIA**

REVISIONS

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	11/18	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
2	8/11	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
3	8/13	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
4	3/25	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
5	4/17/24	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
6	5/24	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
7	3/24	ISSUE FOR BIDDING
8	1/29/24	ISSUE FOR BIDDING

PROJECT NO: 074.001.001
 DATE: JUNE 2019
 DRAWN BY: J.J.S.
 DESIGNED BY: J.J.S.

Proposed Facilities



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NEPA Action and EA

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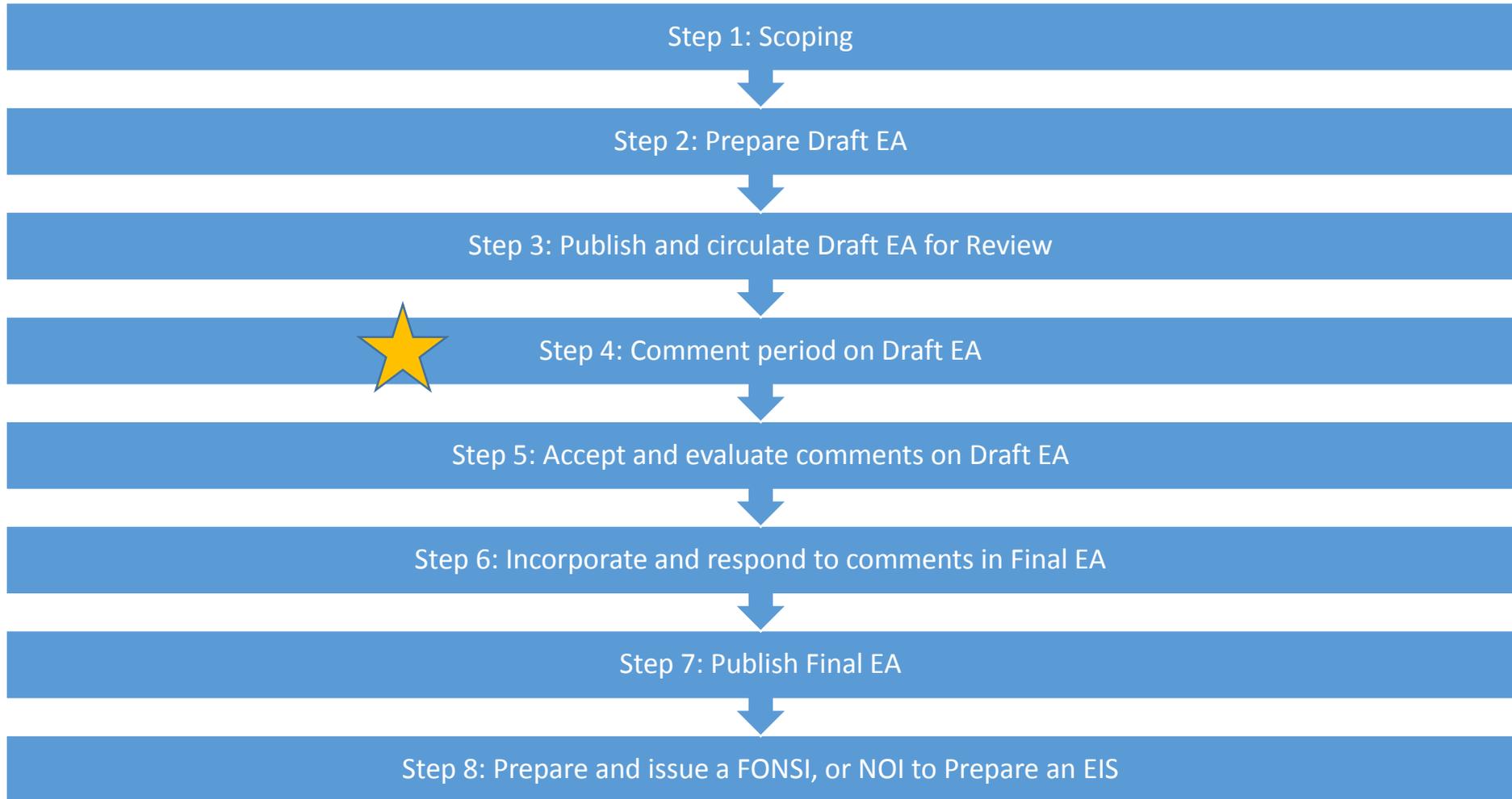
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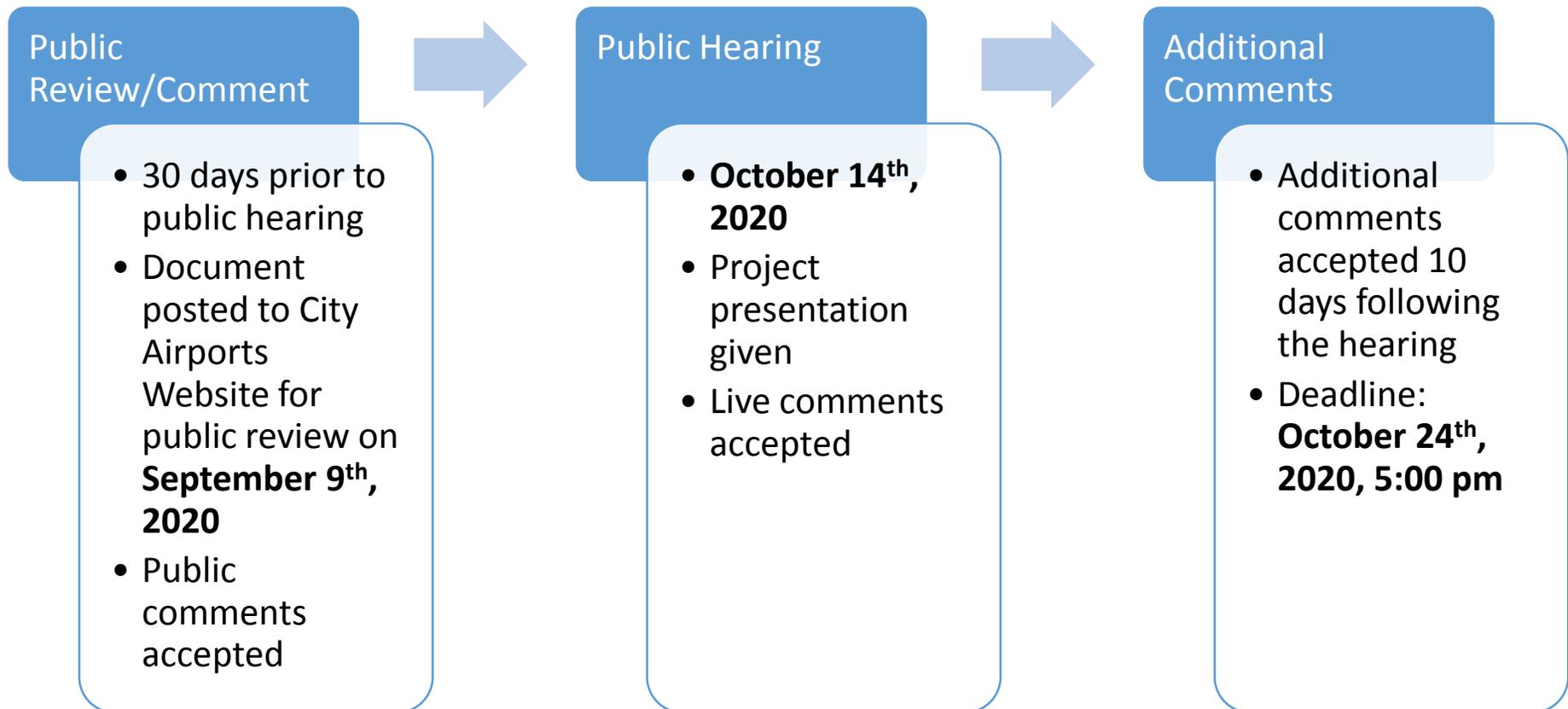
- NEPA analysis required when:
 - Federal funding involved
 - Need for federal agency approval
- Federal Lead Agency: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Document prepared: **Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- Purpose of today's hearing



NEPA Steps and Timeline



NEPA Public Involvement Process



NEPA vs. CEQA

Federal vs. State

- NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act
 - Federal funds/federal agency approvals
 - Example: **Environmental Assessment (EA)**; Environmental Impact Statement
 - Project currently in EA public review stage
- CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
 - Action that qualifies as a “project” and requires state or local agency funding or approval
 - Example: Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Project EIR approved in 2013

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

PROPOSED METROPOLITAN AIRPARK PROJECT
at the
Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM)
San Diego, San Diego County, California

Prepared for:
CITY OF SAN DIEGO - AIRPORTS DIVISION
and
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
As lead Federal Agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

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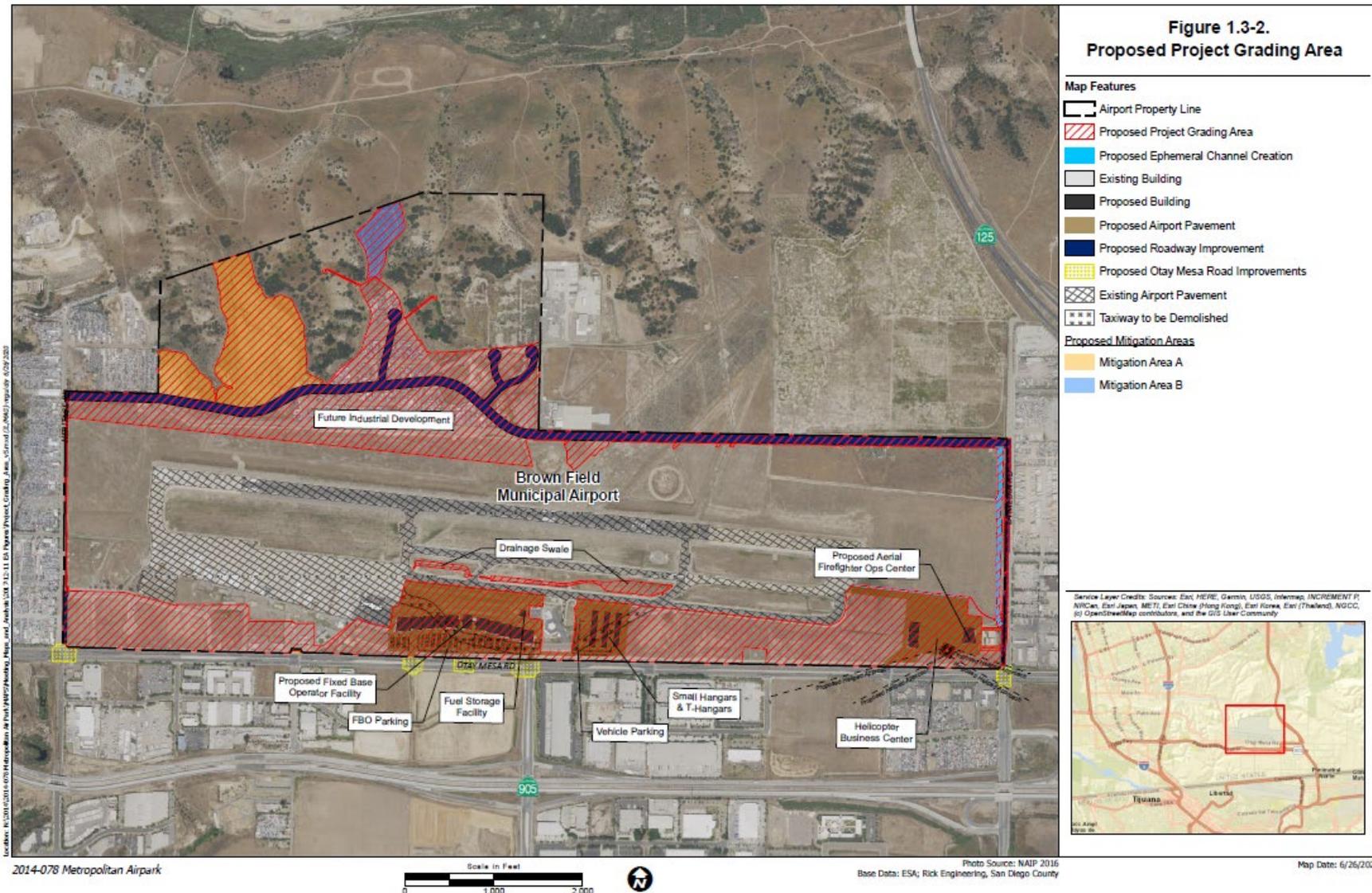
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This environmental assessment becomes a Federal document when evaluated, signed, and dated by the Responsible FAA Official.

Responsible FAA Official _____ Date _____

Proposed NEPA Action





EA Structure

Main Chapters

- Chapter 1: Purpose and Need
- Chapter 2: Alternatives
- Chapter 3: Effected Environment
- Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences

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Purpose and Need

Chapter 1

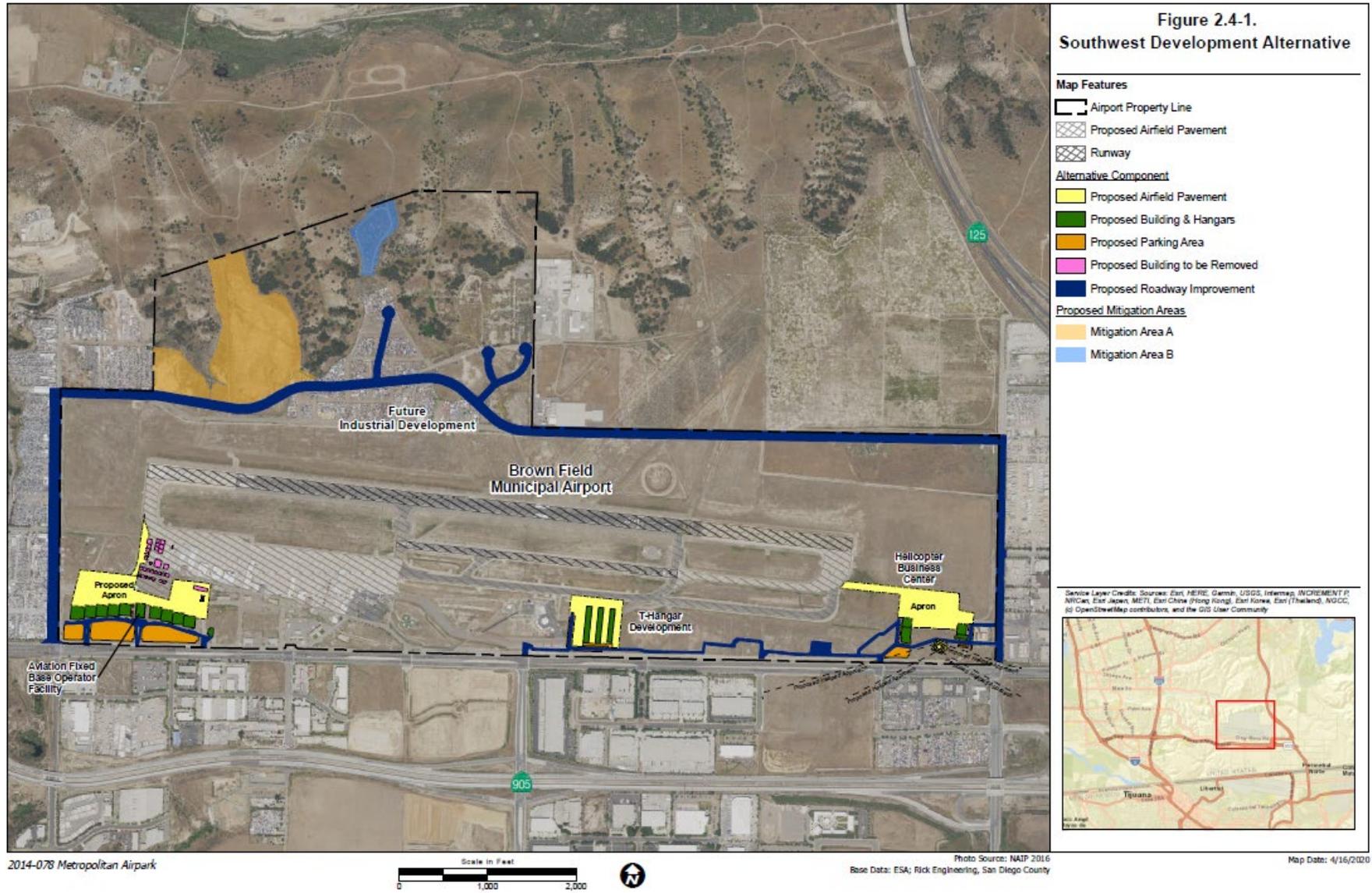
- Proposed Project details
- Demand for corporate jet aviation facilities
- Existing facilities at SDM do not meet demand
- Infrastructure improvements

Alternatives

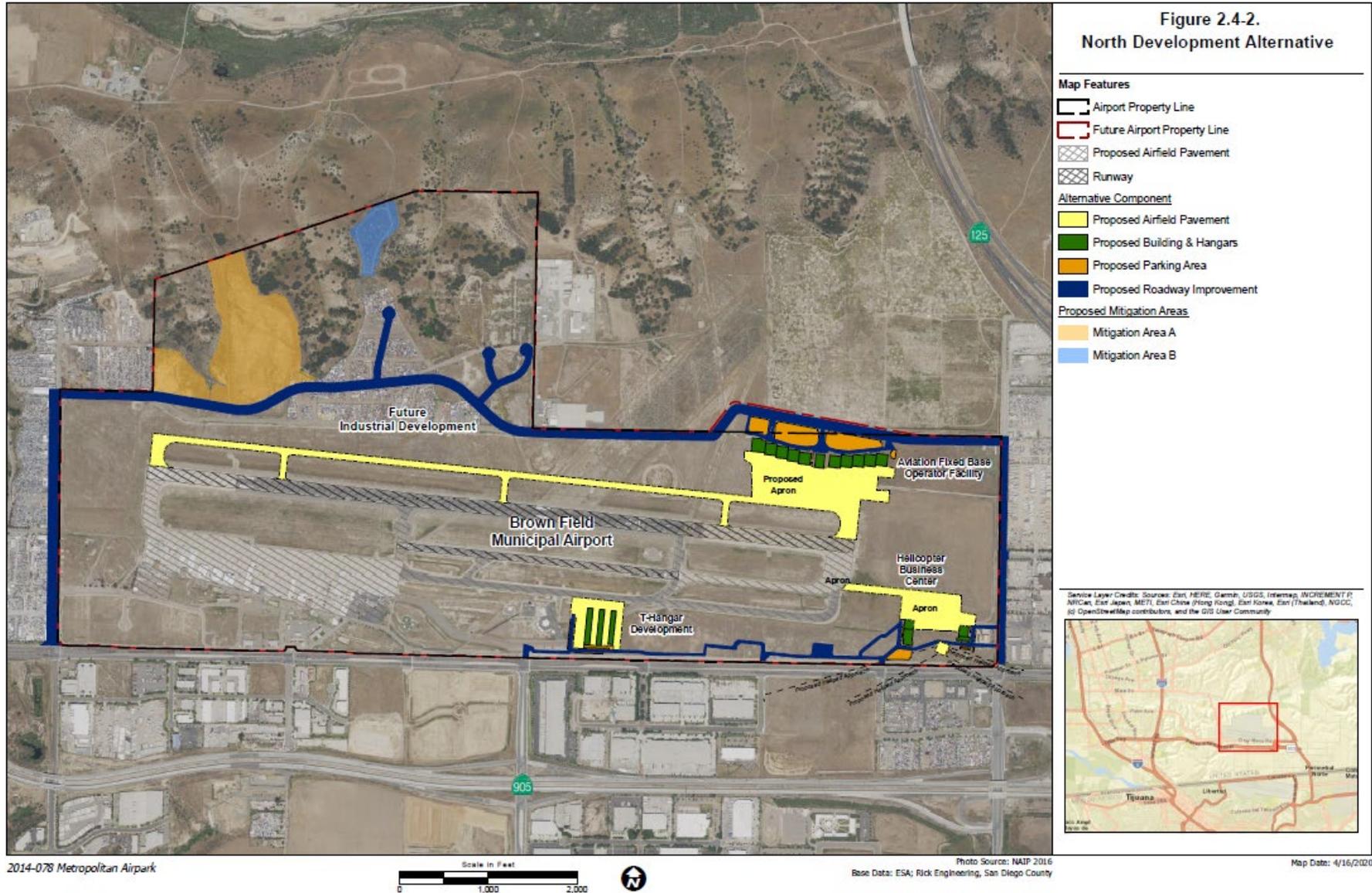
Chapter 2

- NEPA requirement
- Screening process
- Reasonable & feasible alternatives evaluated
- Conclusion: Proposed Project and No Action alternatives further evaluated

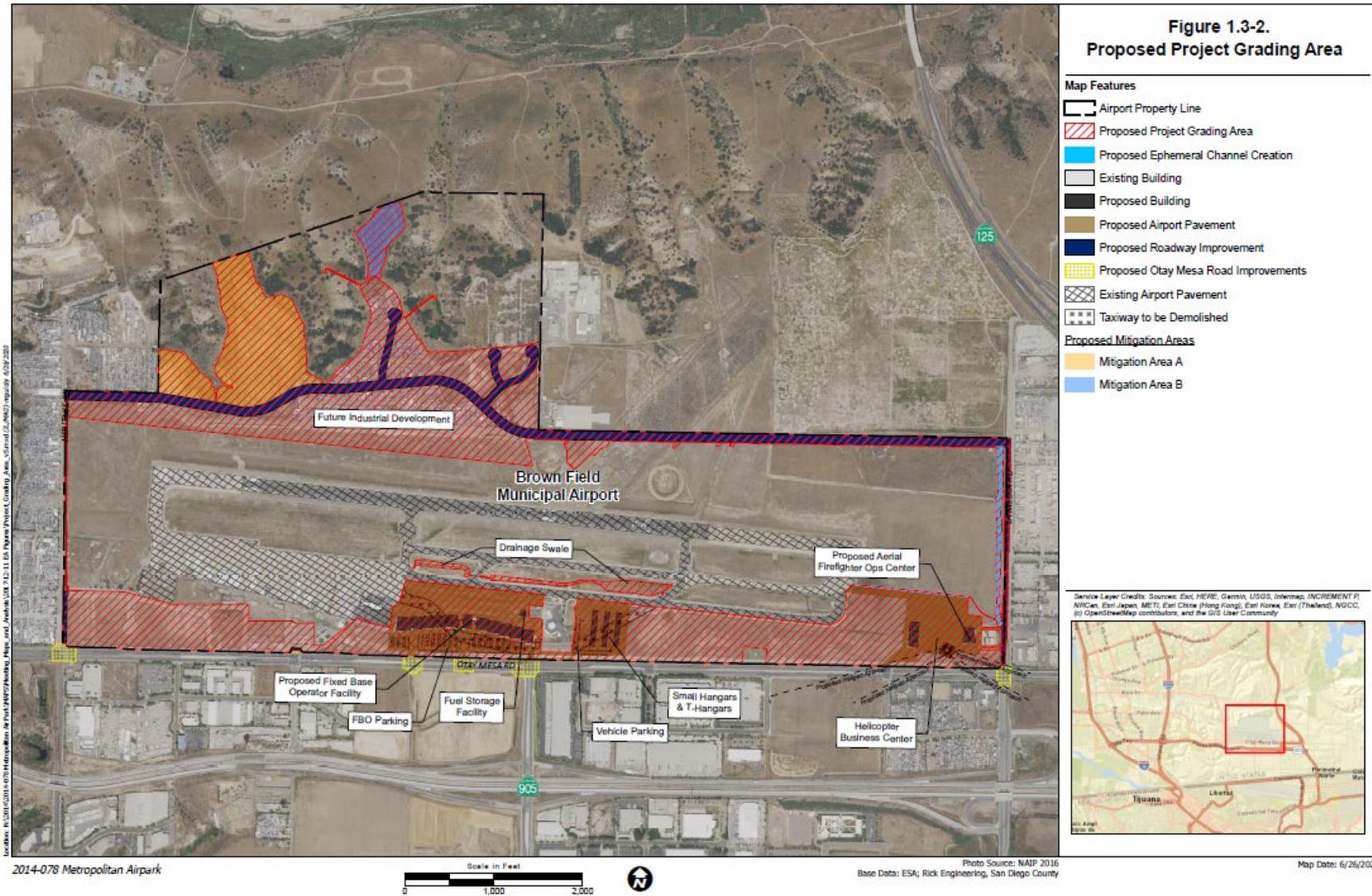
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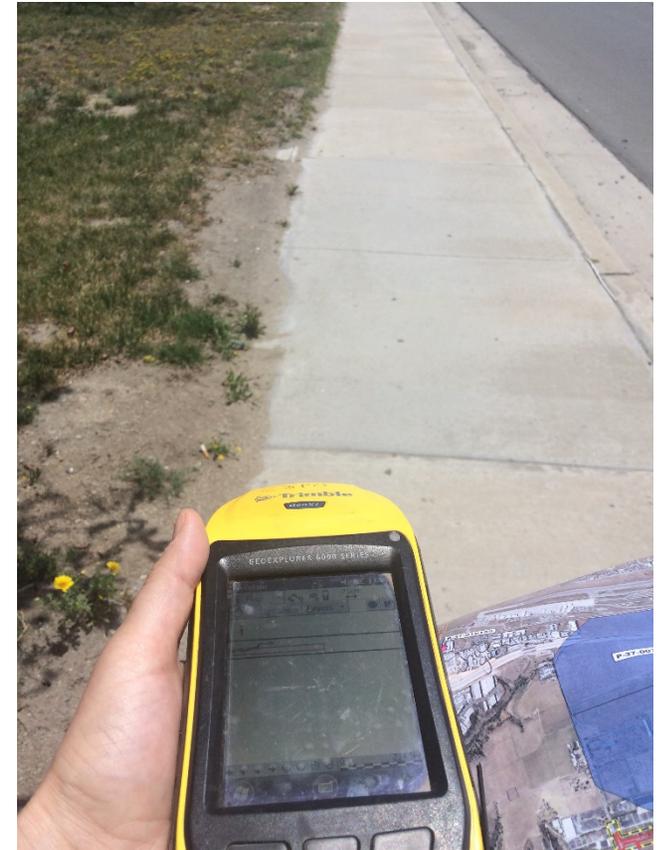
Affected Environment

Chapter 3

- NEPA requirement
- Describes existing environmental conditions
- Technical studies completed
- Technical studies used to assess and compare potential environmental impacts of the alternatives

Topics Studied

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (including Fish, Wildlife, and Plants)
- Climate
- Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention
- Historical, Architectural, Archaeological, and Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Natural Resources and Energy Supply
- Noise and Compatible Land Use
- Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks
- Visual Effects (including Light Emissions)
- Water Resources (including Wetlands, Floodplains, Surface Waters, Groundwater, and Wild and Scenic Rivers)



Environmental Consequences

Chapter 4

- NEPA requirement
- Direct, indirect, cumulative impacts analyzed
- Baseline (2025-2030)
- Environmental consequences can be mitigated

Project Impacts

Resource Category	Proposed Action	No Action Alternative
Air Quality	○	—
Biological Resources	●	—
Climate Change	○	—
Department of Transportation Act: Section 4 (f) Resources	○	—
Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention	○	—
Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources	○	—
Land Use	—	—
Natural Resources and Energy Supply	○	—
Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use	○	—
Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children’s Environmental Health and Safety Risks	○	—
Visual Resources	○	—
Water Resources	●	—

- + = significant impact
- = less than significant impact after mitigation
- = less than significant impact, no mitigation needed
- = no impact



EA Outline

Other Chapters

- Chapter 5: Agency Coordination and Public Involvement
- Chapter 6: List of Preparers
- Chapter 7: References
- Chapter 8: Abbreviations and Acronyms
- Appendix

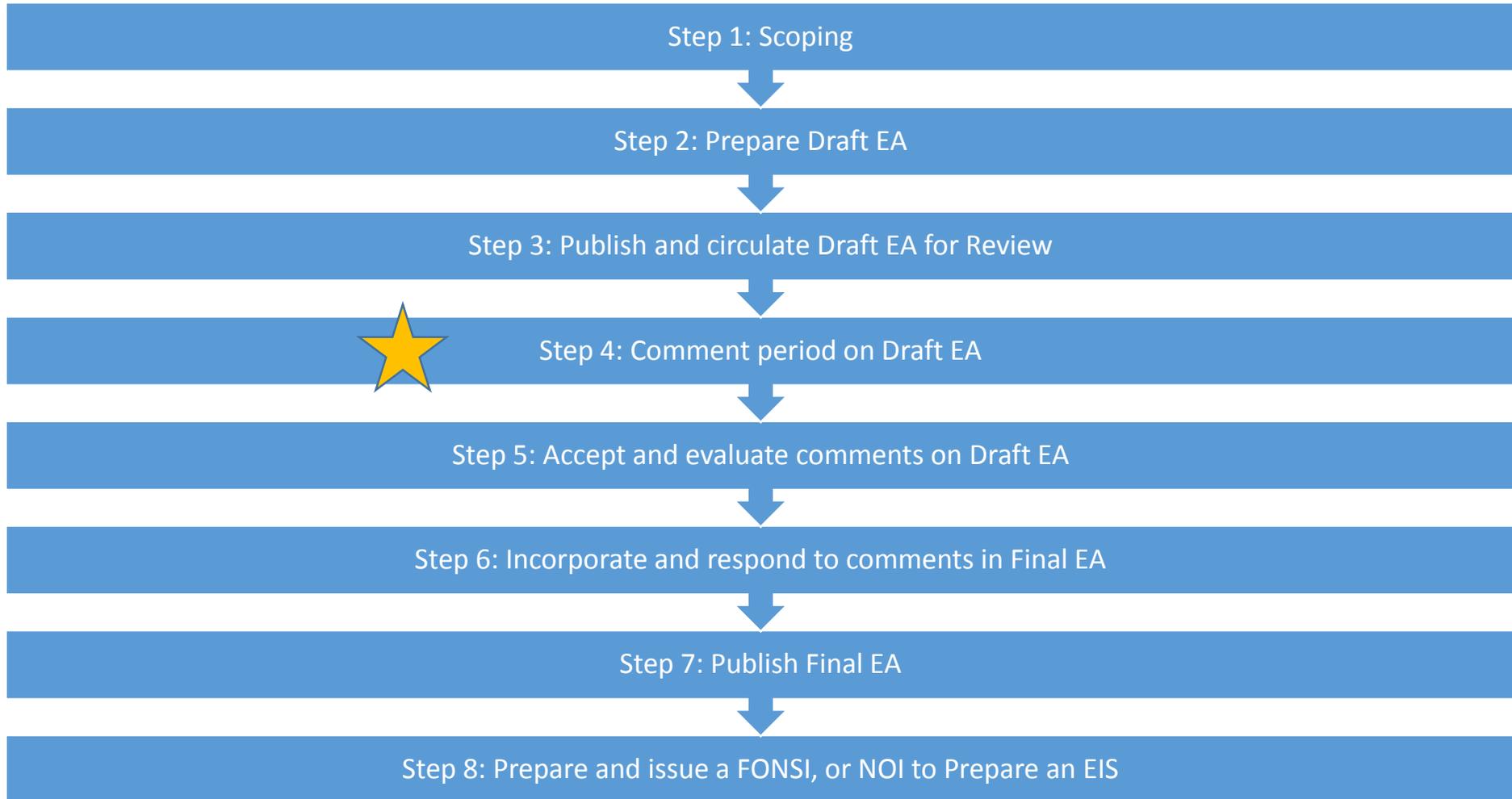
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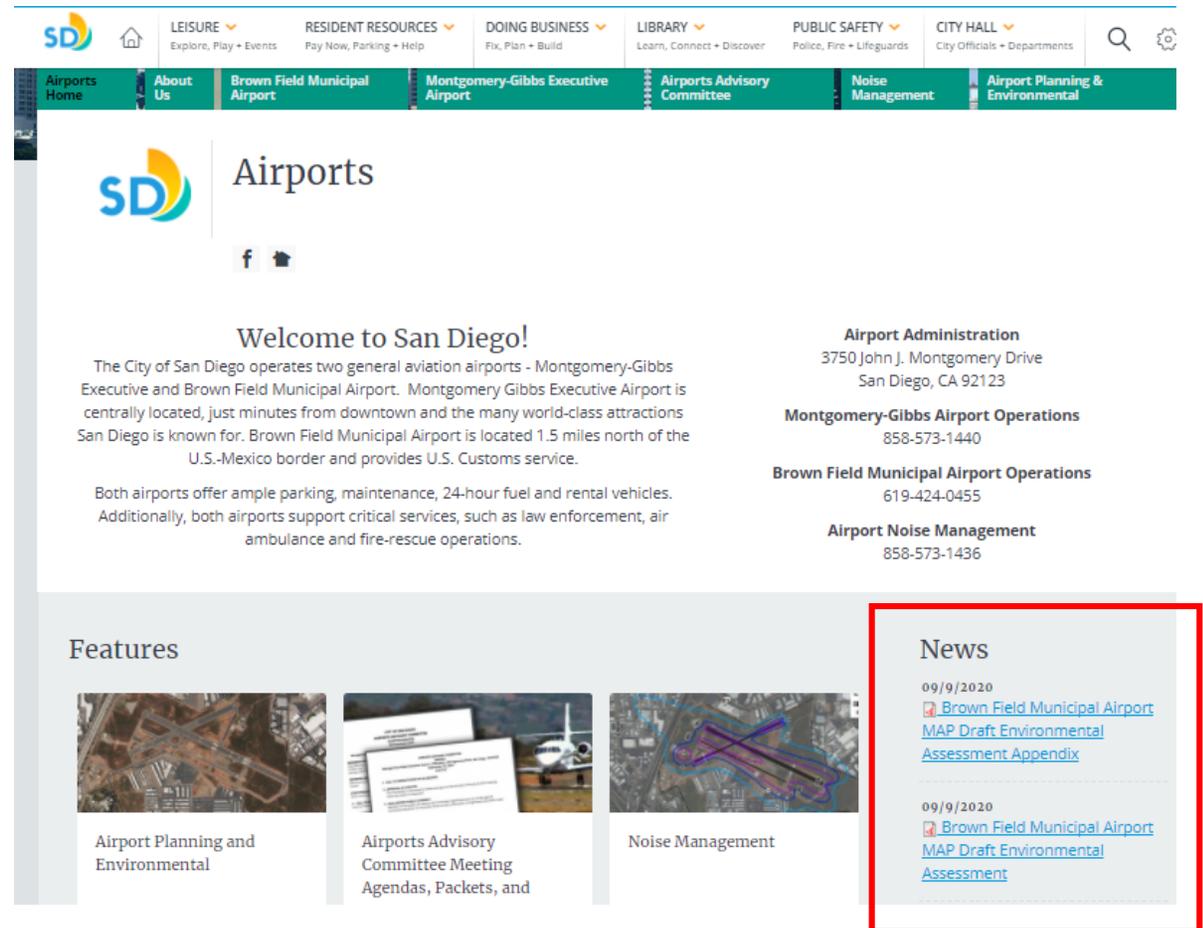
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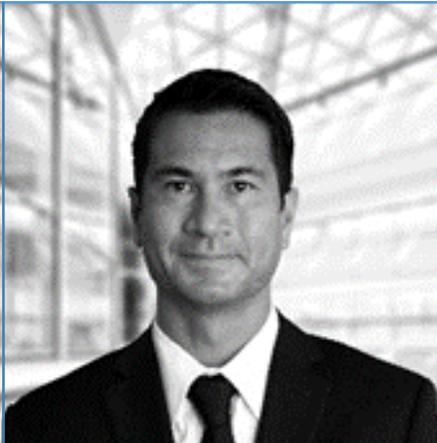
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