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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Bob Hope Airport Replacement Terminal Project

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the EIS.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Proposed Project consists of demolition of existing passenger terminal and construction of a 14-gate passenger terminal with ancillary and roadway improvements, including a 413,000-square-foot aircraft ramp, replacement airline cargo building, replacement Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) station, a ground-service equipment (GSE) and passenger terminal maintenance building, a central utility plant, and ground access vehicle storage and staging. The Proposed Project will also include extensions to two taxiways. The Proposed Project is located in the southeast quadrant of the Bob Hope Burbank Airport.

General Conformity Review Request and Determination

The Clean Air Act requires that federal agencies undergo a General Conformity review and determination process in order to demonstrate that emissions from a proposed federal action will not interfere with a state or tribal implementation plan (SIP/TIP) for an area that has been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a nonattainment or maintenance area for a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The conformity determination process is intended to demonstrate that a proposed Federal action will not: (1) cause or contribute to new violations of a NAAQS; (2) interfere with provisions in the applicable SIP for maintenance of any NAAQS; (3) increase the frequency or severity of existing violations of any standard; or (4) delay the timely attainment of any standard¹.

The South Coast Air Basin (Basin) is designated as extreme non-attainment for ozone and serious non-attainment for PM_{2.5}. To streamline the review process and to facilitate conformity determinations for projects in the Basin, two separate VOC and NO_x general conformity budgets were established in the Final 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP): 1 tons per day (tpd) of NO_x and 0.2 tpd of VOC were set aside for this purpose every year, starting in 2013 until 2030. SCAQMD has set up a tracking system for projects requiring conformity determinations on a first-come-first-serve basis, whereby the project emissions are debited from the applicable set aside accounts until they are depleted. Any questions related to the SCAQMD General Conformity review process and determination can be directed to Dr. Sang-Mi Lee, Program Supervisor, at slee@aqmd.gov.

¹ United States Environmental Protection Agency. *General Conformity*. Accessed at: <https://www.epa.gov/general-conformity/what-general-conformity>.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact me at lsun@aqmd.gov, should you have any questions.

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