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AIRPORT **MASTER** PLAN



Airports Overview

Ventura County owns and operates two public-use airports: Camarillo Airport (CMA) and Oxnard Airport (OXR). The Ventura County Airports are a vital infrastructure component that supports economic development and quality of life for Ventura County residents.

The availability of air transport at Ventura County Airports:

- attracts businesses and economic development
- contributes to public safety by supporting police operations, firefighting teams and supports emergency medical transport
- connects businesses with their customers and supports the transport of goods more quickly and efficiently
- supports local tourism and hospitality industries

Camarillo Airport



Oxnard Airport



What is an Airport Master Plan?

An Airport Master Plan evaluates an airport's aviation demand and provides an overview of the systematic airport development that will best meet those demands. The Master Plan will establish a clear vision for airport development over the course of a 20-year planning period. Development objectives are arranged in order of priority based upon airport demand milestones. The Master Plan also details rationale for each of the various study elements, including airfield configuration, facility development, airport access, on-airport land use recommendations, and support facilities. The goal of the Master Plan is to accommodate an airport's needs in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner while adhering to appropriate safety design standards. Alternative development scenarios will be devised, with each satisfying projected needs in a unique way. Through coordinated review by airport tenants and users and the residents of Ventura County, a recommended development concept will be presented. The plan then acts as a guide to aid local, state, and federal decision-makers when considering airport improvements.

Key Questions to be Addressed in the Master Plan

1. Should the Ventura County Airports continue to support new economic development growth for our communities?
2. Should the Ventura County Airports be prepared for the next generation of light General Aviation aircraft (electric aircraft; unmanned aircraft systems [UAS]; personal aircraft)?
3. Should Ventura County Airports continue to meet business aircraft needs to help support our local businesses and economy?
4. Should Ventura County Airports consider attracting air cargo-related businesses?
5. Should Ventura County Airports seek specialized aviation service providers (aircraft maintenance, repair, overhaul operators) that would support business aviation needs and generate new high-paying jobs?
6. Should scheduled airline service be pursued at a Ventura County Airport to serve residents and businesses?

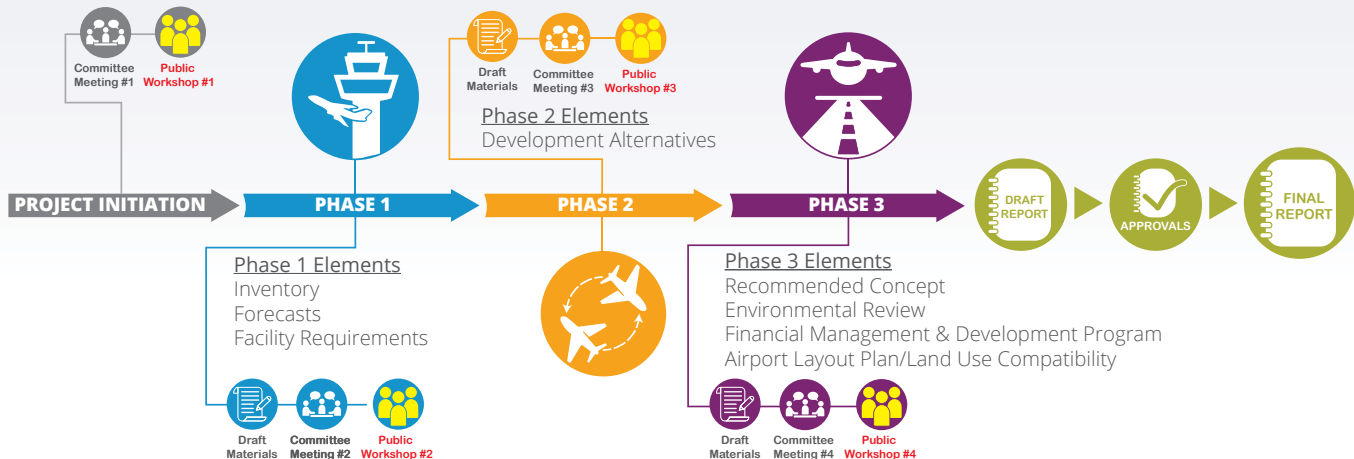
What an Airport Master Plan is:

- ✈️ A comprehensive, long-range study of the airport and all air and landside components that describes plans to meet FAA safety standards and future aviation demand.
- ✈️ Required by the FAA to be conducted every 7-10 years to ensure plans are up-to-date and reflect current conditions and FAA regulations. The last Master Plan for the Camarillo Airport was completed in 2011.
- ✈️ Funded by the FAA through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which has provided 100% of the total project costs.
- ✈️ A Ventura County document that will ultimately be presented for approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. The FAA approves only two elements of the Master Plan, the Aviation Demand Forecasts and the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) drawing set.
- ✈️ An opportunity for airport stakeholders and the public to provide feedback to the County on issues related to the airports and their current and future operations, as well as environmental and socioeconomic impacts. Four (4) public information workshops will be conducted throughout the Master Plan process to facilitate this public outreach effort.

What an Airport Master Plan is not:

- ✈️ A guarantee that the airport will proceed with any planned projects. Master Plans are guides that help airport staff plan for future airport development; however, the need/demand for certain projects may not ever materialize.
- ✈️ A guarantee that Ventura County, Caltrans, or the FAA will fund any planned projects. Project funding is considered on a project-by-project basis and requires appropriate need and demand and certain projects may require the completion of a benefit cost analysis.
- ✈️ Environmental clearance for specific projects. The Master Plan includes an environmental overview that identifies potential environmental sensitivities per the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the preparation of an Initial Study per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. Most planned projects will require a separate NEPA study (environmental impact statement/environmental assessment/categorical exclusion) prior to construction.

Project Work Flow



How will future airport projects be funded?

The FAA coordinates the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) established by Congress to provide funding to airports on a priority basis. Revenues for this program are generated by fees on aviation activity exclusively, such as the sale of aviation fuel and oil, aircraft, aircraft parts, and airline tickets. Many airport improvement projects are eligible for funding through the AIP. The remaining costs are generally funded through local resources generated from airport activities. The Airport Master Plan and its associated Airport Layout Plan (ALP) are utilized by the FAA in support of grant funding decisions. Any airport project intended to utilize grant funding must be depicted on the approved ALP.

Who is conducting the study?

The Ventura County Airport Master Plan is being funded 100 percent by the FAA and will be prepared in accordance with FAA requirements. Coffman Associates, Inc., a national airport consulting firm that specializes in planning and

environmental studies, will lead the study. Additional support to the study process will include:

- Engineering support
- Conducting field surveys in support of the environmental elements of the plan
- Aerial photography, ground survey, and GIS products

How can I participate?

The Master Plan process will be driven by public participation. Four (4) workshops are planned to take place at key milestones during the study process, which is estimated to take between 12 and 18 months. At these workshops, anyone interested can ask questions, respond to poll questions, provide comments, and learn about the master plan's progress. Workshops will be advertised through local media outlets and online. Draft master plan working papers, comment forms, and meeting notices will be available online at venturacounty.airportstudy.net.

To learn more about the master plan and to provide input, please visit:
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