

CHAPTER 5

*AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC  
INVOLVEMENT*

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## 5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes agency coordination and public involvement efforts that occurred throughout the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed replacement passenger terminal and associated development (Proposed Action) at the Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, as well as FAA guidance, were followed when conducting these activities. The agency coordination and public involvement process was designed to inform and educate the agencies and public about the Proposed Action, notify of the opportunity to provide comments on environmental concerns, and provide the opportunity to review and comment on the scope of the Proposed Action and alternatives being analyzed in the EIS. By receiving and considering agency and public comments, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was able to evaluate and address agency and public concerns about social, economic, and environmental effects of the Proposed Action as part of the preparation of this EIS.

## 5.2 NOTICE OF INTENT

The FAA issued a notice of intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* on December 18, 2018,<sup>1</sup> which announced the FAA's intent to prepare an EIS for the Proposed Action. A copy of the NOI can be found in **Appendix A**.

## 5.3 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL CONSULTATION

The FAA received a listing of Native American contacts from the State of California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to send information to regarding the Proposed Action and EIS. The Commission recommended consultation with the following tribes: Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, and the Gabrielino-Tongva.

On January 17, 2020, the FAA provided detailed information about the Proposed Action to the tribal contacts listed via the U.S. Mail. Copies of these letters can be found in **Appendix H**. One response was received from the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation requesting a more detailed discussion regarding the Proposed Action. A conference call occurred on February 7, 2020 between the FAA and the Tribal representative. The FAA and Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation concluded the likelihood of finding intact Native American Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Federal Register (FR). (2018, December 18). Vol. 83, No. 242, Retrieved April 2020, from Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/12/18/2018-27373/notice-of-intent-to-prepare-an-environmental-impact-statement-eis-for-the-proposed-replacement>.

during construction of the Proposed Action is extremely low because of the initial construction disturbance on the former northeast quadrant by Lockheed in the 1930s and the following hazardous materials remediation that occurred in the 1990s and 2000s. An Unanticipated Discovery Plan was developed, which states that in the event that historic or prehistoric archaeological resources were unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, construction activities shall halt or redirect ground-disturbing activities away from the vicinity of the find so that the find could be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. A buffer area of at least 25 feet would be established around the find where construction activities would not be allowed to continue.

**5.4 SCOPING**

According to 40 CFR § 1501.7, “there shall be an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action.”<sup>2</sup> The scoping process is used to ensure that concerns of both the general public and federal, state, and local agencies are considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS.

**5.4.1 Agency Scoping**

The federal, state, and local agencies listed in **Table 5.4-1** were invited to attend an agency scoping meeting. These agencies either have jurisdiction by law or expertise regarding an environmental resource category and the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action.

**TABLE 5.4-1  
AGENCIES INVITED TO AGENCY SCOPING MEETING**

<b>Agencies Invited to Scoping Meeting</b>	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles Main District Office 915 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90017	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 - Air Division Elizabeth Adams - Acting Director 75 Hawthorne St San Francisco, CA 94105

<sup>2</sup> 40 CFR § 1501.7.

<b>Agencies Invited to Scoping Meeting</b>	
<p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory Birds Pacific Southwest Region Headquarters Paul Souza - Regional Director 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825</p>	<p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Pacific Southwest Region Headquarters Paul Souza - Regional Director 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825</p>
<p>California Department of Transportation Lauren Wonder, Chief Office of Public Affairs and Media Relations 100 S Main St Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	<p>CalEPA California Air Resources Board Richard Corey - Executive Officer California Air Resources Board Executive Office P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95802</p>
<p>CalEPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Lauren Zeise - Director P.O. Box 4010 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010</p>	<p>California High Speed Rail Authority Michelle Boehm - Southern California Regional Director 355 S Grand Ave Suite 2050 Los Angeles, CA 90071</p>
<p>California Native American Heritage Commission Commissioner James Ramos - NAHC Chairperson 1550 Harbor Blvd Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691</p>	<p>Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation Andrew Salas - Chairperson P.O. Box 393 Covina, CA 91723</p>
<p>Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Anthony Morales - Chairperson P.O. Box 693 San Gabriel, CA 91778</p>	<p>Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Sandonne Goad - Chairperson 106 1/2 Judge John Aiso St. #231 Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>
<p>Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council</p>	<p>Gabrielino Tongva Tribe</p>

<b>Agencies Invited to Scoping Meeting</b>	
Robert F. Dormane - Chairperson P.O. Box 490 Bellflower, CA 90707	Linda Candelaria - Chairperson 80839 Camino Santa Juliana Indio, CA 92203
Gabrielino Tongva Tribe Charles Alvarez - Councilmember 23454 Vanowen St. West Hills, CA 91307	California Office of Historic Preservation Julianne Polanco - SHPO 1725 23rd St Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95816
California State Water Resources Control Board George Kostyrko - Director P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Zareh Sinanyan - President 2627 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505
Burbank Water and Power Jorge Samoano - General Manager P.O. Box 631 Burbank, CA 91503-0631	City of Burbank Planning Division Scott Plambaeck - Deputy City Planner 150 N. Third St Burbank, CA 91502
City of Burbank Planning Division Patrick Prescott - Community Development Director 150 N. Third St Burbank, CA 91502	City of Burbank Public Works Marnell Gibson - Public Works Director 150 N. Third St Burbank, CA 91502
City of Burbank Traffic Division Marnell Gibson - Public Works Director 150 N. Third St Burbank, CA 91502	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation Seleta Reynolds - General Manager 100 S. Main St 10th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012
City of Los Angeles Planning and Zoning Vince Bertoni - Director of Planning	Los Angeles County Flood Control District Mark Pestrella - Director

<b>Agencies Invited to Scoping Meeting</b>	
200 North Spring St, 5th Floor (Mail Stop 395) Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601	900 S. Fremont Ave Alhambra, CA 91803
Los Angeles County Department Regional Planning - Airport Land Use Commission Bruce Durbin - Supervising Regional Planner 320 West Temple St 13th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Phillip A. Washington - Chief Executive Officer One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) Renee Purdy - Executive Officer 320 West Fourth St Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013	Southern California Association of Governments Darin Chidsey - Interim Executive Director 900 Wilshire Blvd Ste 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Wayne Natri - Executive Officer 21865 Copely Dr Diamond Bar, CA 91765	Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) Art Leahy - Chief Executive Officer 900 Wilshire Blvd Ste 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Source: RS&H, 2020.

The agency scoping meeting was held in Burbank on January 29, 2019 at the Buena Vista Library from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Agencies in attendance were asked to sign-in and/or leave a business card. Each attendee was given an agency scoping package as a supplement to the presentation on the Proposed Action. Both the sign-in sheet and the agency scoping package can be found in **Appendix B**. Members of the FAA, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena Airport Authority (Authority), and EIS consultant team were present at the meeting.

No agency comments were received during the agency scoping meeting. During the scoping comment period, December 18, 2018 through March 1, 2019, six agencies provided written comments. **Table 5.4-2** provides a list of comments received by agencies and where in the EIS the issue is discussed. A copy of the full

agency comments and FAA responses to those comments can be found in **Appendix B.**

**TABLE 5.4-2  
AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING SCOPING PERIOD**

<b>General Comment</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>EIS Section(s) Addressing Comment</b>
Analyze all cumulative impacts upon communities of Los Angeles, and include all members of these communities in public outreach efforts	Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian	Chapter 4, Section 4.15 Chapter 5, Section 5.3.2
Request that the EIS analyze potential increase in traffic volumes	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.12.4
Request to evaluate connectivity between the proposed replacement terminal building and existing rail lines	Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.12.4
Concern about potential stormwater discharge impacts and request to disclose Airports National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES) permit	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.14
Concern about potential of the Proposed Action to interfere with maintenance of national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS)	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.3



<b>General Comment</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>EIS Section(s) Addressing Comment</b>
Request for the EIS to include consideration of feasible sustainable facilities and operations where possible	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.10
Request that that EIS should include climate change impacts	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.5
Request to evaluate construction and operational noise impacts	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.11
Request to evaluate human health risk from hazardous waste and nonhazardous solid waste	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.7
Request to evaluate connectivity between the proposed replacement terminal building and Metrolink and Regional Intermodal Transit Center	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)	Chapter 4, Section 4.12 Chapter 4, Section 4.15

Source: RS&H, 2020.

### **5.4.2 Public Scoping**

A public scoping meeting was held on January 29, 2019 in Burbank, at the Buena Vista Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. This meeting functioned as an “open house” workshop where members of the public could view exhibit boards containing project information and direct any questions to members of the FAA, Authority, and EIS consultant team. Project boards used for the public

scoping meeting can be viewed in **Appendix B**, or on the project website.<sup>3</sup> A total of 183 members of the public signed into the meeting. The public had the opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS by submitting a written comment during the public scoping meeting, submitting a verbal comment to a stenographer who was present at the public scoping meeting, or mailing/emailing written comments to the FAA before the scoping period ended (March 1, 2019). **Table 5.4-3** provides a list of the types of comments received from the public and where in the EIS the issue is discussed. Public comments received during the scoping comment period and the FAA responses can be viewed in **Appendix B**.

**TABLE 5.4-3  
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING SCOPING PERIOD**

<b>General Comment</b>	<b>EIS Section(s) Addressing Comment</b>
Concerns that the project is intended to increase operations at the Airport	Chapter 1, Section 1.3
Concerns that there would be an increase in aviation noise	Chapter 3, Section 3.11 Chapter 4, Section 4.11
Concerns about impacts to air quality	Chapter 4, Section 4.3
Concerns about impacts to biological resources	Chapter 4, Section 4.4
Concerns about impacts to hazardous materials and pollution	Chapter 4, Section 4.7
Concerns about socioeconomic impacts	Chapter 4, Section 4.12
Concerns about impacts to surface traffic	Chapter 4, Section 4.12.4

Source: RS&H, 2020.

## 5.5 AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIS

The DEIS will be made available to the public and agencies for review from August 21, 2020 to October 5, 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport EIS: <https://bobhopeairporteis.com/public-involvement/>.

The DEIS is available for review at <https://www.bobhopeairporteis.com/> and in hard copy at:

Burbank City Hall  
275 East Olive Avenue  
Burbank, California 91502

Written comments<sup>4</sup> on the DEIS may be submitted in the following ways:

By website to:

<https://www.bobhopeairporteis.com/>

By U.S. mail to:

Ms. Edvige B. Mbakoup  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Office of Airports, LAX-600.3  
Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region  
777 S. Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150  
El Segundo, California 90245

Comments on the DEIS must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on October 5, 2020.

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<sup>4</sup> Before including your name, address, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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