

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

As Lead Federal Agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

The following are cooperating agencies for this EIS pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1501.6(a)(1): U.S. Department of Interior: Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Department of Interior: National Park Service, U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration, and U.S. Air Force, Nellis AFB.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT City of Mesquite, Clark County, Nevada

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as lead Federal agency, prepared this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the potential environmental impacts of FAA approval of the proposed relocation of the Mesquite Municipal Airport as well as reasonable alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No-Action Alternative. This Draft EIS addresses the environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed relocation of the Mesquite Municipal Airport as identified on the 2004 Airport Layout Plan. Specifically, this Draft EIS includes the evaluation of the following projects and associated developments proposed by the City of Mesquite – acquisition of approximately 2,560 acres of land to accommodate the proposed replacement airport, airport access road and Runway Protection Zones, construction and operation of a new Runway 3/21 (7,500'x100'), construction and operation of full length parallel taxiway and taxiway connectors, aircraft parking apron, navigational aids (NAVAIDS) and other associated aviation support facilities (i.e., fuel farm, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Facility, non-FAA staffed Air Traffic Control Tower).

The Proposed Project, as well as the No-Action Alternative, have been assessed in detail and the potential impacts are disclosed within this document. FAA, as lead agency, presents this Draft EIS for review pursuant to the following public law requirements: Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act and special purpose laws that apply to the sponsor's Proposed Action, and reasonable alternatives.

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