



# MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MERIDIAN D1 GATEWAY AVIATION CENTER PROJECT May 23, 2024

### **PROJECT TITLE:**

Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Center Project

### **NOTICE:**

**Notice is Hereby Given that the March Joint Powers Authority has circulated a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Center Project.** This approximate 46-acre project site is generally located west of Heacock Street, adjacent to March Air Reserve Base, and southwest of the intersection of Heacock Street and Krameria Avenue, in unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Draft EIR and all the documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for public review at the March Joint Powers Authority offices, located at 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA 92518. Additionally, the Draft EIR can also be viewed on the March JPA website at:

**<https://marchjpa.com/meridian-d1-gateway-aviation-center-project/>**

The Draft EIR is being circulated for review for a minimum **45-day review period, starting Thursday, May 23, 2024, and concluding on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Comments on the Draft EIR must be received no later than Tuesday, July 9, 2024.**

**Please send your comments to:** Jeffrey M. Smith, AICP  
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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Center Project (Proposed Project), consists of an Air Cargo Center Component and Off-Site Component, located on approximately 46 acres, within the southeastern portion of the March Joint Powers Authority (March JPA) jurisdiction, within unincorporated Riverside County, California. More specifically, the Project site is located just south of the March Air Reserve Base (March ARB), west of Heacock Street, and southwest of the intersection of Heacock Street and Krameria Avenue, in Moreno Valley, California. Interstate 215 (I-215) is located approximately one mile west of the project site. The Air Cargo Center Component would include the development of a gateway air freight cargo center, including taxiway/taxiway and parking improvements, within an approximately 34-acre site within March Inland Port Airport under the jurisdiction of March Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The gateway air freight cargo center includes the construction of an approximately 180,800-square-foot cargo building with 9 grade-level loading doors, 31 truck dock positions, and 37 trailer storage positions. The cargo building would contain approximately 9,000 square feet of office space. The Air Cargo Center Component would also include work in the public right-of-way within Heacock Street on the eastern boundary of the project site.

The Off-Site Component would be constructed on approximately 12 acres and would include taxiway and taxiway construction, widening, and realignment; storm-drain extensions; and a perimeter patrol road with security fencing within March Air Reserve Base (ARB). Vehicular access to the project site would occur at a new signalized entrance onto Heacock Street, expanding the existing access roadway currently serving the facilities south of the project site. The Off-Site Component would include construction on land owned by March ARB. Development occurring on March ARB would require easements with the Department of the Air Force within five work areas. The Proposed Project would also require a zoning designation and a plot plan approval.

Once constructed, the Proposed Project is anticipated to average 17 flights per day, 6 days per week (non-peak). During the peak season (i.e., late November through late December), the Proposed Project is anticipated to average 22 flights per day, 6 days per week. Aircraft operations would occur between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (approximately 5% of the proposed aircraft operations would occur between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.).

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Significant environmental impacts are identified with operational air quality and operational flight noise which are significant and unavoidable. Cumulative impacts associated with operational air quality and operational flight noise and sleep disturbance were also identified as being significant and unavoidable.

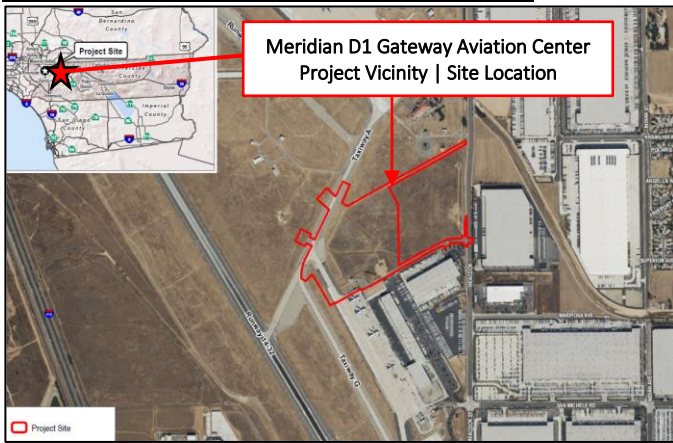
**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing has not yet been scheduled for this item but will occur sometime after the close of the review period.

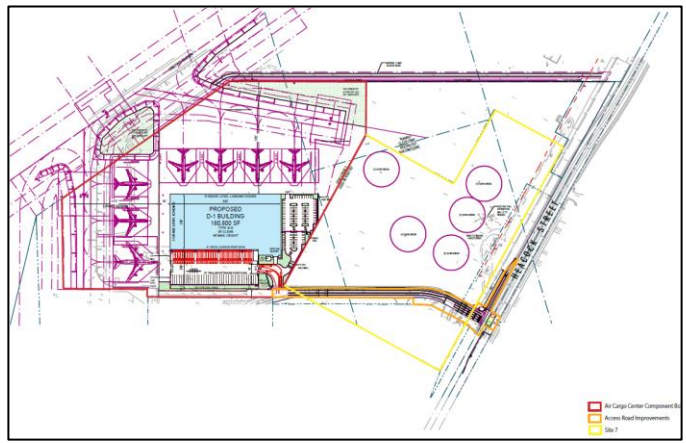
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact Jeffrey Smith, AICP, Principal Planner, March Joint Powers Authority, at (951) 656-7000, or by email at smith@marchjpa.com, should you have any questions regarding this notice or Project. A project vicinity map and site plan are included with this notice, identifying the location of the Project.

**Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Center Project**



Project Vicinity | Site Location



Site Plan

**Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Center Project Location**

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