

involvement of many different parties. The Planning Advisory Committee includes representatives from the following groups:

- Town of Marana
- Local Community
- Federal Aviation Administration
- State, Regional, and Military
- Professional Aviation Organizations

When will the studies be completed?

Both studies are now underway. Completion of these projects is expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months. Information about these studies and their preliminary findings will be made available to the PAC and the general public through public meetings, the consultant's website, and news releases.

The final recommendations will be presented to the Town of Marana for approval and adoption by the Town Council. The final studies will then be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration. The study will then be distributed to airport user groups and local and state governments for implementation of those parts of the programs pertaining to them.

How can interested individuals participate?

Interested individuals are encouraged to offer comments and learn about these studies directly by attending special public meetings which will be held expressly for that purpose. Four public information workshops and one public hearing will be held during the study process. Additionally, a project-specific website is available for

interested participants to post comments regarding the study and to download study materials. Advance notice of meetings will appear in local newspapers and on the study website.

Where can people get more information?

For general questions or information about the study, please contact:

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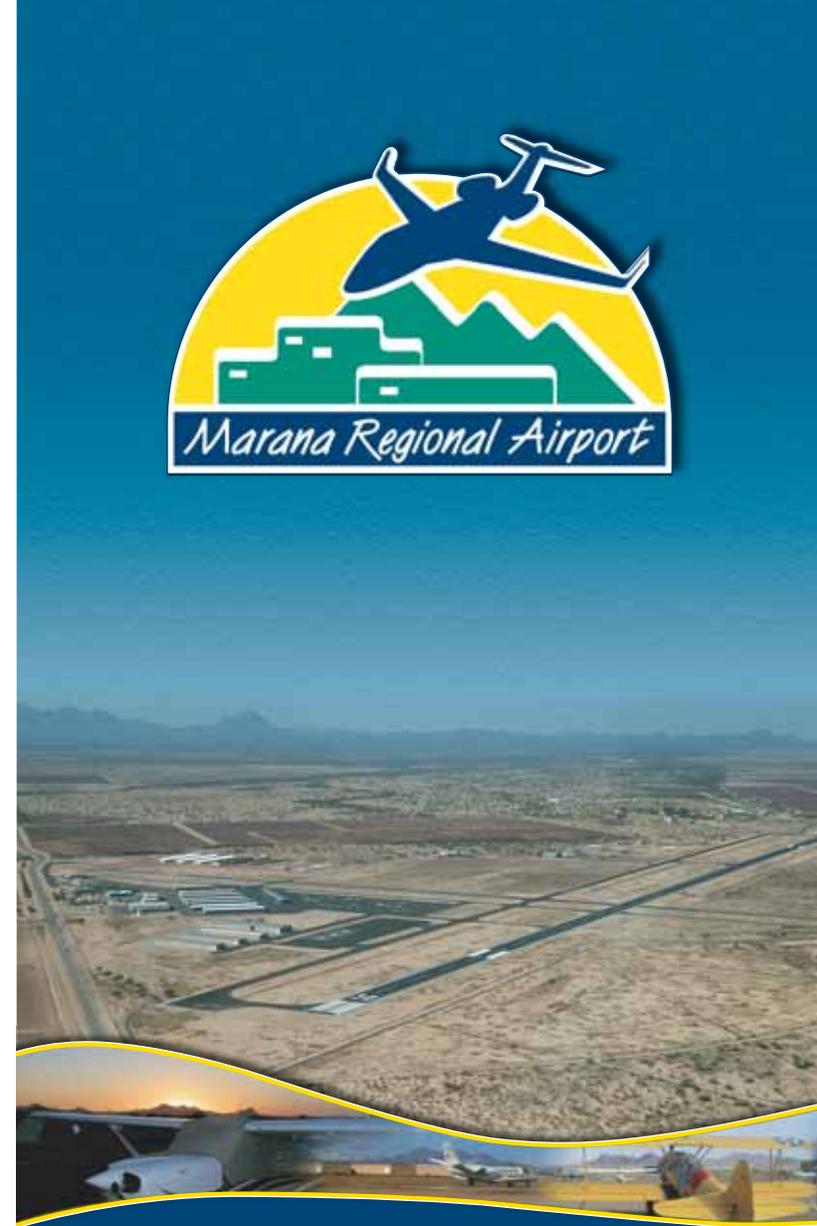
To review the study material and submit comments online, please visit www.marana.com or www.coffmanassociates.com and select Marana Regional Airport.



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Airport Master Plan & Noise Compatibility Study

Airport Overview

The Marana Regional Airport is owned and operated by the Town of Marana. It is located approximately fifteen miles northwest of Tucson and is five miles west of Interstate 10 on Avra Valley Road. The Airport is home to many businesses and more than 275 privately-owned general aviation aircraft. The airport supports employment for 250 individuals and creates a revenue stream of economic activity that exceeds \$50,000 per day, or \$19.4 million per year.

Originally constructed in 1943 and known as Auxiliary No. 2, the Marana Regional Airport was built during World War II by the U.S. Army Air Force to relieve congestion at nearby Pinal Airpark (originally Marana Airbase). The airport was owned by the Bureau of Land Management and consisted of four 3,000-foot runways to allow military student pilots to practice take-offs and landings.

In 1963, a Tucson businessman leased the airport from the Bureau of Land Management and established it as the Avra Valley Airport. He constructed two aircraft storage hangars to house up to 20 aircraft along with one large hangar for aircraft maintenance. These improvements helped attract additional users and tenants to the airport.

In 1973, Pima County assumed ownership of the airport from the Bureau of Land Management. During this time, the airport saw the addition of nine aircraft storage hangars to house up to 112 aircraft. A private terminal facility and a new airport restaurant was also established.

In 1999, the airport was purchased by the Town of Marana from Pima County and renamed the Marana Regional Airport. Since this time, the Town and private businesses have made significant improvements to the airport. Some of the recent airport improvements include eight new aircraft storage hangars to house up to 120 aircraft, new parking lots for automobiles, new aircraft taxiways, new water lines, new security fencing, new runway and taxiway lighting, pavement preservation of Runway 12-30, and the reconstruction of Runway 3-21. More than \$10 million dollars worth of public and private improvements have been made at the airport in the past three years.

What are Master Plan and Part 150 Studies?

An airport master plan provides a strategic forecast for airport facilities and infrastructure to support current and future aviation demands. The Master Plan Update Study for Marana Regional Airport will provide a long-range forecast for airport development over the next 20 years.

The objectives of the Master Plan are:

- Determine future users of the airport and the number of aircraft operations
- Assess the facilities needed to accommodate existing and future activity
- Investigate alternatives to best serve these needs
- Provide a detailed development concept which balances airport needs with financial resources

A Noise Compatibility Study is a technical review of the existing and future noise impact of aircraft operations in the vicinity of the Marana Regional Airport. The study complies with the Code of Federal Regulations Volume 14, Part 150. It will be

conducted at the same time as the Master Plan to address the compatibility of the Marana Regional Airport with its environment. The Noise Compatibility Study is a specialized analysis with a resulting comprehensive plan that outlines specific approaches to managing airport noise and land use compatibility with the airport.

Three components make this study unique:

- (1) It is the only comprehensive approach to reduce airport and community land use conflicts
- (2) It identifies items eligible for Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding
- (3) It is the only federally funded airport study that balances community land use desires and aviation requirements

Both studies are formal Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) planning programs, which are being funded through Federal and State Aviation Grants and local dollars.

Why are the studies being conducted?

The Marana Regional Airport is vital to the economic well-being of the region. The airport, its support services, and associated industries provide employment, generate economic activity, and add to local and state revenues. Additionally, the airport serves as an integral component of the national air transportation network, facilitating the movement of people and goods to and from the community.

The current airport master plan, adopted in 1999, has guided recent decisions, but changes in the aviation industry and federal regulations necessitate a reexamination of the development plan. The new master plan is being prepared to provide a comprehensive development strategy for the Marana Regional Airport for decades to

come. The plan will enable the airport to respond to business opportunities as they arise, maintain an economic leadership role in the region, and continue to serve as a positive factor in local and regional economic development decisions.

As development plans for the Marana Regional Airport are evaluated, it is important to continually consider the potential impacts on the surrounding area. To evaluate these impacts, a Noise Compatibility Study is being conducted in conjunction with the master plan. By combining the Master Plan Update with the Noise Compatibility Study, a comprehensive plan will be created which will enhance the airport's vital link to the nation's air transportation system while maintaining and improving the airport's compatibility with surrounding community development.

How are the studies being done?

The Master Plan and Noise Compatibility Study are being sponsored by the Town of Marana with Federal and State Aviation Grants. Technical assistance is being provided by Coffman Associates, Inc., an airport consulting firm. At each step in the process, Coffman Associates will prepare working papers documenting their analyses, findings, and recommendations. A Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) made up of technical and aviation professionals will review and comment on the work as it progresses. This committee is an especially important part of the planning process as it enables the direct

