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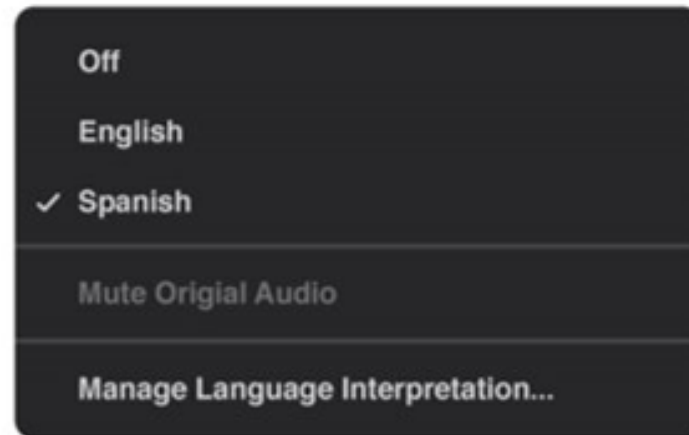


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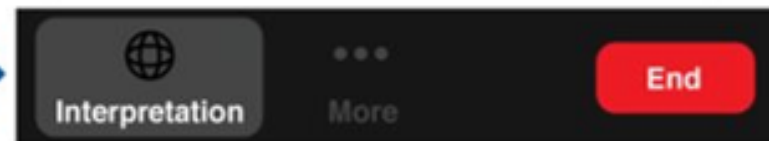


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Agenda

- **Introduction and Meeting Purpose**
- **Overview of Airport and Expansion Development Program (AEDP)**
- **Overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process**
- **Q&A – Requests for Public Comments**



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**Project Manager
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Introduction & Meeting Purpose



OVERVIEW

Present an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process that AUS is conducting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)



Q&A

Answer questions from attendees



FEEDBACK

Collect feedback from attendees on environmental categories



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Environmental Assessment Partners

- **Public Agency Partners**



- **City of Austin Partners**

- Public Works Department
- Capital Contracting Office
- Watershed Protection



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Airport Expansion and Development Program

- The Airport Expansion and Development Program (AEDP) guides development and construction at AUS over the next five to seven years.
- The AEDP takes a re-strategized approach at implementing key components of the 2040 Master Plan.
 - Optimizing the Barbara Jordan Terminal (BJT)
 - Building a midfield concourse and connecting underground tunnel
 - A new Central Utility Plant & electrical substation
 - Relocating and improving taxiways



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Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the AEDP is to:

- ✓ Improve the passenger experience and accommodate forecasted demand
- ✓ Provide reliable air service to Central Texans
- ✓ Provide a safe, convenient, and environmentally sound travel experience
- ✓ Reflect the Austin community



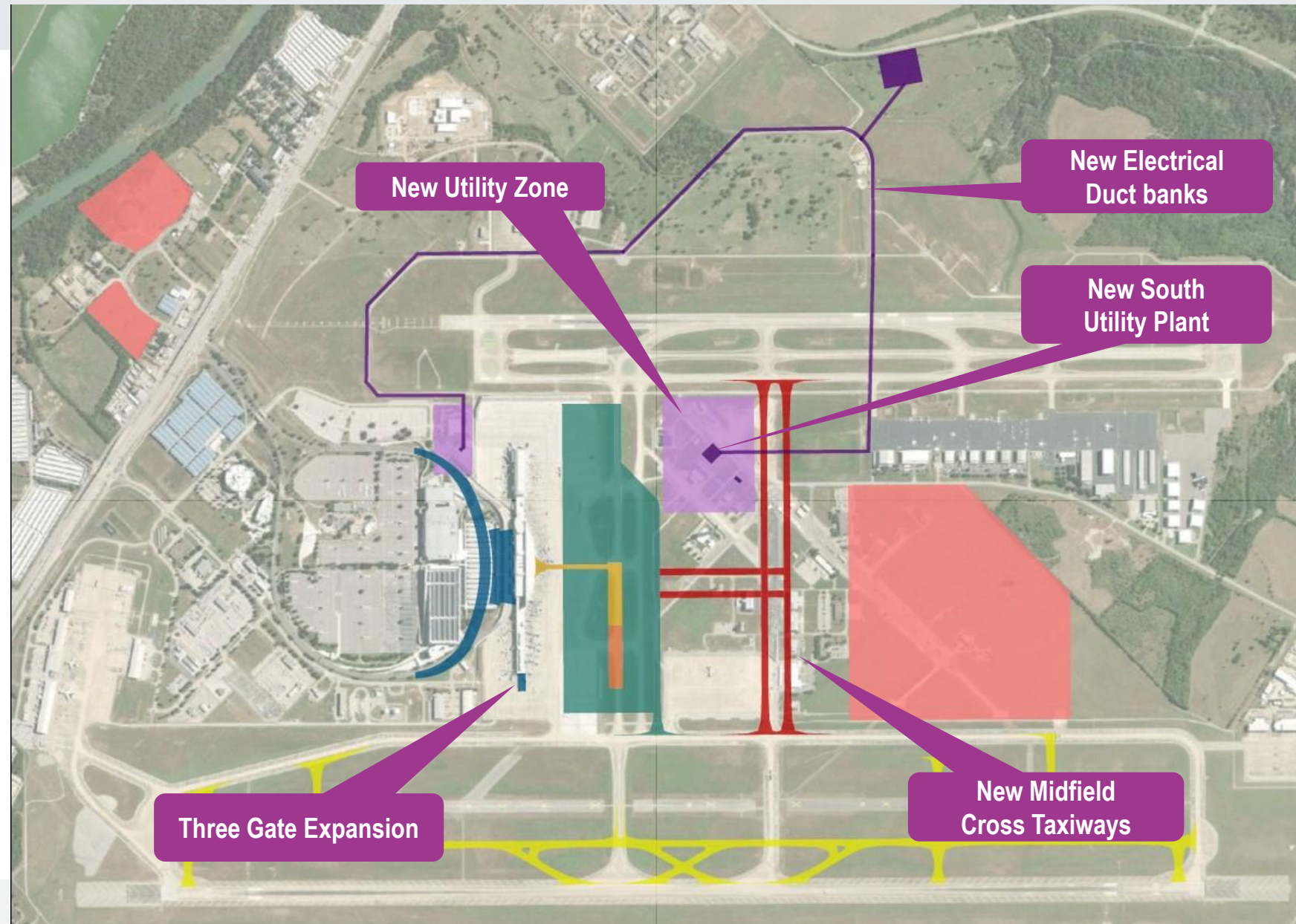
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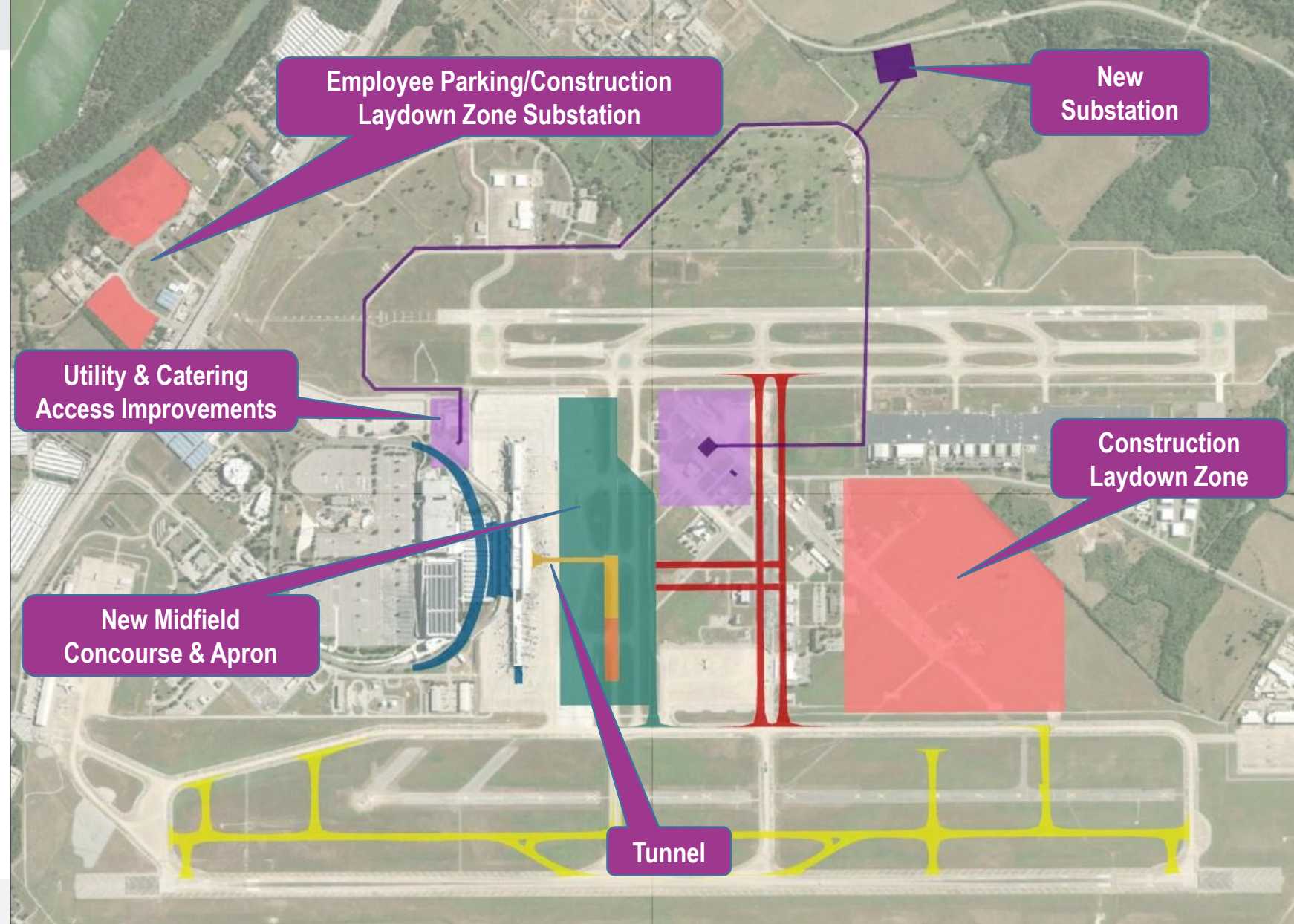
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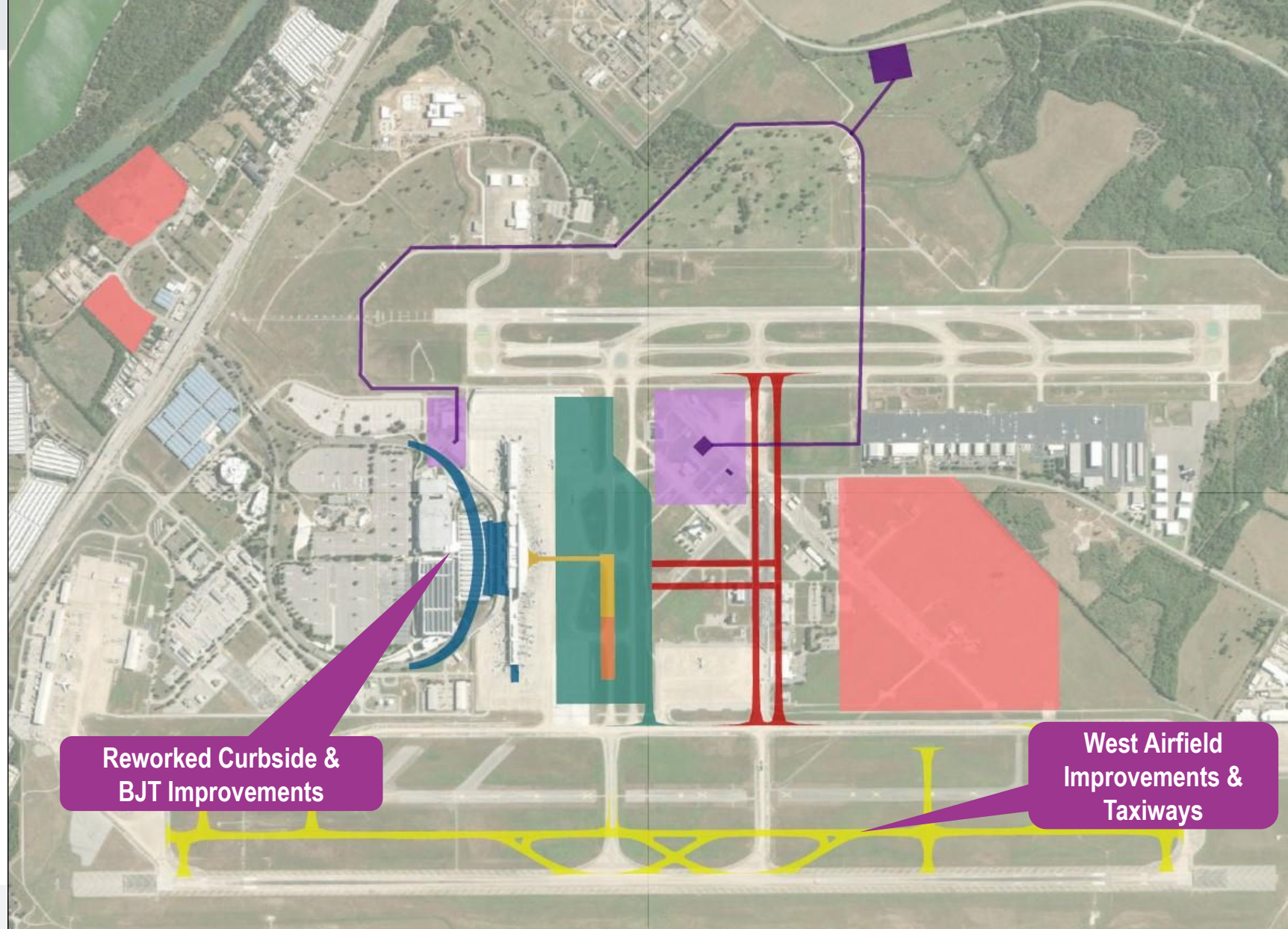
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Reworked Curbside & BJT Improvements

West Airfield Improvements & Taxiways

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NEPA Overview

- The EA is a review process guided by NEPA that will assess potential impacts to the environment associated with airport construction projects.
 - This review process will determine **if significant impacts would occur.**
 - This EA is prepared in accordance with NEPA, as amended, under Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, 1050.1F Desk Reference, and FAA Order 5050.4B, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions, applicable Executive Orders (EOs), and other applicable federal, state, and local requirements.



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NEPA Overview

Applicable Executive Orders

- **Executive Order 11593**, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment (36 FR [Federal Register] 8921 et seq., May 13, 1971)
- **Executive Order 11988**, Floodplain Management (42 FR 26951 et seq., May 25, 1977)
- **Executive Order 11990**, Protection of Wetlands (42 FR 26961 et seq., May 24, 1977)
- **Executive Order 12898**, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (59 FR 7629 et seq., February 11, 1994)
- **Executive Order 13045**, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks (62 FR 19885 et seq., April 23, 1997)
- **Executive Order 13175**, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000)
- **Executive Order 13186**, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds (66 FR 3853, January 17, 2001)



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Timeline & Near-Term Milestones

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- Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) briefing
- Purpose and Need Statement finalization
- FAA coordination meetings
- State Historic Preservation Officer coordination

- Draft noise and air quality studies completed
- Cultural resource field work Environmental Impact Category Study Reports completed
- AAC briefing



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Provide Your Feedback on:

- **Environmental Resource Categories**

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Climate
- Dept. Of Transportation 4(f)
- Farmlands
- Historical & Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources & Energy
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Water Resources (Wetlands, Floodplains)
- Surface Transportation
- Socioeconomics & Environmental Justice
- Land Use
- Noise
- Visual Effects



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Request for Public Comments

- Are there any environmental issues you would like to see addressed in the Environmental Assessment?
- Is there an environmental resource category that is important to you and why?
- Is there additional information regarding the project that should be added to the project description?

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How to Provide Comments after the meeting

Online: Please leave your feedback in the form of questions, comments, ideas or concerns regarding the Environmental Assessment process.

By Mail:

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
ATTN: Environmental Affairs Division
2760 Spirit of Texas Drive
Austin, Texas 78719

By Phone:

Leave a voice message at (512) 530-7531



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11, 2021**

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Resources

To learn more and to follow the progress of the EA:

- SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA

To learn more about the AEDP:

- AustinTexas.gov/AEDP

To learn more about AUS Environmental Affairs:

- AustinTexas.gov/Department/Environmental-Responsibility

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Thank You!

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