

*APPENDIX H*  
*PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT*



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND 45-DAY REVIEW PERIOD**

Airport Traffic Control Tower Replacement  
Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Fresno, California

Pursuant to Paragraphs 6-2.2(g) of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policy and Procedures*, the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR § 800.2), and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, (23 CFR § 774.5), notice is hereby given by FAA and the City of Fresno (City) that a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental effects for the proposed replacement of the existing Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) facility and associated infrastructure (Proposed Project) at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT or Airport) and is available for review.

The Proposed Project includes the following components:

- Construction of a new ATCT facility and demolition of the existing ATCT facility once the new ATCT facility is fully operational.
- Installation of new equipment in the new ATCT and utility services to the new ATCT facility.
- Reconstruction of the existing employee parking and installation of security fencing around the ATCT facility and accompanying employee parking lot.

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and the No Action Alternative and has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*.

FAA is the lead federal agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development actions and the City is the project sponsor. The Draft EA includes an analysis of reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and mitigation measures, as appropriate. FAA has preliminarily determined that the ATCT is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Proposed Project would have an adverse effect on the historic property. The

adverse effect finding constitutes a Section 4(f) use under the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. This Draft EA includes the draft Section 4(f) evaluation and draft Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement.

Upon consideration of comments received on the Draft EA, the FAA will determine the adequacy of the environmental document. If further documentation is necessary, preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or revising the Draft EA would accomplish this. If an EIS is not necessary, the FAA will prepare a Final EA and a Finding of No Significant Impact.

### **Public Review and Comment**

The public is invited to review the Draft EA and submit comments. The purpose of the public comment period is to receive comments on the Draft EA. Comments should be as specific as possible and should be organized so that they are meaningful and make the FAA clearly aware of the commenter's views, interests, and concerns related to the Proposed Project.

Beginning on June 22, 2025, the Draft EA will be available for public review through August 6, 2025. The Draft EA can be viewed electronically on the Airport's website:

<https://flyfresno.com/statistics/> and the City's Planning website:

<https://www.fresno.gov/planning/plans-projects-under-review/#airport-tower-relocation-project>. A

hard copy of the Draft EA can be viewed in person during regular business hours at the locations below.

Location Name	Address
Fresno Yosemite International Airport Administrative Office	4995 East Clinton Way, Fresno, California 93727
City Planning and Development Office	2600 Fresno Street, Room 3043, Fresno, CA 93721
FAA's Airport District Office	2999 Oak Road Suite 200, Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Betty Rodriguez Regional Library	3040 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93703

Written comments may be submitted by email: [AirportEnvironmental@fresno.gov](mailto:AirportEnvironmental@fresno.gov) and U.S. mail:

Fresno-Yosemite International Airport  
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Comments received on the Draft EA and the responses to those comments will be disclosed in the Final EA. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. PDT on August 6, 2025, to be considered for this Draft EA.**

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