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Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS)
Public Workshop

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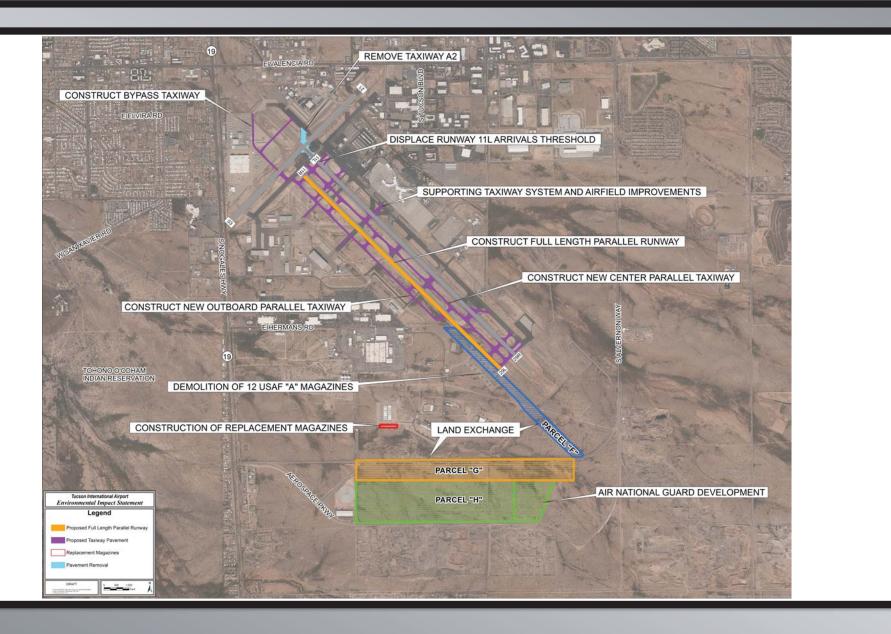
Proposed Airfield
Safety Enhancement Project
and Land Transactions

at **Tucson International Airport** 



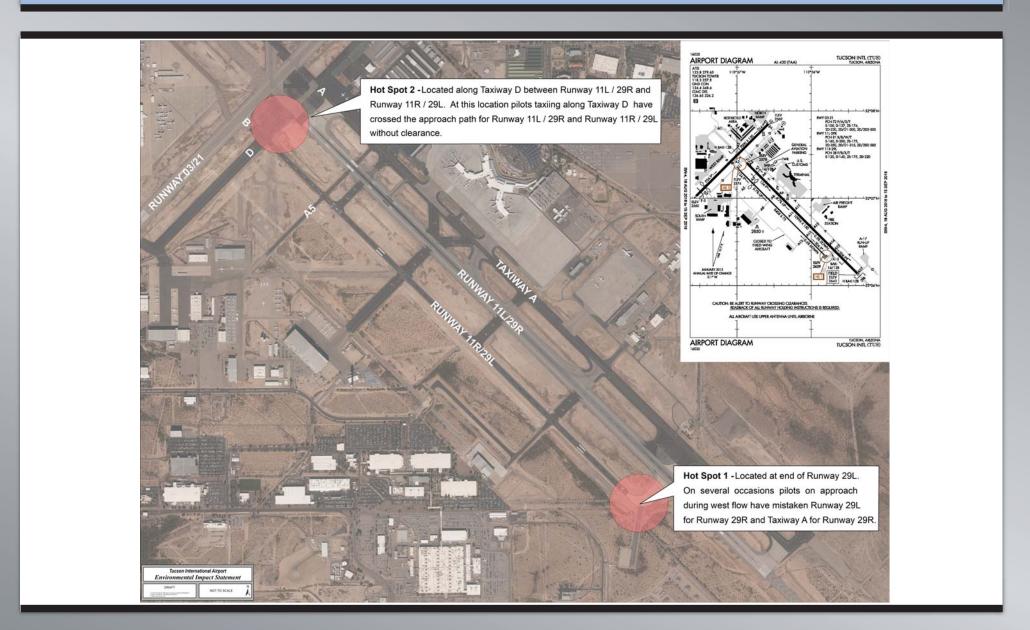
## **Proposed Action**





### Purpose and Need





# Need for the Proposed Action



# FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

- The need to enhance the safety of the airfield and eliminate existing "hot spots"
- The need to prevent aircraft from crossing directly between two parallel runways
- The need to maintain operational capabilities when there is a temporary closure of Runway 11L/29R

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF)

- The need to maintain Equivalent United States Air Force (USAF) Plant 44 operational capabilities

# NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU (NGB)

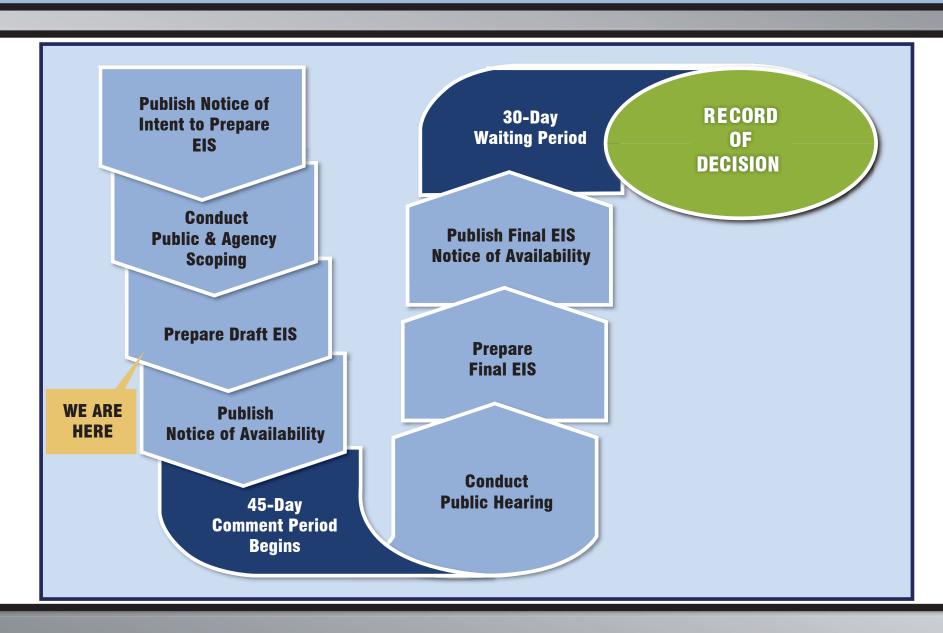
- The need to maintain National Guard Bureau (NGB) Safety Standards and operational capabilities

# TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY (TAA)

- The need to enhance the safety of the airfield
- The need to ensure land use compatibility among users of TUS

#### EIS Process





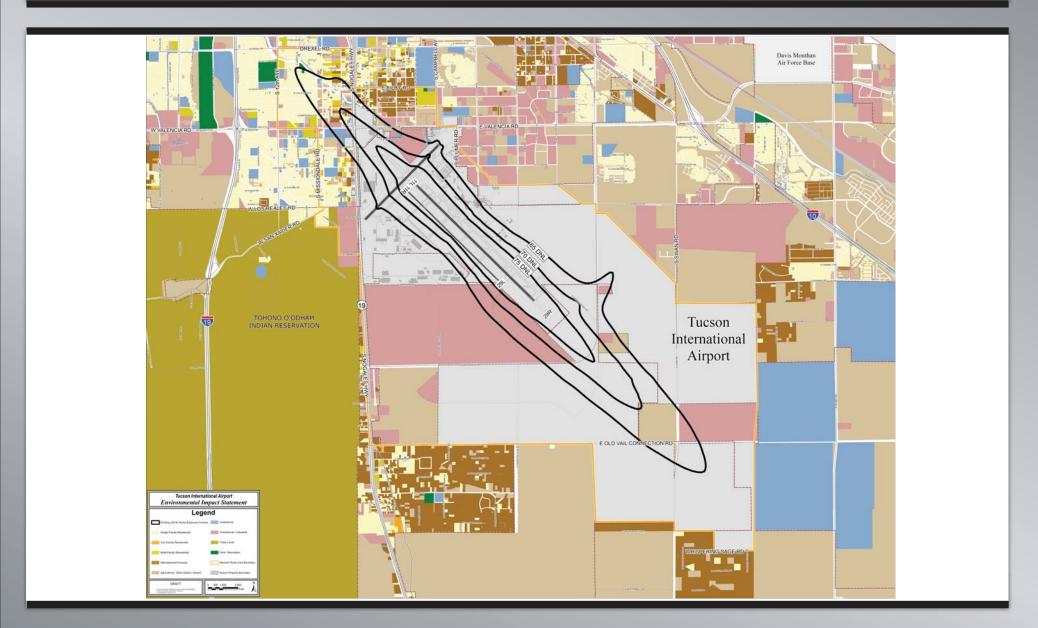
### Environmental Impact Categories



- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (Fish, Wildlife, and Plants)
- Climate
- Coastal Resources
- Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention
- Historic, Architectural, Archaeological, and Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Natural Resources and Energy Supply
- Noise and Compatible Land Use
- Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks
- Visual Effects (including light emissions)
- Water Resources (including wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, groundwater, and wild and scenic rivers)
- Cumulative Impacts

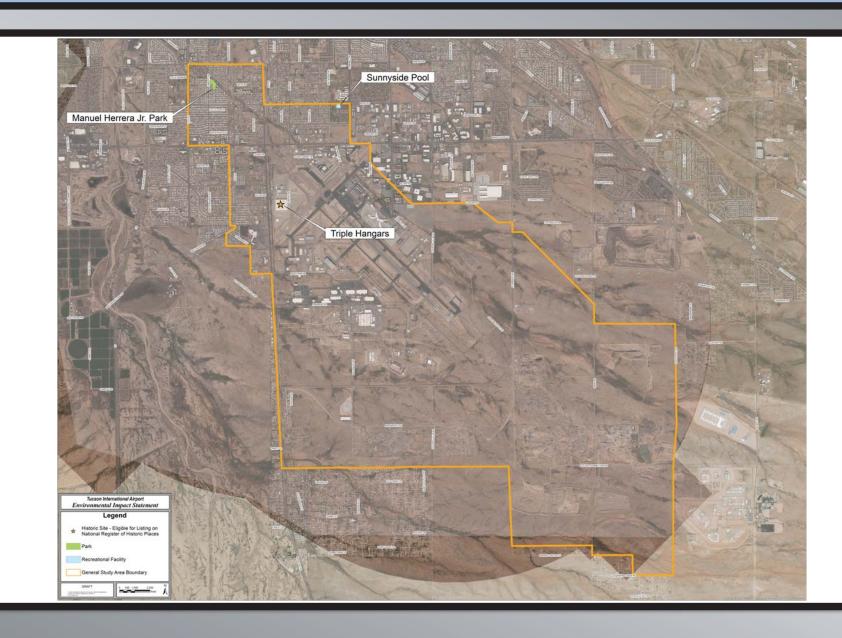
## Existing (2016) Noise Exposure Contour





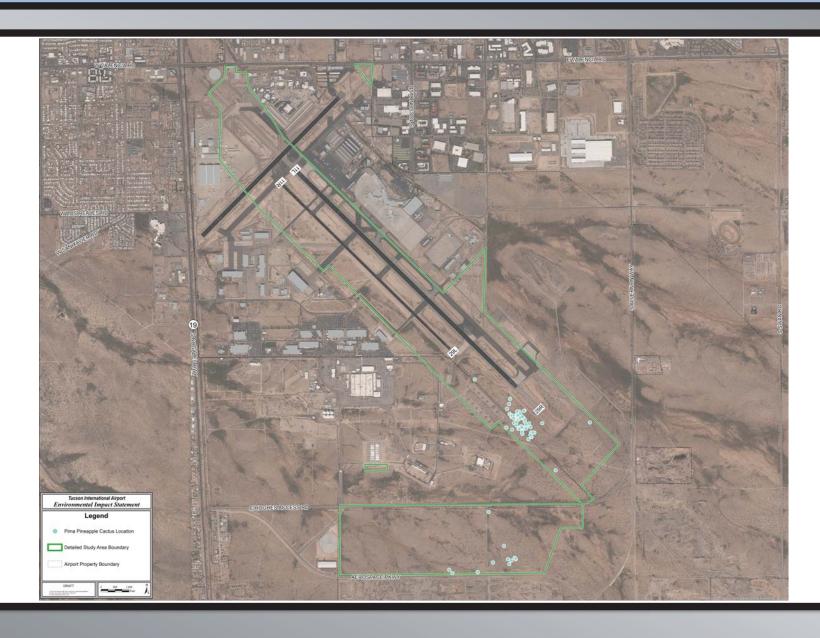
# Department of Transportation 4(f) Sites in the General Study Area





## Pima Pineapple Cactus





# Affected Environment



## **Air Quality**

- Pima County is considered maintenance area for Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions
- A General Conformity Evaluation under the Clean Air Act will be required

## Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention

- Portions of the Airport are listed as Superfund site and remediation is ongoing
- 22 wells located within the Detailed Study Area

## Historic, Archaeological, Architectural, and Cultural Resources

- Research and field surveys completed in August 2017
- No structures listed or considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places within Detailed Study Area
- Assessment of archaeological and cultural sites is ongoing

## Environmental Justice (Minority and/or Low Income)

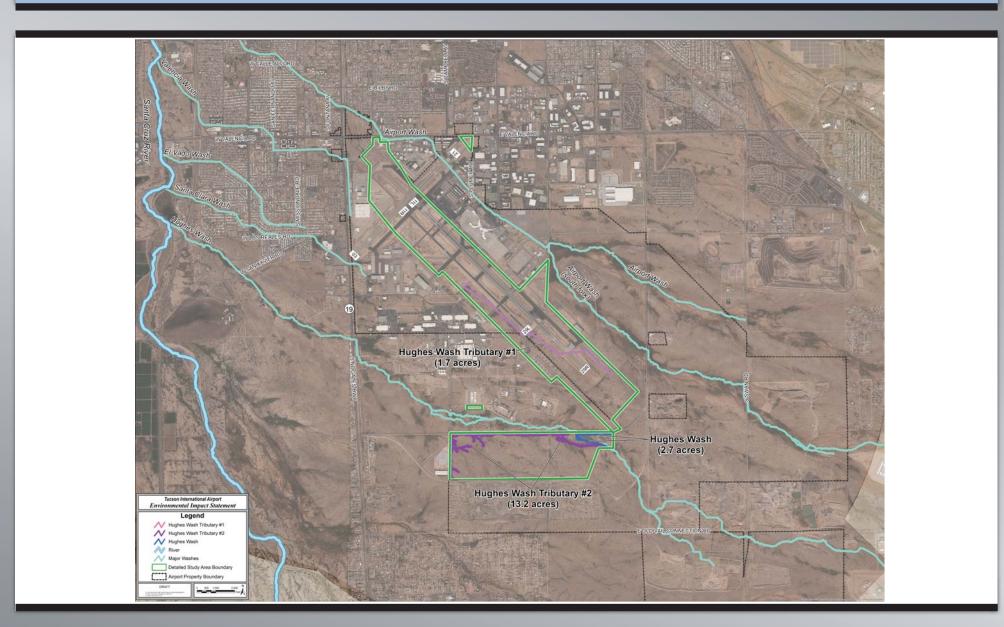
- Sunnyside and Elvira neighborhoods
- Northeastern portion of the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation

## Resources Not Present in Detailed Study Area

- Coastal Resources
- Prime and Unique Farmlands
- Wild and Scenic Rivers

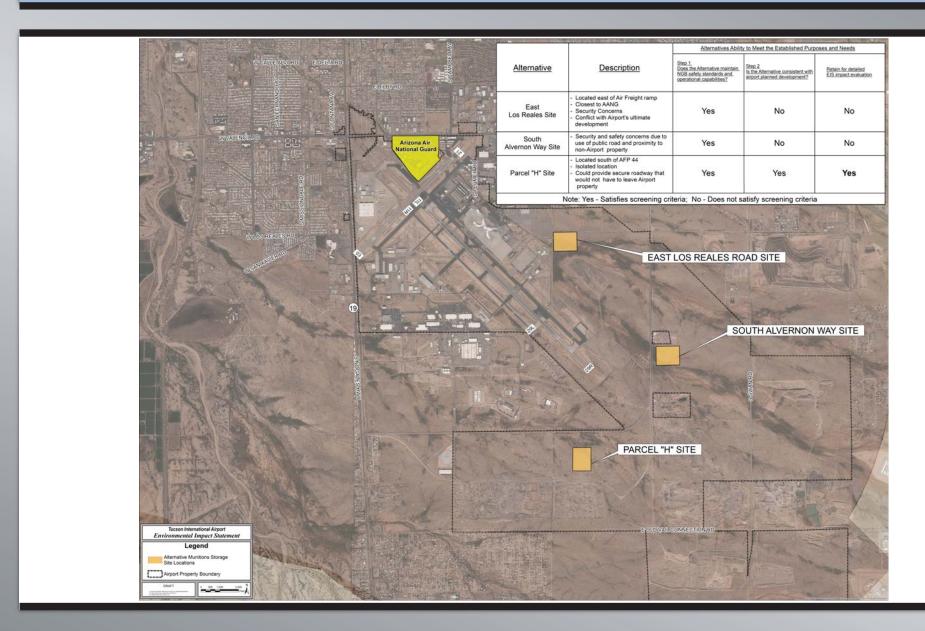
#### Water Resources





### Munitions Storage Area Alternatives





### Airfield Safety Enhancement Alternatives



|                                 |   | Alternatives Ability to Meet the Established Purposes and Needs                      |   |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Alternative                     | Description   | Step 1 Achieve the objectives of Purpos<br>and Need - Eliminates Existing Hot Spots? | Step 2 – Practical or Feasible to Implemen from an economic and technical standpoint? | Step 3 Results in Safe and Efficient use of<br>Navigable airspace and Minimizes airfield<br>operational impacts? | Retain for detailed<br>EIS impact evaluation |
| No Action                       | - Airport remains as it is today  | No   | Yes   | Yes/No   | Yes  |
| 706-Foot Separation Plan A      | Minimal action to taxiway connectors to<br>increase pilot awareness and limit<br>runway crossings   | No   |   |  | No   |
| 706-Foot Separation Plan B      | Dual full length parallel runway system     Retain both Runway 11's end<br>thresholds   | No   |   |  | No   |
| 706-Foot Separation Plan C      | Dual full length parallel runway system     Displace both Runway 11's thresholds  | No   |   |  | No   |
| 800-Foot Separation Plan A      | Dual full length parallel runway system     Displace both Runway 11's thresholds, end-around Taxiway D for B-II aircraft                                  | Yes  | Yes   | Yes  | Yes  |
| 800-Foot Separation Plan B      | Dual full length parallel runway system     Shift runways southeast, unobstructed end-around Taxiway D  | Yes  | Yes   | No   | No   |
| East Runway                     | Dual full length parallel runway system     New Runway 12/30, east of terminal core     Dual independent approaches     Additional taxiways near west pad | No   |   |  | No   |
| Ryan Airfield                   | Insufficient runway length & airport facilities   | Yes  | No  |  | No   |
| Marana Regional                 | Insufficient runway length & airport facilities   | Yes  | No  |  | No   |
| Davis-Monthan<br>Air Force Base | - Cannot accept commercial/public traffic   | Yes  | No  |  | No   |

### Airfield Safety Enhancements Alternatives



