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***DRAFT***  
***ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT***

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**PROPOSED AIRFIELD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
Tucson International Airport  
Tucson, Pima County, Arizona**

*Abstract:*

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Airfield Safety Enhancement Project (ASEP) at Tucson International Airport (TUS) that includes the following components: Construct a new center parallel taxiway and connecting taxiway system; a replacement Runway 11R/29L (proposed to be 10,996 feet long by 150 feet wide); acquisition of land for the runway safety areas from United States Air Force (USAF) Plant 44 (AFP 44). This land acquisition also includes relocation of various military installation assets to locations elsewhere on AFP 44; and installation of navigational aids and development and/or modification of associated arrival and departure procedures. This proposed project also includes the release of airport land from federal obligations between the former East Hughes Access Road and newly constructed Aerospace Parkway. A portion of this land would be transferred to the USAF on behalf of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) in support of the Tucson Air National Guard Base 162<sup>nd</sup> Wing for a Munitions Storage Area (MSA) and access road. Each of the various alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, has been assessed in detail and the potential impacts are disclosed within this document. The Draft EIS is submitted for review pursuant to the following public law requirements: Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969, as amended, and Section 509(b)(5) of the *Airport and Airway Improvement Act* of 1982, as amended. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13807, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the USAF, will prepare a joint Record of Decision (ROD).

Comments on this Draft EIS must be **received** no later than:  
5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, Friday, July 6, 2018

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

**WHAT IS IN THIS DOCUMENT?** This is a federal document, which contains a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Airfield Safety Enhancement Project (ASEP) at Tucson International Airport, (TUS). The proposed project includes construction of a new parallel taxiway and relocation of Runway 11R/29L, related land transfers to and from United States Air Force (USAF) Plant 44 (AFP 44), release of airport land from federal obligations, and relocation of various military installation assets. A portion of the released land would be transferred to the USAF on behalf of the National Guard Bureau (NGB) in support of the Tucson Air National Guard Base 162<sup>nd</sup> Wing for a Munitions Storage Area (MSA) and access road. This document discloses the analysis and findings of the potential impacts of the Proposed Action, the No Action, and other reasonable alternatives.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?** Read this Draft EIS and attend the public hearing on this proposed project. Copies of the document are available for review at various libraries in the Tucson Metropolitan area, the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Western-Pacific Region office in Lawndale, California, and the FAA's Airports District Office in Phoenix, Arizona. A list of these and other locations where the document may be viewed can be found in Chapter 5. If you have important information that has not been considered in this document or comments about the conclusions, please send your written comments to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), FAA at the address below.

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**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS?** The FAA will conduct a public workshop on this DEIS from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and hold a public hearing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., **Thursday, June 21, 2018** on the first floor of the Tucson Executive Terminal, at the base of the old Airport Traffic Control Tower building with "TUCSON" on the side, 7081 South Plumer Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. Verbal and written comments on the adequacy of the information disclosed in the Draft EIS may be presented at the hearing. After comments are received from the public and other federal, state, and local governmental reviewing agencies, written responses will be prepared by the FAA. The FAA will consider these responses, while developing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). When appropriate, pursuant to Executive Order 13807, FAA and USAF will issue a joint Record of Decision (ROD) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The joint ROD will identify which alternative the FAA and USAF have selected.

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