



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AIRFIELD SAFETY PROJECT BEGINS NEXT MONTH**

#### ***Main runway relocation for lengthening of safety overrun areas***

**SANTA BARBARA, CA** – On April 10, Santa Barbara City Council awarded over \$14 million in contracts to five companies for safety improvements to the main runway at the Santa Barbara Airport (SBA). Construction will take place over the next six months and require night-time closure of the Airport between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays (May 7 – October 31). The project is 95% funded by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant with a 5% local match.

This is Phase II of the project to construct the safety areas at each end of the main runway to meet current FAA standards. The runway will shift 800 feet to the west to accommodate the lengthening of safety overrun areas to 1000 feet at each end of the runway. This project will bring SBA into compliance with current FAA safety requirements for commercial service airports. The runway length will remain at its current 6052 feet. In Phase I of the Project, Tecolotito Creek located about 300 feet from the west end of the main runway, was relocated last year.

Shifting the main runway will require the phased relocation of a Gas Company main and portions of the FAA's instrument landing system. Granite Construction was awarded the construction contract for the Project. Penfield & Smith and Mead & Hunt civil engineers will provide project construction support services and Applied Earthworks will perform the archaeological monitoring.

One of the City's sustainability goals is to increase recycling efforts and divert waste from landfills. This project requires the removal of existing asphalt concrete paving in different areas of the Airport. All of the removed paving will be ground up and used underneath new paving as recycled base material, amounting to approximately 6,000 cubic yards of grindings, or 10,500 tons.

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