



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR 2010 WORK PLAN
AND
PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the ALUC is to develop plans and policies for development of areas surrounding public airports in Santa Clara County. It is also intended to minimize the public's exposure to safety hazards and excessive noise and to ensure that the approaches to public airports are kept clear of structures that could pose an aviation safety hazard.

The ALUC has three primary responsibilities:

- 1 To prepare and adopt Comprehensive Land Use Plans (**CLUPs**) for areas surrounding each public airport in Santa Clara County.
- 2 To review general and specific plans prepared by local agencies for consistency with the appropriate Comprehensive Land Use Plan for areas surrounding Santa Clara County Airports.
- 3 To review, as requested, referrals or applications regarding proposed land use actions for areas surrounding public airports.

Proposals for amendments to general or specific plans and either building or zoning regulations by local agencies must be submitted to the ALUC for a determination of consistency with its Comprehensive Land Use Plan governing that region. Airport master plans are also subject to review for consistency with the ALUC's Comprehensive Land Use Plans. The purpose of a **CLUP** is to provide guidance for the compatible growth of areas surrounding public airports in Santa Clara County. The Land Use Plan is intended to minimize the public's exposure to safety hazards and excessive noise. In formulating the plans, the ALUC established policies for the regulation of land use, building height, safety, and noise insulation within areas adjacent to each of the public airports in the county.

The jurisdiction of the ALUC does not include the current operation of any airport in Santa Clara County. Future growth and activity at each of the airports is, however, considered in the ALUC's Comprehensive Land Use Plans for purposes of determining appropriate land use policies.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Airport Land Use Commission was established in 1971 pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 21670, which mandates the establishment of an airport land use commission by counties with an airport served by a scheduled airline. The ALUC developed the Land Use Plan as a policy plan and adopted the document in 1973. In order to simplify the 1973 text, to clarify points, and to ensure that current practice is documented in written form, the plan was updated in 1992. Airport-specific CLUPs are now being drafted for each public airport in Santa Clara County.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 WORK PLAN

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
Evaluate referred land use applications and make determinations of consistency with ALUC Land Use Plans CLUPs for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports.	Review within 60 days referrals from the City of San Jose, City of Santa Clara, and County of Santa Clara involving proposed rezoning and general plan amendments for project sites/areas located within the ALUC's referral boundaries.	1	Fiscal Year 2009
Adopt amendments to ALUC Land Use Plan for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and adopt an amendment to the County-wide Land Use Plan to include an Airport-Specific Land Use Plan for San Jose International Airport 2. Perform extensive outreach programs to inform potentially affected citizens of the proposed Airport-Specific Land Use Plans for San Jose International Airport. 3. Engage in meetings with the City of San Jose and City of Santa Clara Planning Staff on development of the plan and policies for the San Jose International Airport CLUP. 4. Prepare and Review Draft Airport-Specific Land Use Plan for San Jose International Airport 5. Clean up/Update County-wide CLUP 6. If the Airport Obstruction Study (O.E.I.), for buildings in the downtown area, is approved by the City of San Jose, the ALUC would adopt the Study into the County-wide CLUP 7. Prepare and Review draft Airport-Specific Land Use Plan for Moffett Field Airport 	3	<p>December 2009</p> <p>September 2009</p> <p>August 2009</p> <p>April 2009</p> <p>December 2009 December 2009</p> <p>June 2010</p>
Review Santa Clara County General Plan for Consistency with the adopted South County Airport CLUP	Staff will review the County of Santa Clara General Plan for Consistency with the ALUC adopted South County CLUP, pursuant to State Law. If necessary, Staff will initiate a General Plan Amendment to bring the County General Plan into consistency with the CLUP.	2	Late May 2009

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING GOAL	STATUS
Evaluate land use applications and make determinations of consistency with Land Use Plan for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Acted on 10 land use applications, which included Five (7) Major Projects, Three (3) Minor projects, and one environmental document for the South County and Palo Alto Airport CLUPs prepared by County Staff. 	Complete
Adopt amendments to Land Use Plan for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. ALUC commissioner, Walter Windus, prepared gratis (\$30,000-40,000 value in Santa Clara County; \$80-90,000 in other California counties) an airport-specific comprehensive land use plan for Palo Alto and South County Airports, which was adopted in November 2008. B. Completed Initial Study and applicable environmental documents and adopted new comprehensive land use plan for Palo Alto and South County Airports C. Completed extensive outreach programs to inform potentially affected citizens and decision makers of the proposed CLUPs. D. Adopted new Cost Recovery fee schedule in March 2008. 	Complete
Provided public presentations on what the ALUC is and current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Staff attended a Cities Association meeting and provided the Committee members with background to the ALUC and updated them on current projects. B. Staff provided an ALUC update to Department of Planning and Development on current projects the ALUC was undertaking 	Complete

ONGOING PROJECTS

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES
Hold regular Commission meetings and workshops	Conduct regular business of the Commission, conduct joint meetings with other commissions and local organizations, conduct site visits to project referral locations within the Commission's jurisdiction and hold Commission Workshops when necessary.
Adopt amendments to Land Use Plan and CLUP for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports, including monitoring annually the accuracy of the 2008 adopted fee schedule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin preparing comprehensive land use plan for San Jose International Airport. • Begin preparing comprehensive land use plan for Moffett Field.
Coordinate with Cities within Santa Clara County	Correspond and meet with Santa Clara County municipalities as needed to facilitate common goals relating to planning for appropriate land use for property surrounding the County's airports.