

September 14, 2012

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING
MEETING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

PROJECT NAME: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project (proposed Project”)

PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS: On the LAX property, in the southwestern portion of the airfield area. The Project site is generally bounded by World Way West to the north, an LAX employee parking lot to the south, Taxiway AA to the east, and Pershing Drive to the west.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA: LAX Plan

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 11- Rosendahl

DUE DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: October 15, 2012

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, will be the lead agency and will prepare a project-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above (proposed Project). LAWA requests your comments as to the scope and content of the EIR. The purpose of the scoping meeting, as further described below, is also focused on receiving input from the public as to what areas the EIR should study.

The Project description, requested permits and approvals, and the potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed Project are set forth below. Also included below is the date, time and location of the scoping meeting that will be held in order to solicit input regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The scoping meeting will be in an open house format. A copy of the Initial Study prepared for the proposed Project is available for review at the LAX website at: <http://www.ourlax.org> and at the locations listed below:

Westchester-Loyola
Village Branch Library
7114 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
Regional Branch Library
3900 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90062

Culver City Library
4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

El Segundo Library
111 W. Mariposa Avenue
El Segundo, CA 90245

Hawthorne Library
12700 Grevillea Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Inglewood Library
101 W. Manchester Boulevard
Inglewood, CA 90301

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The intent of the proposed West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project (“proposed Project”) is to consolidate, relocate, and modernize existing aircraft maintenance facilities at LAX, particularly those that need to be replaced in conjunction with LAX Master Plan improvements. The consolidation, relocation and modernization of these facilities would allow for more efficient and effective maintenance of existing aircraft at the airport, including Aircraft Design Group (ADG) VI aircraft (Airbus A380s and Boeing 747-8s). The proposed Project would be developed on an approximately 75-acre site in the southwestern portion of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) property and would include aircraft parking and maintenance facilities, a ground run-up enclosure, employee parking areas, and related storage, equipment and facilities. The proposed Project would be able to accommodate up to 8 ADG VI aircraft simultaneously or 18 ADG III aircraft (aircraft similar in

size to and including Boeing 737's). Specifically, the proposed Project would include: (1) approximately 50 acres of aircraft apron for ADG VI aircraft as well as smaller airline aircraft that may require Remain Over Night (RON) and Remain All-Day (RAD) parking, or those aircraft being serviced at the current aircraft maintenance hangars; (2) a ground run-up enclosure (GRE) that would provide a three-sided unroofed facility for ground run-up testing of aircraft engines required for jet engine maintenance testing and analysis, with the ingress/egress facing the prevailing winds of the site; (3) aircraft maintenance hangar(s), capable of accommodating a wide range of existing aircraft up to and including existing ADG VI aircraft, as well as a maintenance shop and supporting office space within the hangar; (4) approximately 300 employee parking spaces; (5) ancillary facilities (e.g., ground service equipment (GSE) storage and maintenance areas/facilities, aircraft wash racks, RON kits providing ground power, potable water, and pre-conditioned air, necessary utilities and infrastructure and possibly water storage tank(s) for fire protection); (6) a storm drainage filter and/or infiltration basin and connections to existing adjacent utility lines and storm drains; (7) a concrete batch plant would be installed on the site for construction of the proposed Project with removal planned after the final phase of construction (concrete batch plants are permitted on and have been operating on the site in recent years); and, (8) extension of Taxiway B westward to the western limits of the site (designated on-site as Taxilane AA1) to provide primary egress from the Project area, with access to the site via Taxiway AA from a point approximately 830 feet north of Taxiway C (designated on-site as Taxilane AA2). It should be noted that the proposed Project would not increase passenger or gate capacity and would not increase flights and/or aircraft operations at LAX compared to the existing airfield conditions.

In addition, as part of the proposed Project, existing contractor staging yards and associated equipment on the Project site would be relocated to existing LAX staging areas located to the south of Westchester Parkway and west of Lincoln Boulevard. Stockpiled materials (consisting of uncharacterized soil and construction rubble) currently existing within and immediately adjacent to the Project site, would be re-used on-site as backfill material and/or exported off-site to permitted landfills.

It is anticipated that the proposed Project would be completed in approximately eight to ten years.

REQUESTED PERMITS/APPROVALS: LAWA has principal responsibility for approving and carrying out the proposed Project. Approvals required for implementation of the proposed Project may include, but are not limited to, the following: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of an FAA Notice of Construction or Alteration; Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) review; Consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game; Permits or approvals from the SWRCB and/or RWQCB which may include a General Construction Storm Water Permit, Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan, and submittal of a Recycled Water Report; LAWA LAX Specific Plan Compliance Review; Certification of the Project Final EIR and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation approval of a Project-Specific Storm Water Management Plan or Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan; Los Angeles Fire Department approval; Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) "B" Permit, sewer and storm drain permits; Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety grading and building permits; Los Angeles Department of Public Works permits for infrastructure improvements; and other Federal, State, or local approvals, permits, or actions that may be deemed necessary for the proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Transportation/Circulation, and Mandatory Findings of Significance are proposed to be addressed in the EIR. Impacts to Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forest Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural

Resources, Geology/Soils, Mineral Resources, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Utilities/Service Systems have been found to be less than significant through the analysis provided in the Initial Study and are not proposed for further analysis in the EIR.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: A public Scoping Meeting in an open house format will be held to receive public comment regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. LAWA encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend the meeting. The location, date, and time of the Scoping Meeting for this proposed Project is as follows:

Date and Time: October 4, 2012, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Arrive any time to speak one-on-one with LAWA staff and Project consultants.

Location: Flight Path Learning Center
6661 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles CA 90009

LAWA welcomes all comments regarding the content and scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR. **All comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR. Written comments must be submitted to this office by October 15, 2012.** Written comments will also be accepted at the Scoping Meeting described above.

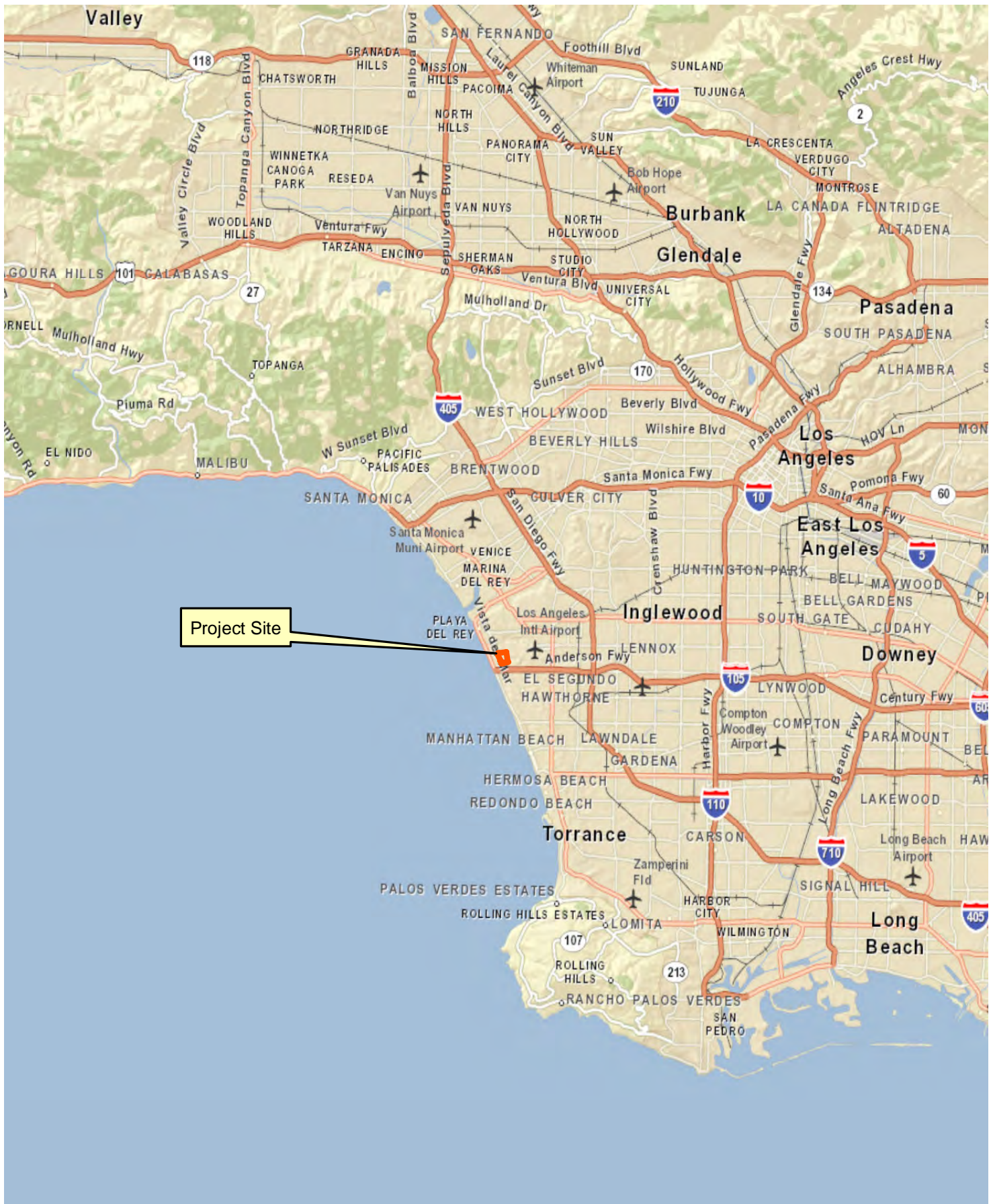
Please direct your comments to:
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Los Angeles, CA 90045
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Enclosures:

- Figure 1: Regional Map
- Figure 2: Aerial Photograph
- Figure 3: Project Layout
- Figure 4: Scoping Meeting Location Map



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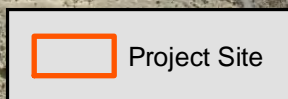
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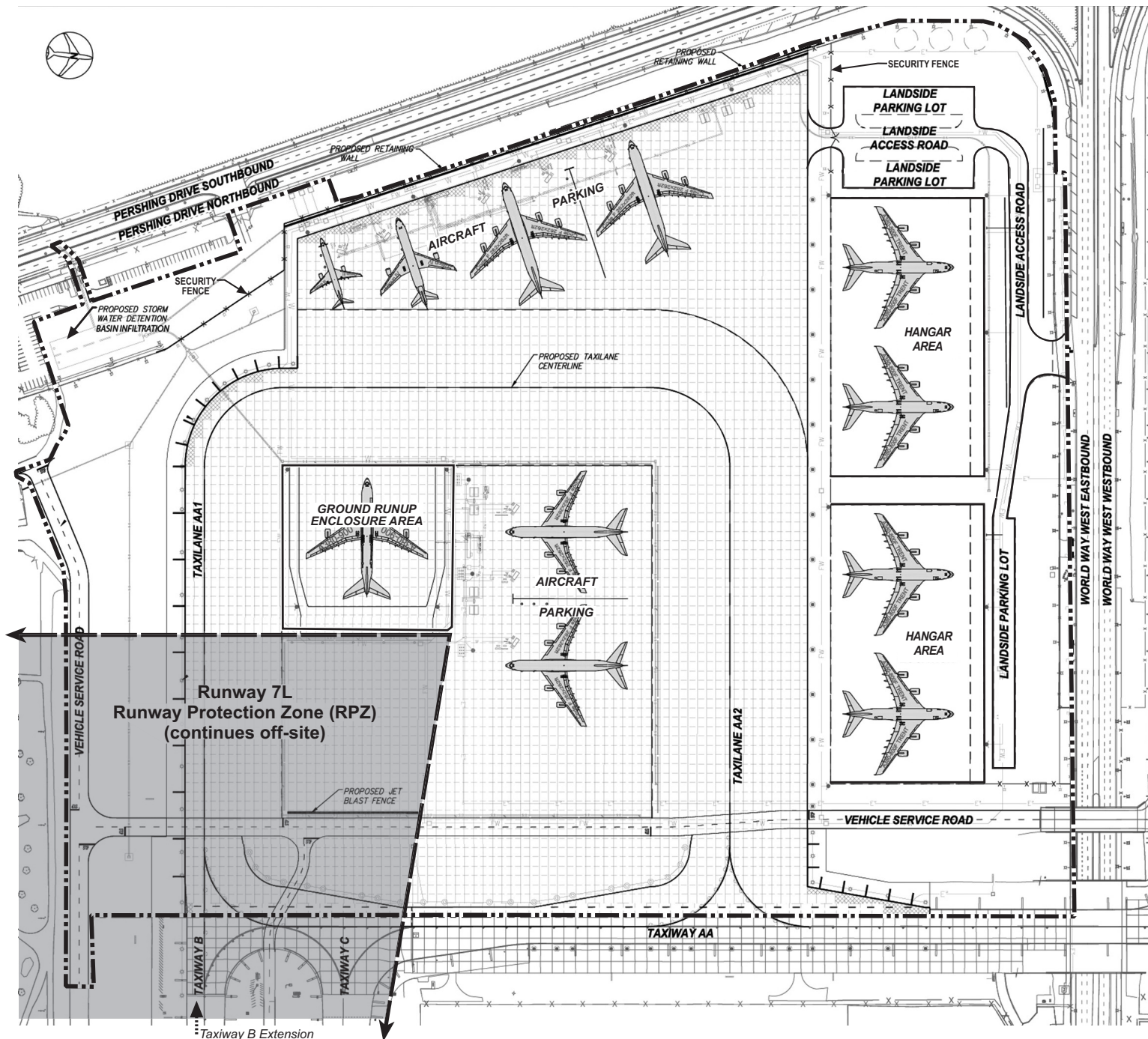
Regional Map

West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project
Source: ESRI Street Map, 2009; PCR Services Corporation, 2012.

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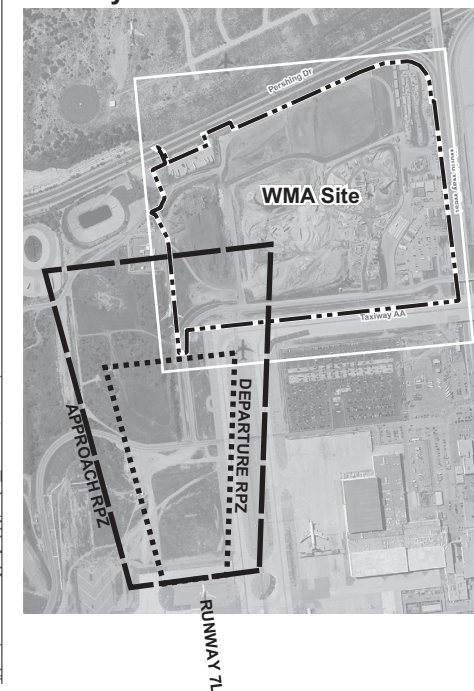




Legend

- Project Limits
- Portion of Runway 7L Approach RPZ
- Building Restrictions
- Aircraft Parking Restrictions

Runway 7L RPZ Detail



Notice of Preparation

Conceptual Site Plan

West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project
Source: LAWA and Atkins, 2012.

FIGURE

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Scoping Meeting Location Flight Path Learning Center

West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project

Source: ESRI Street Map, 2009; PCR Services Corporation, 2012.

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