

# A Green Renaissance in General Aviation

Latest Trends, Research and Future Outlook

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# Challenges and Solutions in General Aviation

# H.R. 5423 – Aircraft Noise Reduction Act

Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D) – Colorado 2<sup>nd</sup> District

- Introduced Dec. 12, 2019 Currently in Committee
- "Authority of general aviation airports to restrict flights for purposes of implementing noise limitations"
  - Specifically "aircraft operations for compensation or hire"
- Dangerous proposal threatening <u>ALL</u> types and sizes of airports not just general aviation
- Aims to undermine ANCA and almost 100 years of precedence to regulate aviation at federal level
- Opposed by all major aviation industry organizations



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#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 12, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

#### A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

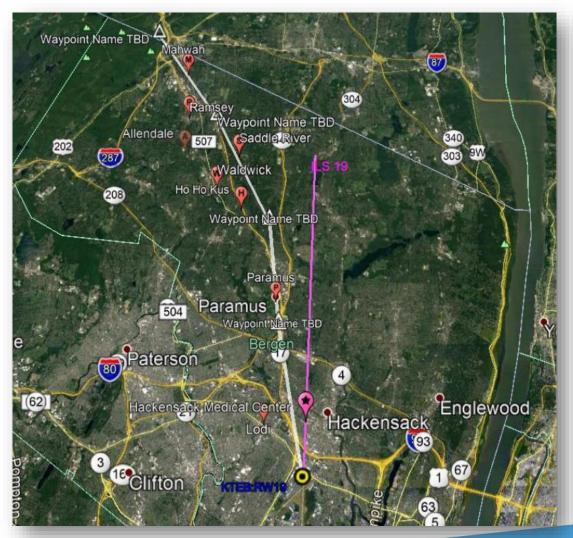
 $2 \ tives \ of \ the \ United \ States \ of \ America \ in \ Congress \ assembled,$ 

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Aircraft Noise Reduc-5 tion Act".

### **Teterboro RNAV (GPS) 19** Alternative to the ILS as an Offset Approach





- Addresses concerns of community leveraging modern technology
- Directs flights over a less densely populated corridor
- Can be used in both instrument and visual meteorological conditions
- Result of successful collaboration between Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement and Advisory Committee (TANAAC), the Port Authority of NY and NJ and the FAA
- Effective March 26, 2020 chart cycle



### Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO)

**Critical Part of the National Airspace System** 



# Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO)

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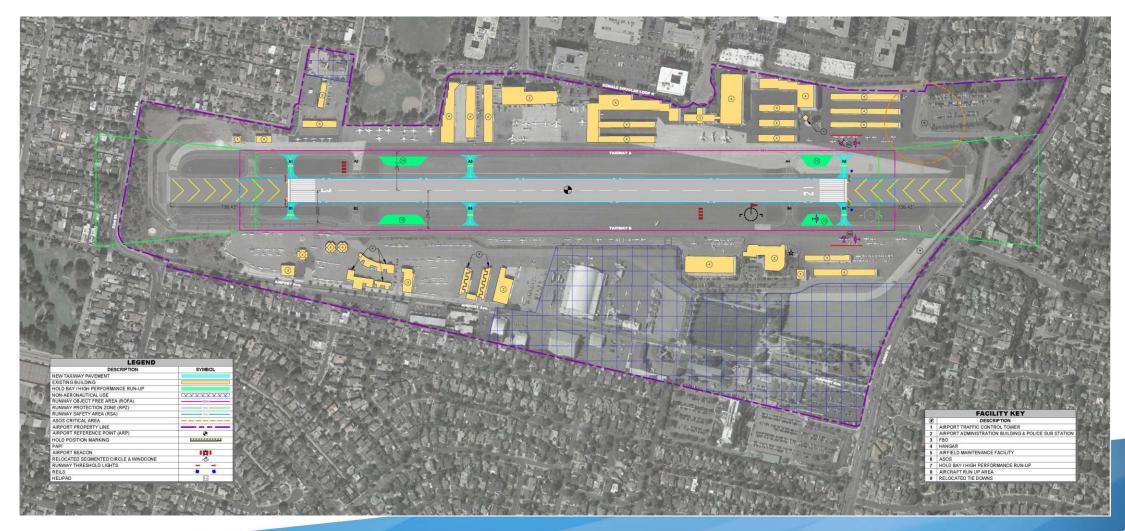
#### **Unprecedented Settlement Agreement**

- Jan 2017 FAA and City of Santa Monica announce Settlement Agreement
  - Runway length reduction 4,973 ft. to 3,500 ft.
  - Requires airport to remain open through 2028
- Lawsuits Pending
  - NBAA argues that FAA did not comply with mandatory statutory requirements
- Noise Monitor Locations ANCA Violation
- Financial Mismanagement
  - Part 16 complaint on financial mismanagement initial win for aviation users
    - Currently appealed by both sides
    - Airport continues to build an unallowable surplus
  - Over \$100,000 in park design fees being returned



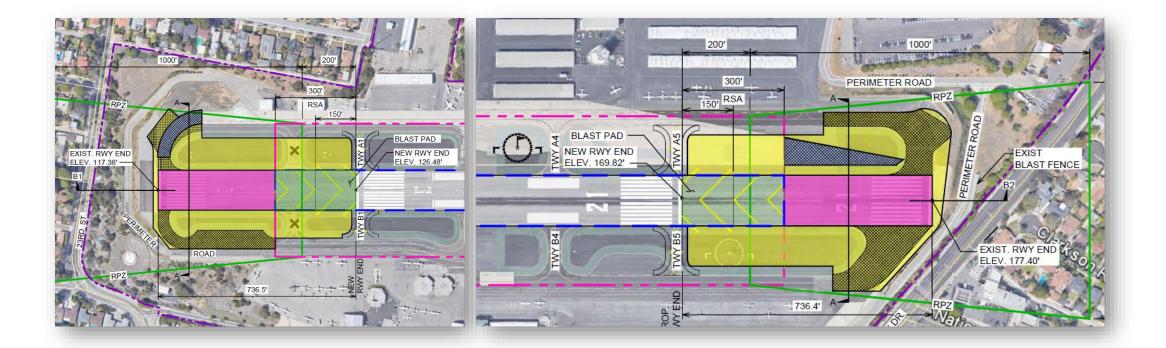
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### Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO) SNBAA Runway Shortening Project



## Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO) 😂 NBAA

#### **"Excess Pavement" Removal Project**



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#### **"Excess Pavement" Removal Project**



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### Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO) Future is Promising

- Santa Monica Airport Association hard at work
- Airport based businesses continue to thrive despite major adversity
- City Council Change likely due to California Voting Rights Act lawsuit
- New technologies
  - Quieter more capable jets
  - Electric Aircraft
  - Urban Air Mobility

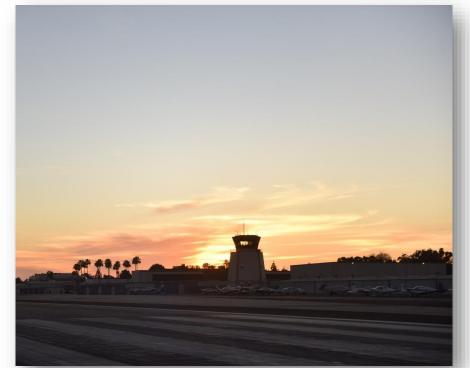
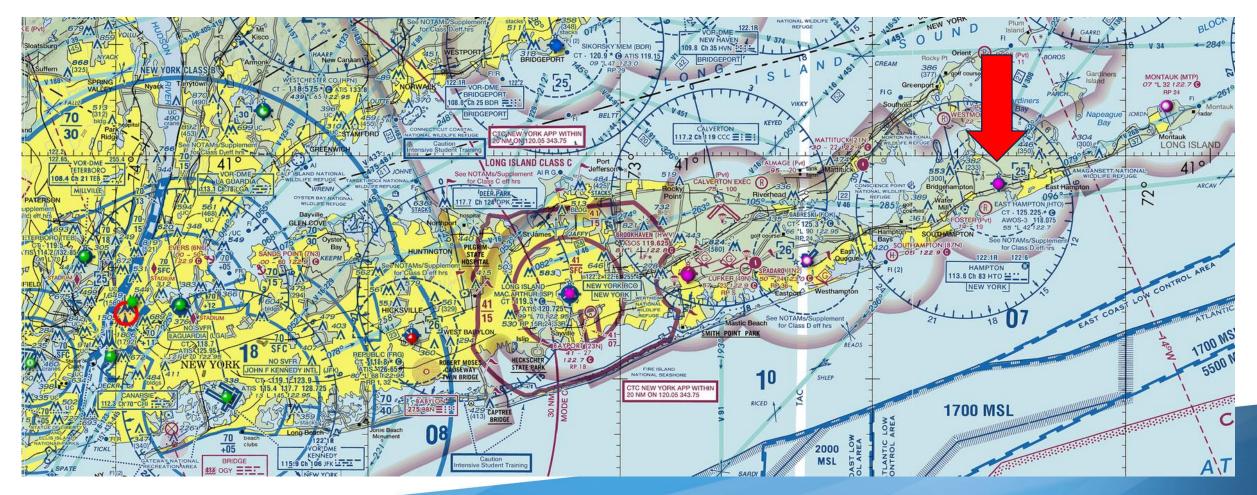


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### **East Hampton Airport (KHTO)**

Significance of Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA)





### **Airport Access Challenges**

#### East Hampton Airport (KHTO) – Significance of ANCA

15-2334-ev(l), 15-2465-ev(XAP) Felends of the East Hampton Airport, Inc. v. Town of East Hampton

> In the United States Court of Appeals For the Second Circuit

> > August Term, 2015

(Argued: June 20, 2016 Decided: November 4, 2016)

Docket Nos. 15-2334-cv(L), 15-2465-cv(XAP)

FRIENDS OF THE EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT, INC., ANALAR CORPORATION, ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT GROUP, INC., ELEVENTH STREET AVIATION LLC, HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, INC., HELIFLITE SHARES, LLC, LIBERTY HELICOPTERS, INC., SOUND AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC., NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Plaintiffs-Appellees-Cross-Appellants,

-v, -

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON,

Defendant-Appellant-Cross-Appellee.

Before:

JACOBS, CALABRESI, RAGGI, Circuit Judges.



## **Airport Access Challenges**



East Hampton Airport (KHTO) – Current Challenges

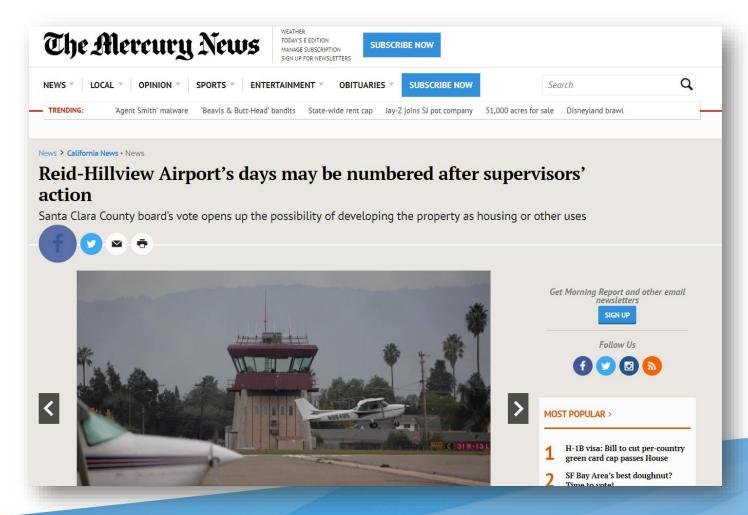
- Grant Assurances Expire Sept. 2021
  - Will the town close the airport?
  - Major economic impact to the community
  - Loss of air transportation for disaster relief and air medical transportation
- Part 161 Study On Hold
- Town Striving for Relief
  - Reduce the number and frequency of operations
    - Helicopters and Seaplanes top targets
- Part 16 Appeal Pending
  - Users paying for their own circumscription



## **Airport Access Challenges**



#### Reid Hillview Airport (KRHV) – San Jose, CA





# Your Panelists and Subject Matter Experts



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