

PROJECT SCOPE

The City of Santa Monica is closing the Santa Monica Airport at midnight on December 31, 2028, as authorized by the Consent Decree/Settlement Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This closure will enable the city to repurpose the 192-acre site, originally purchased with a park bond, into a park-focused project. The Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project, located in the southeast corner of Santa Monica and bordering neighborhoods of the City of LA, presents the largest opportunity for increasing parkland within the region of Santa Monica in its 150-year history. The project will focus on integrating community preferred uses centered on passive recreation and urban wilderness, active recreation, arts and culture, and community gathering.

SIGNIFICANCE

Though Santa Monica is classified as moderate in terms of park need, the Santa Monica airport sits at the southeast corner of the city and will meaningfully benefit the High/Very High park need residents of Palms, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Venice, and West LA. The transformation of the Santa Monica Airport into a vibrant, community-centered, accessible project represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape nearly 200 acres of public land into a legacy for future generations over the next hundred years. Rooted in the values of sustainability, equity, and inclusivity, this visionary process aspires to create a fiscally responsible project focused on a great park that reflects the diverse voices and dreams of the Santa Monica community. This project endeavors to honor the City’s rich history, embrace its dynamic present, and inspire a resilient, culturally rich, and connected future for all who live, work, learn, and play in Santa Monica.

TIMELINE

DESIGN COMPLETE: 3/6/2026
GROUNDBREAKING: 1/1/2029
GRAND OPENING: 1/1/2029

BUDGET

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FUNDING GAP: TBD

Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project

A community-driven vision process for 192-acres

Scenarios Overview

Descripción General de Los Escenarios

Scenario 1: Reuse, Restoration and Resilience
Escenario 1: Reutilización, Restauración y Resiliencia

Scenario 2: Weaving Park and Community
Escenario 2: Tejando Parque y Comunidad

Scenario 3: Growing Park, Growing Community
Escenario 3: Creando el Parque, Creando la Comunidad

Have thoughts on the 3 Scenarios? Use CoMap. Scan this QR or visit our website before June 22. ¿Tienes opiniones sobre los 3 escenarios? Usa CoMap, escanea este código QR o visita nuestro sitio web antes del 22 de junio.

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Public outreach to-date

87 Public meetings
(17 in Phase 3a alone)

Project Website
+50,000 total views

Virtual Education Sessions
+6,500 total views

4 Online Surveys
+12,100 responses

10 Pop-up Events

20 Small Group Discussions, +370 Participants

PNA+ Park Need

