# Background Data: Banning Municipal Airport and Environs

### INTRODUCTION

Banning Municipal Airport sits at a 2,200-foot elevation in the midst of the San Gorgonio Pass of central Riverside County. The pass separates the 10,000-foot-high ranges of the San Bernardino Mountains to the north and the San Jacinto Mountains to the south as well as the low lands of the Los Angeles Basin to the west and the Coachella Valley to the east. This location makes the airport a highly important component of the regional airport system. Additionally, the airport is home to some 75 aircraft belonging to businesses and residents of Banning, Beaumont, and other nearby communities.

The airport consists of a single east/west runway nearly 5,000 feet in length. Aircraft operate under visual procedures—no instrument approach procedures have been created. Exhibit BN–1 describes other major features of the airport. The airport layout plan (Exhibit BN–2) was last updated in 1990 and does not show the modification to the runway's eastern end which resulted in a minor reduction of the length. No major airfield improvements are indicated in the *Airport Master Plan* adopted by the city in 1989.

The volume of aircraft operations at Banning Municipal Airport is low relative to the number of based aircraft. The surrounding terrain and often strong winds limit flight training activity. The city's *Master Plan*, though, anticipates that activity could eventually grow some seven-fold and this assumption is reflected in the compatibility planning for the airport (Exhibit BN–3).

Nearby land uses are largely compatible with the airport operations both at present and in the future. Aircraft noise impacts (Exhibits BN–4 and BN–5) mostly overlap noise from Interstate 10 and the Union Pacific Railroad line which parallel the runway to the north. Exhibit BN–6 shows the factors upon which the Compatibility Map for the airport (included in Volume 1) is based. Features of the airport environs are described in Exhibit BN–7. Existing land uses directly to the west consist of a mixture of light industrial, residential, and vacant land. Planned uses are industrial as shown in Exhibit BN–8. To the east, beginning just beyond the runway end, lies a portion of the Morongo Indian Reservation. The Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission has no authority over potential development of this land, but no plans for development are known. A preliminary review of the compatibility status between the City of Banning and Riverside County general plans and the compatibility plan for Banning Municipal Airport is included in Exhibit BN–9.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

➤ Airport Ownership: City of Banning

➤ Year Opened: 1945

➤ Property Size

> Fee title: 185± acres

→ Avigation easements: Acreage uncertain
 ► Airport Classification: General Aviation
 ► Airport Elevation: 2,219 feet MSL

#### **AIRPORT PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

- ➤ Airport Master Plan
  - Adopted by City Council, c. 1989
- ➤ Airport Layout Plan Drawing
  - > Last updated December 1990

#### **RUNWAY/TAXIWAY DESIGN**

#### Runway 8-26

- ➤ Critical Aircraft: Medium twin, small business jet
- ➤ Airport Reference Code: B-II
- ➤ Dimensions: 4,960 ft. long, 150 ft. wide
  - > Runway 26 end relocated 232 ft. from pavement end
- ➤ Pavement Strength (main landing gear configuration)
  - > 12,500 lbs (single-wheel)
- ➤ Average Gradient: 2.4%
- ➤ Runway Lighting
  - > Medium-intensity edge lights
- ➤ Primary Taxiways: Full-length parallel on south

#### TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND APPROACH PROCEDURES

- ➤ Airplane Traffic Patterns
  - > Runway 26: Right traffic
  - > Pattern altitude: 1,000 ft. AGL
- ➤ Instrument Approach Procedures
  - None
- Visual Approach Aids
  - > Airport: Rotating beacon
  - > Runway 26: Precision Approach Path Indicator (3.5°)
- ➤ Operational Restrictions / Noise Abatement Procedures
  - > No straight-in landings
  - Runway 26 departures: no intersection departures; no turns below 2900 feet MSL

#### **APPROACH PROTECTION**

- ➤ Runway Protection Zones (RPZ)
  - > Runway 8: 1,000-ft. long; all on airport property
  - Runway 26: 1,000-ft. long; none on airport property [FAA waiver letter dated 1/27/78]
- ➤ Approach Obstacles
  - > None

#### **BUILDING AREA**

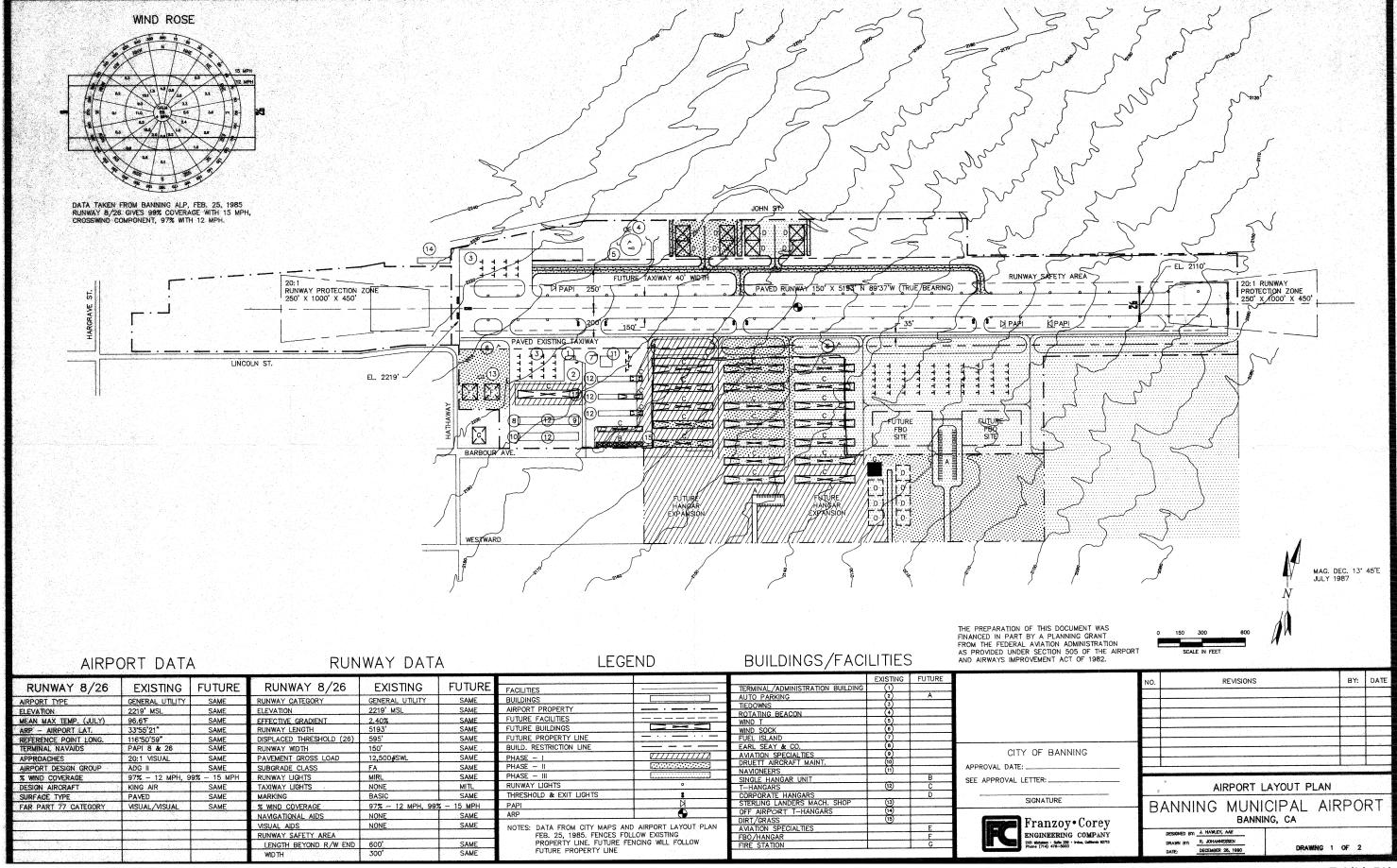
- ➤ Location: North and south sides of Runway 8 approach
- ➤ Aircraft Parking Capacity
  - > Hangar spaces: 65±
  - > Tiedowns: 30±
- ➤ Other Major Facilities
  - > Administration bldg.
- Services
  - > Fuel: 100LL (by attendant, 8 am to 5 pm)
  - > Other: Aircraft maintenance

#### **PLANNED FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

- ➤ Airfield
  - > Construct partial parallel taxiway on north side
- ➤ Building Area
  - > Construct additional hangars
- ➤ Property
  - > Acquire  $94\pm$  acres of land south of airport for building area expansion

#### Exhibit BN-1

## **Airport Features Summary**



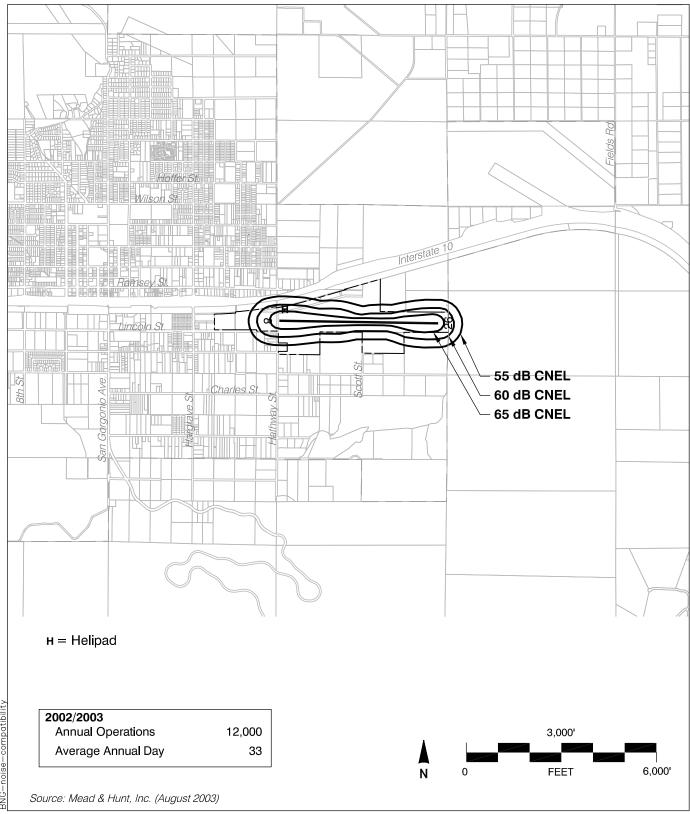
Based Aircraft			TIME OF DAY DISTRIBUTION <sup>e</sup>		
	Current <sup>a</sup>	Future <sup>b</sup>		Current	Future
	2002 data	Ultimate	All Aircraft		
Aircraft Type			Day	95%	no
Single-Engine	70	193	Evening	3%	change
Twin-Engine, Piston	0	23	Night	2%	
Twin-Engine, Turboprop	3	5	-		
Turbojet	0	0	RUNWAY USE DISTRIBUTION 6		
Helicopters	2	4		Current	Future
Total	<i>7</i> 5	225	All Airplanes – Day & Evening	,	
-			Takeoffs & Landings		
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS			Runway 8	10%	no
	Current	Future	Runway 26	90%	change
Total			All Airplanes – Night		-
Annual	12,000 <sup>c</sup>	70,000 <sup>d</sup>	Takeoffs & Landings		
Average Day	33	192	Runway 8	0%	no
Avelage Day	00	102	Runway 26	100%	change
Distribution by Aircraft Type <sup>e</sup>			Helicopters		
Single-Engine	77%	81%	Takeoffs & Landings (Helipad)		
Twin-Engine Piston	77% 5%	10%	Runway 8 direction	10%	no
Twin-Engine Fision Twin-Engine, Turboprop	1%	4%	Runway 26 direction	90%	change
Business Jet	0%	4 <i>%</i> 1%	-		
Helicopter	17%	4%	FLIGHT TRACK USAGE <sup>e</sup>		
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Distribution by Type of Operation <sup>a</sup>			➤ Takeoffs, Runway 8		
Local		no	> 30% straight out		
	30%	no	→ 70% left turn		
(incl. touch-and-goes)		change	➤ Takeoffs, Runway 26		
Itinerant	70%		> 65% straight out		
			> 35% right turn		
			➤ Landings, both runways		
			> 100% traffic pattern (no straight in)		
			<ul> <li>Helicopters follow freeway alignment; helipad is north of</li> </ul>		
			approach end of Runway 8		
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#### **Notes**

- <sup>a</sup> Source: FAA Airport Master Record (Form 5010)
- <sup>b</sup> Source: Banning Municipal Airport Master Plan Report (1989); original projection was for 2008, but is assumed here to be for an indefinite time frame at least 20 years in the future
- <sup>c</sup> Source: California Division of Aeronautics aircraft operations counter program plus estimated helicopter operations
- <sup>d</sup> Source: *Airport Master Plan* projection of airplane operations plus estimated 3,000 future helicopter operations; time frame is assumed to be beyond 20 years
- <sup>e</sup> Source: Estimated by Mead & Hunt from information provided by airport staff

Exhibit BN-3

# **Airport Activity Data Summary**



**Exhibit BN-4** 

# **Existing Noise Impacts**

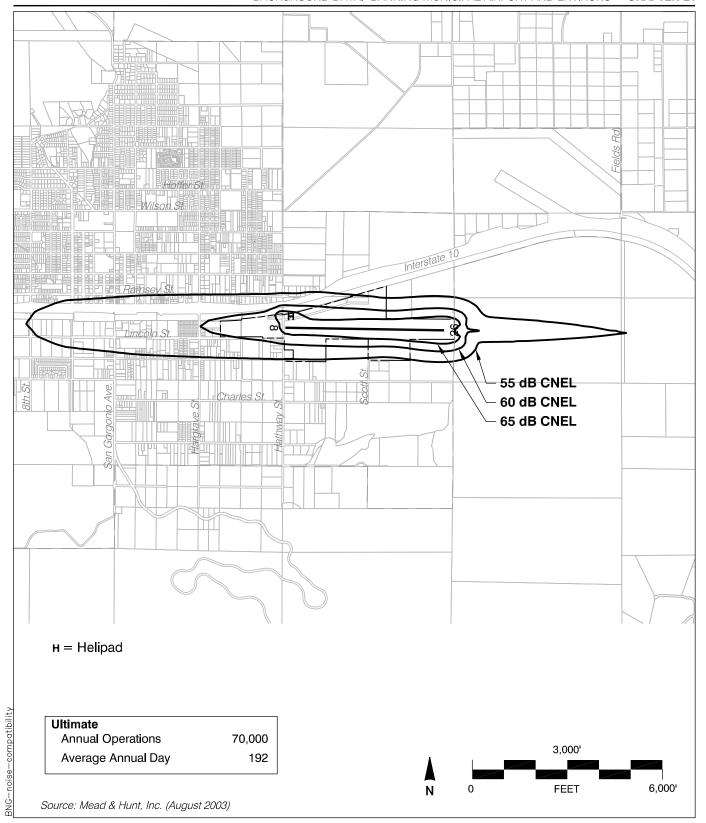


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# **Future Noise Impacts**

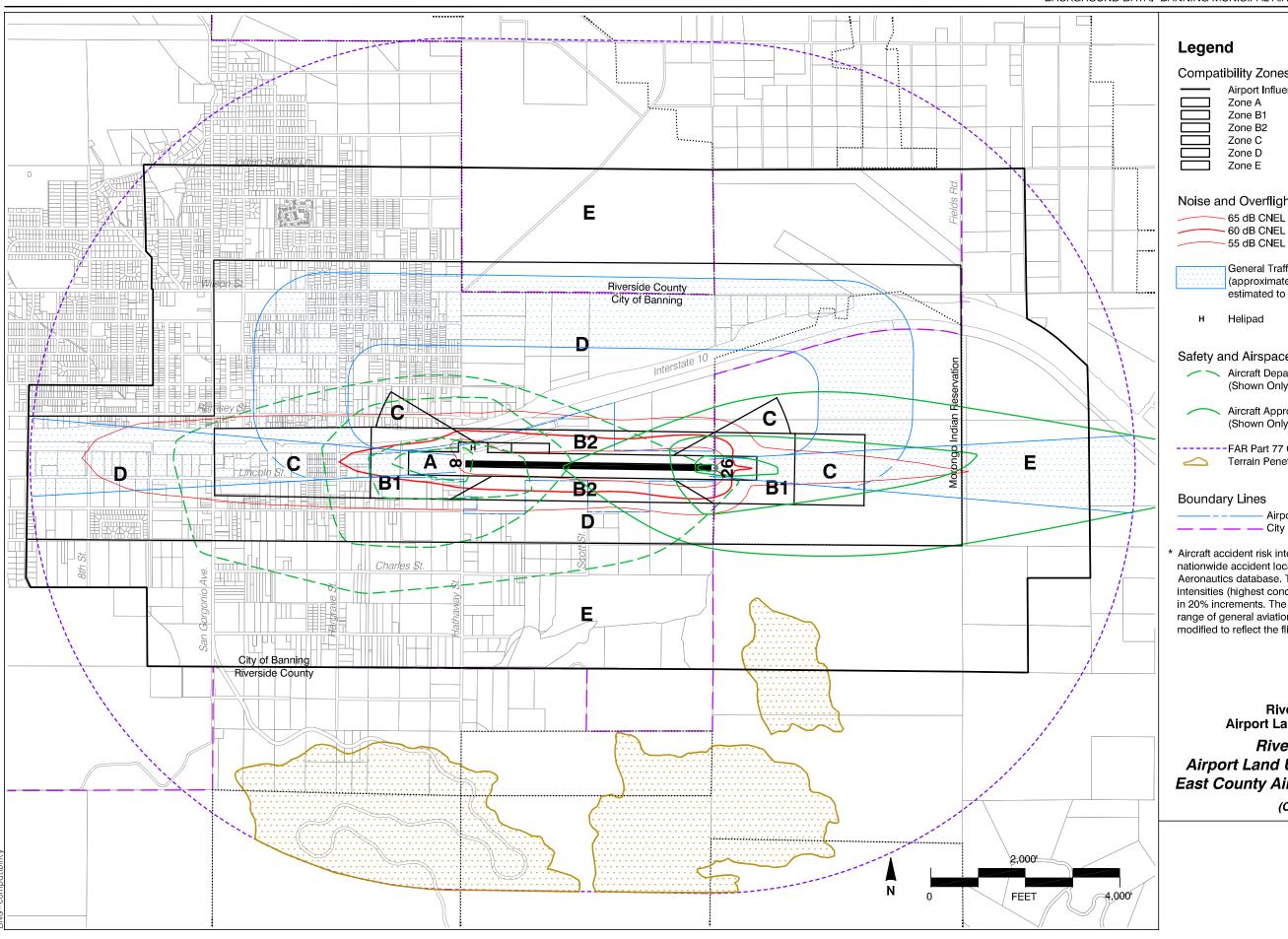
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**Riverside County** Airport Land Use Commission Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan East County Airports Background Data

(October 2004)

**Exhibit BN-6** 

**Compatibility Factors Banning Municipal Airport** 



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#### **AIRPORT SITE**

- ➤ Location
  - > North-central Riverside County
  - > 11/4 mile east of Banning city center
- ➤ Nearby Terrain
  - > Situated in San Gorgonio Pass at 2,200± ft. elevation
  - Base of San Jacinto Mountains 1 mile south; Mt. San Jacinto peak (elevation 10,804 ft.) 12 miles southeast
  - Base of San Bernardino Mountains 2+ miles north, Mt. San Gorgonio peak (elevation 11,499 ft.) 12 miles north

#### **AIRPORT ENVIRONS LAND USE JURISDICTIONS**

- ➤ County of Riverside
  - Lands under unincorporated county jurisdiction within 1/4 mile southeast and 3/4 mile southwest of runway
- ➤ City of Banning
  - > Entire airport property within city limits
  - > Urbanized area of city lies west and northwest
- ➤ Morongo Indian Reservation
  - Reservation lands immediately east of runway (including Runway 26 RPZ) and within 0.6 miles north and 1 mile south
  - > Indian lands not subject to ALUC authority

#### STATUS OF COMMUNITY PLANS

- ➤ Riverside County
  - General Plan, a portion of Riverside County Integrated Project, adopted by Board of Supervisors Oct. 2003
- ➤ City of Banning
  - > General Plan adopted May 1986
- ➤ Morongo Indian Reservation
  - > No known land use plans

#### **EXISTING AIRPORT AREA LAND USES**

- ➤ General Character
  - > Mixed use area on eastern edge of city
  - Union Pacific Railroad line and Interstate 10 border north side of airport
- ➤ Runway Approaches
  - > West (Runway 8): Mixture of industrial and scattered residential uses; high school south of final approach course, 1¼ mile from runway end
  - > East (Runway 26): Undeveloped desert lands
- ➤ Traffic Pattern
  - North: Freeway/railroad corridor and undeveloped land except to northwest

#### PLANNED AIRPORT AREA LAND USES

- ➤ Riverside County
  - Southwest and Southeast: No currently identified development planned for nearby areas
- ➤ City of Banning
  - West: Industrial uses along approach; mostly very low density residential south of Barbour Street
  - North: New industrial area north of freeway; infill residential and mixed use to northwest
  - South: Airport-related industry, including automobile drag strip adjoining airport; very-low-density residential south of Charles Street
- ➤ Morongo Indian Reservation
  - No known development plans for lands adjoining east end of airport

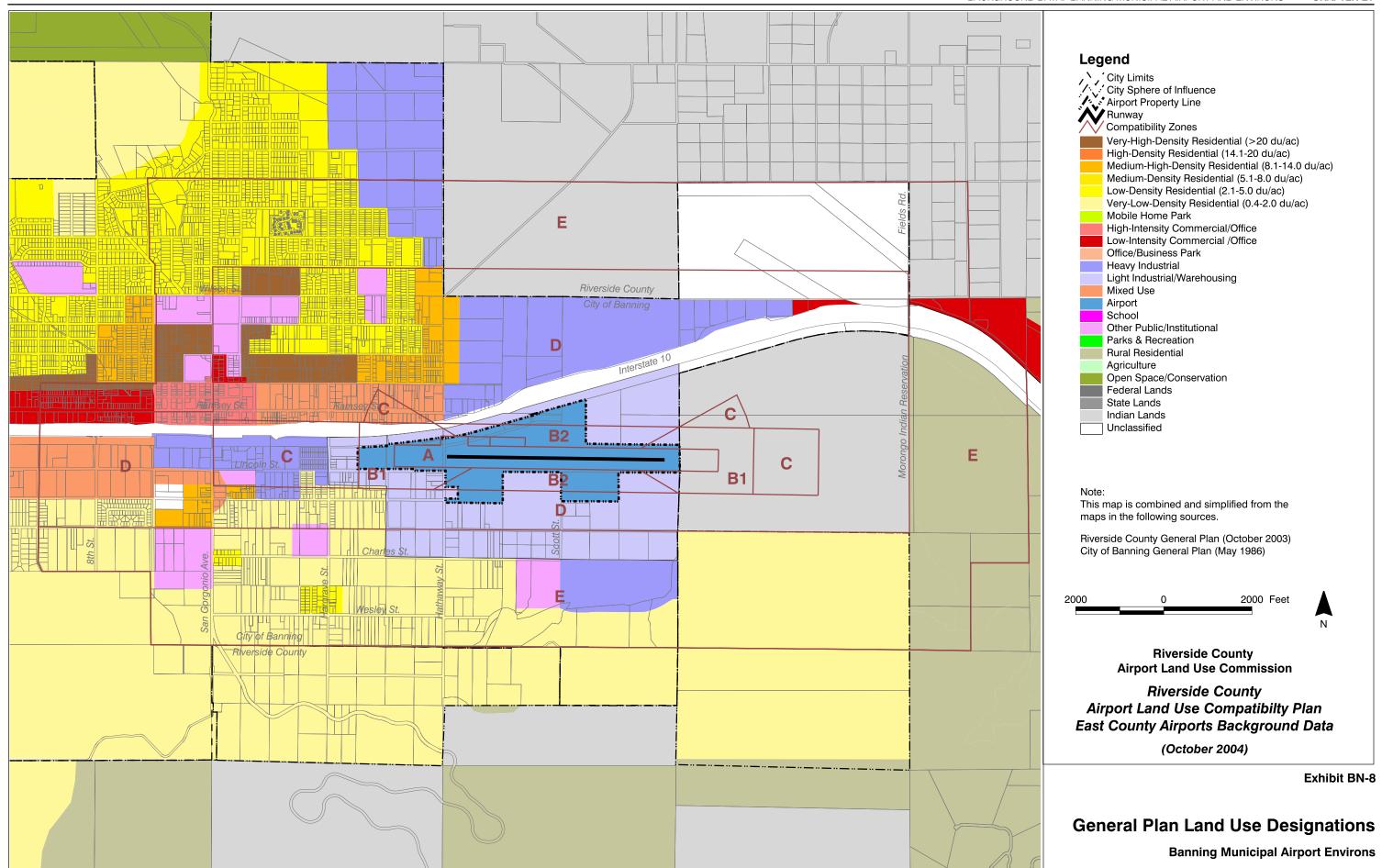
#### **ESTABLISHED AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY MEASURES**

- ➤ Riverside County General Plan
  - Prohibit new residential uses, except single-family dwellings on legal residential lots of record, within airports' 60 dB CNEL contour as defined by ALUC (Policy N 7.4)
  - Safety compatibility zones and criteria from previous compatibility plan incorporated into General Plan
  - Review all proposed projects and require consistency with any applicable compatibility plan (LU 14.2)
  - Submit proposed actions and projects to ALUC as required by state law (Policy LU 1.9); other actions may be submitted on voluntary and advisory basis (LU 14.8)

- ➤ City of Banning General Plan
  - New single-family residential land uses deemed normally acceptable up to 60 dB CNEL and conditionally acceptable up to 70 dB CNEL
  - Certification that interior noise level will not exceed 45 dB CNEL required for residential development where outdoor noise exceeds 65 dB CNEL
- ➤ City of Banning Zoning Codes
  - Mostly 35-foot height limit in city; higher allowed in industrial zones and with conditional use permit
  - Height limits established to protect airport airspace (specific language is outdated)

#### Exhibit BN-7

## **Airport Environs Information**



#### **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE:**

#### GENERAL PLAN (2003) AND PASS AREA PLAN

#### Residential Land Use

- ➤ Compatibility Zones A, B1, C, and D
  - No unincorporated land east of airport, except Morongo Indian Reservation
  - > Indian land not subject to ALUC authority
- ➤ Compatibility Zone B2
  - > No unincorporated land
- ➤ Compatibility Zone E
  - No unincorporated land north and east of airport, except Morongo Indian Reservation
  - > Indian land not subject to ALUC authority

#### Non-Residential Land Use

- ➤ Compatibility Zone E
  - Potential Conflict: no references to airspace protection height limitations in the Pass Area Plan

#### Other Policies

- ▶ General Plan
  - > Acknowledgement of ALUC policies-no conflict
  - Established ALUC 60 dB CNEL noise contour policy for new residential development-no conflict
- ➤ Zoning Codes
  - > No height limit zoning established

#### MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION

- ➤ Compatibility Zones A, B1, C, D, and E
  - Potential inconsistencies in land use development east of airport [M1]

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Exhibit BN-9

# **General plan Consistency Review (Preliminary)**

**Banning Municipal Airport Environs** 

#### CITY OF BANNING:

#### GENERAL PLAN (1986), AND ZONING CODES

#### Residential Land Use

- ➤ Compatibility Zone C
  - Residential designations with densities ranging from 0.4 to 2.0 dwelling units/acre are inconsistent with Zone C compatibility criteria; existing development south of Lincoln Street is nonconforming

#### **Other Policies**

- ➤ General Plan
  - > No acknowledgment of ALUC coordination
  - Noise Element policy conditionally allowing new residential development up to 70 dB CNEL conflicts with Compatibility Plan limit of 60 dB CNEL even if interior 45 dB CNEL criterion is met; policy does not state what set of noise contours are to be used in application of this criterion
- ➤ Zoning Codes
  - Height limit zoning established to protect airport airspace (specific language is outdated)

#### Non-Residential Land Use

- ➤ Compatibility Zone A
  - > Zone A (west) entirely on airport property
- ➤ Compatibility Zone B1
  - Potential Conflict: Zone B1 intensity limits (25 people/acre) apply to area designated as Light Industrial/Warehousing northern and southern edges of airport [B1]
- ➤ Compatibility Zone B2
  - Potential Conflict: Zone B2 intensity limits (100 people/acre) apply to area designated as Light Industrial/Warehousing north and south of airport [B2]
  - Plans for an automobile drag-strip south of runway is a potential conflict with Zone B2 compatibility criteria (100 people/acre) depending upon the location and intensity of the development
- ➤ Compatibility Zone C
  - Potential Conflict: Zone C intensity limits (75 people/acre) apply to areas designated as Light Industrial/Warehousing, Heavy Industrial and Other Public/Institutional west of airport [B3]
- ➤ Compatibility Zone D
  - Potential Conflict: Zone D intensity limits (100 people/acre) apply to areas designated as Heavy Industrial and Low-Intensity Commercial/Office north of airport [B4]
  - Potential Conflict: Zone D intensity limits (100 people/acre) apply to area designated as Light Industrial/Warehousing and south of airport [B5]

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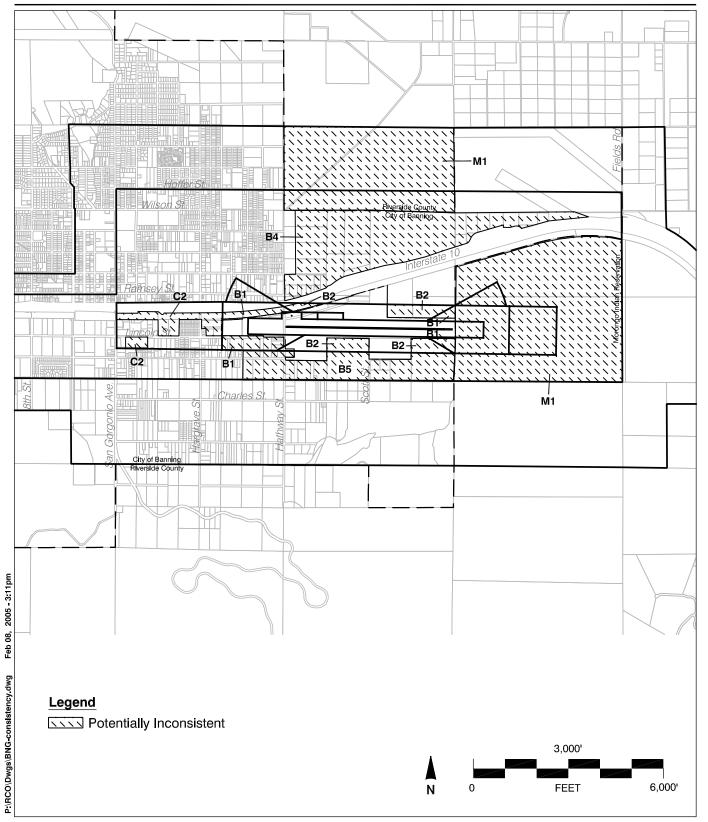


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