

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and propose to adopt a Negative Declaration*

**Date:** March 28, 2013

**To:** All Interested Parties

**Project Title:** United Airline Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Terminal 7 Improvement Project

**Project Location:** The project site includes Terminal 7 and construction staging would occur at the United Airlines maintenance and cargo operations, both located within the south side of LAX.

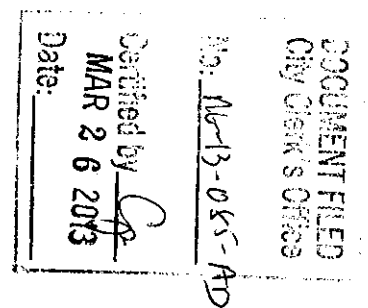
**Project Applicant:** United Airlines

**Lead Agency:** Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)

## **Description of Project:**

United Airlines (UAL) passenger operations at LAX utilizes 24 gates located within portions of Terminal 6 (four of the terminal's 13 gates), all of Terminal 7 (11 gates), and all of Concourse 8 (nine gates), which gives UAL the most expansive passenger terminal complex utilized by a single airline at LAX. UAL's passenger operations at LAX includes four separate Security Screening Check Points (SSCPs) located throughout Terminal 7. The main purpose of the proposed project is the modernization of UAL's operations at LAX to meet the evolving federal security requirements. The main component that is driving the purpose of this project, which is the modernization of the facility to meet evolving federal security requirements, is the consolidation and centralization of the SSCP. The dimensions of security check points have grown over the years, and even more so with the recent introduction of the advanced image technology full body scanner. The current SSCP's do not provide enough space to accommodate the evolving federal security requirements, as well as the four existing security checkpoints are not providing the best level of passenger service because most passengers are not aware of the security options that are currently available. Therefore, the consolidation and centralization of the SSCP is not possible within the location of the existing SSCP's. The proposed consolidation and centralization of the SSCP's at Terminal 7 will require the replacement and relocation of other existing uses within Terminal 7, called "enabling projects." Following are the enabling project elements that will need to be relocated and replaced with the proposed security enhancements:

- Relocation and Consolidation of the United Club lounges
- Relocation and Consolidation of the Mechanical Systems
- Modification of Ticketing Area
- Relocation of Support Services



The relocation and consolidation of the club lounges and the mechanical systems are proposed on two new floors above the consolidated and centralized SSCP. The other enabling projects will occur mostly throughout the existing Terminal 7 footprint.

**How to Comment on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration:**

The proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study for the proposed project will be available for a 20-day review period beginning on March 28, 2013 and may be viewed on the LAWA website [www.ourlax.org](http://www.ourlax.org) under "Projects – Publications." Please call (424) 646-5186 for other viewing locations or for questions. Comments on the document must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2013 at the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed via a link on the project website [[www.ourlax.org](http://www.ourlax.org)]