

Mather Airport: Concerned about more night-time cargo jet noise?

A long-range plan for the expansion of Mather Airport as a cargo hub raises issues about increased night-time noise from low-flying cargo jets. The City continues to address concerns over cargo traffic into and out of Mather as the flight path is directly over Folsom.

The City will submit a comment letter addressing concerns about the Mather Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Residents may also submit comments by Oct. 7.

"The City has not opposed Mather as an airfield, but the City Council has been out front in stating that the City should not have to bear the burden of noise that disturbs our residents, and that alternatives need to be examined," says City Attorney Bruce Cline.

"A potential increase in Mather's cargo operations could have significant noise and quality of life impacts on Folsom's residential neighborhoods. We want to be sure the County recognizes that fact, conducts an appropriate environmental study and looks for alternatives to sending many planes over the top of our City and western El Dorado County for years to come."

The Sacramento County Airport System's Mather Master Plan calls for expanding a second runway and installing a high-tech instrument landing system, which would allow the airport to operate during inclement weather, likely increasing night-time cargo jet traffic over Folsom.

<u>Follow this link to view the EIR and the Jacobs Report referenced in the EIR --</u> http://www.folsom.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=765&targetid=1

Residents may submit comments by Oct. 7 to: Sacramento County Environmental Review & Assessment 827 7th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions about the EIR may be directed to Marianne Biner at Sacramento County, (916) 874-7520.