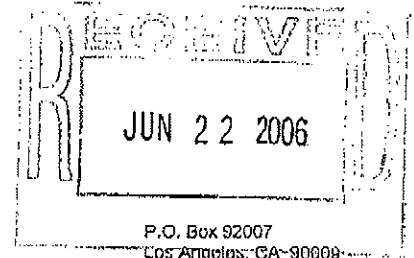




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Dear Mr. Helmick:

Phoenix Goodyear Airport, Goodyear, Arizona
Aviation Activity Forecast

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed the *Draft Chapter Two Aviation Demand Forecasts* for the Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR) master plan. We approve the forecast for long-term airport planning purposes, including Airport Layout Plan (ALP) development.

The master plan forecast is much higher than the FAA Terminal Area Forecast (TAF). However, the difference between the forecasts does not point to a change in the role of the airport as identified in the FAA National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The NPIAS designation for GYR is a general aviation reliever and is not expected to change within the 20-year planning period.

The main reason the master plan forecast is higher than the TAF is because the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) projects high population growth within the airport service area over the next 25 years. The master plan points out that previous MAG study found strong historical correlation between based aircraft and population within Maricopa County. The master plan assumes this trend will continue and result in strong growth in both based aircraft and operations at GYR.

We also reviewed the *Chapter three "Unconstrained" Facility Requirements*. It does not appear the difference between master plan and TAF forecasts drives any major changes to the existing and proposed runway system as depicted on the current FAA approved ALP. However, the timing and need for potential projects such as construction of a second runway or significant expansion of aircraft basing facilities will depend on if and how fast forecast demand materializes. FAA will base future decisions about these types of projects on the activity levels reached and justifications provided at the time the projects are proposed for implementation.

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If you have any questions about this forecast approval, please call me
at (310) 725-3613.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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