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May 11, 2026

Maryland Department of Planning  
Maryland State Clearinghouse for  
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301 West Preston Street, Suite 1101  
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RE: Project Application  
Airport Master Plan Update  
St. Mary's County Regional Airport  
California, Maryland  
AIP Project No. 3-24-0022-Pending

To Whom It May Concern:

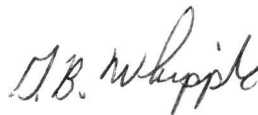
Please find enclosed a copy of the FAA Project Application for the above-referenced project.

- The project application requests FAA funding for the Airport Master Plan Update to include the following elements: The project includes the following specific goals:
  - o Optimizing data collection efforts by accessing available sources, including Airport management, St. Mary's County government website, current FAA data sources, 2023 Maryland Aviation System Plan (MASP), Airport Board documents, and other sources as directed by the Airport.
  - o Providing a complete update of existing conditions at the airport and its surrounding environment, including the extension of Runway 11-29 from 4,150 feet to 5,350 feet; and land use planning and development on and in the airport vicinity. Identifying the most demanding aircraft for the foreseeable future so that airport facilities can be evaluated for conformance with applicable FAA airport design standards.
  - o Evaluating land development opportunities at the southwest portion of airport property in cooperation with the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO).
  - o Identifying aviation and/or non-aviation land use development opportunities between Runway 11-29, south of Airport View Drive, and west of MD 235.
  - o Coordinating with County and other agency efforts within the Airport vicinity, as appropriate (i.e., the County's Comprehensive Plan 2050, Patuxent River Naval Air Station (Patuxent NAS), Innovation District planning, University of Maryland for its Unmanned Aerial Vehicle research) to incorporate multiple ongoing stakeholder initiatives.
  - o Preparing a standard ALP drawing set and Exhibit "A" drawing set in accordance with FAA ARP SOPs 2.00 and 3.00, respectively.
  - o Preparing a Master Plan report to accompany the ALP drawing set.
  - o Reviewing and updating the airport's recommended development plan with a focus on flexibility and ability to respond to existing and future airport aviation facility needs and airport revenue generation opportunities.

- Developing an Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) using planning level cost estimates that will prioritize improvements and estimate program development costs and funding eligibility for the 20-year planning period.
- The Budget consists of the airport consultant fee of \$950,937 and \$2,000 for an Independent Fee Estimate. The federal funding will cover up to \$905,290 (95%) with the County providing a \$47,647 local match. \$868,000 of IIJA AIG funding will make up a portion of the total federal funding. At this time, the Maryland Aviation Administration only funds construction grants, and not planning and design grants, so no State funding is anticipated.
- The physical address of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport is 44200 Airport Road, California, MD. The property is a mixture of developed areas, to include the runway and taxiway, parking aprons and hangar facilities.
- As this is a planning grant, the scope of work will provide an inventory of existing conditions, to include Section 106 considerations. The County hangar was constructed in 1972, and is the only facility more than 50 years old.
- The St. Mary's County Regional Airport serves the County as well as the entire Southern Maryland and Mid-Atlantic region. The airport is the center of potential economic development related to aeronautical services and aviation-related research leading to new forms of advanced air mobility. This project will explore development proposals to these ends.
- This project application requires no additional staffing or needs.
- The airport is within the Calvert-St.Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization per the enclosures.

Your support of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport is greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this Department.

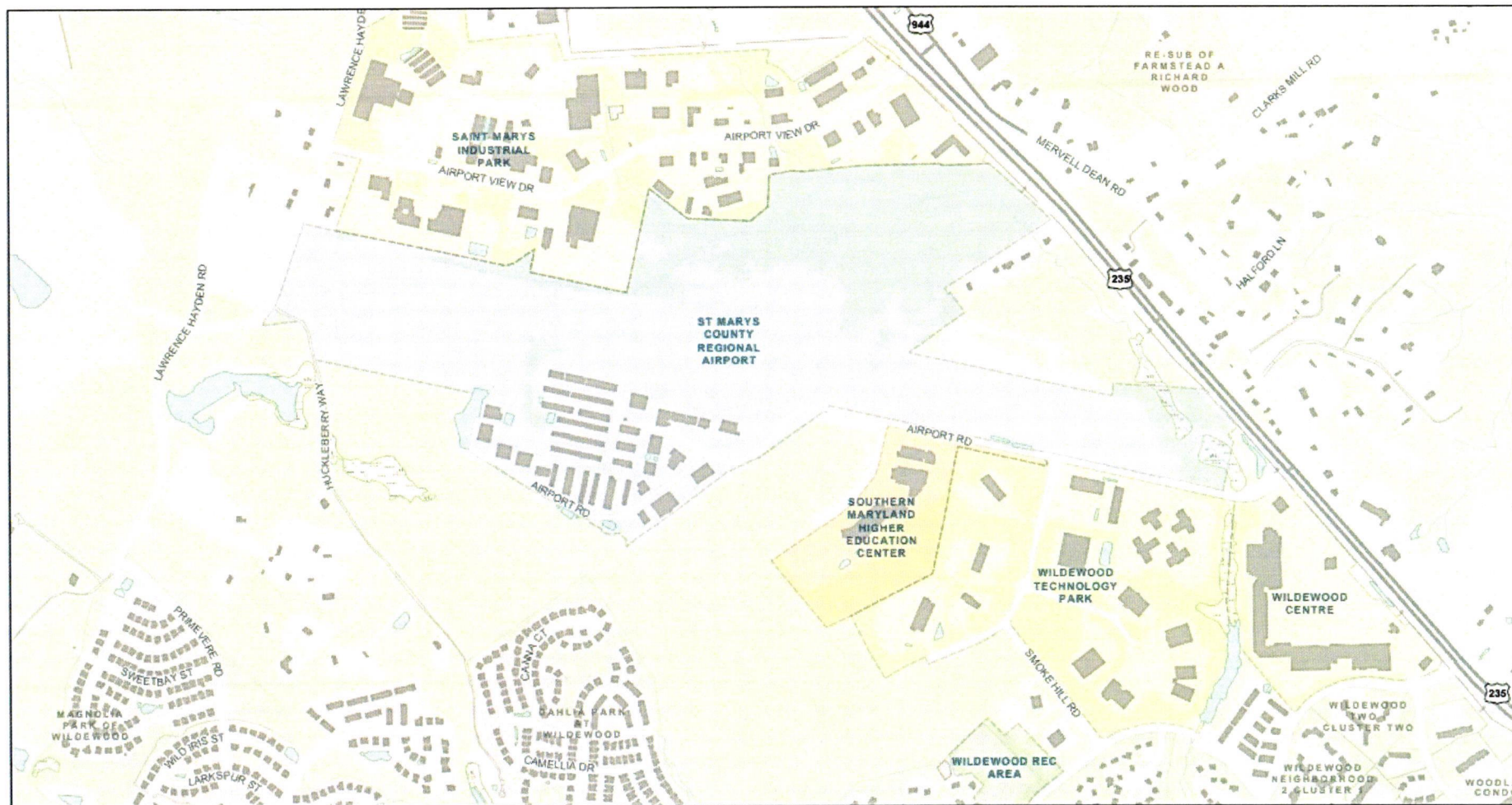
Sincerely,



Gary B. Whipple,  
***Deputy Director,***  
***Facility Capital Project Manager***

enclosures

## St. Mary's County Regional Airport



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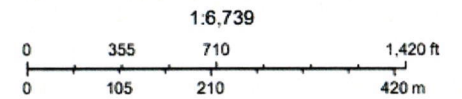
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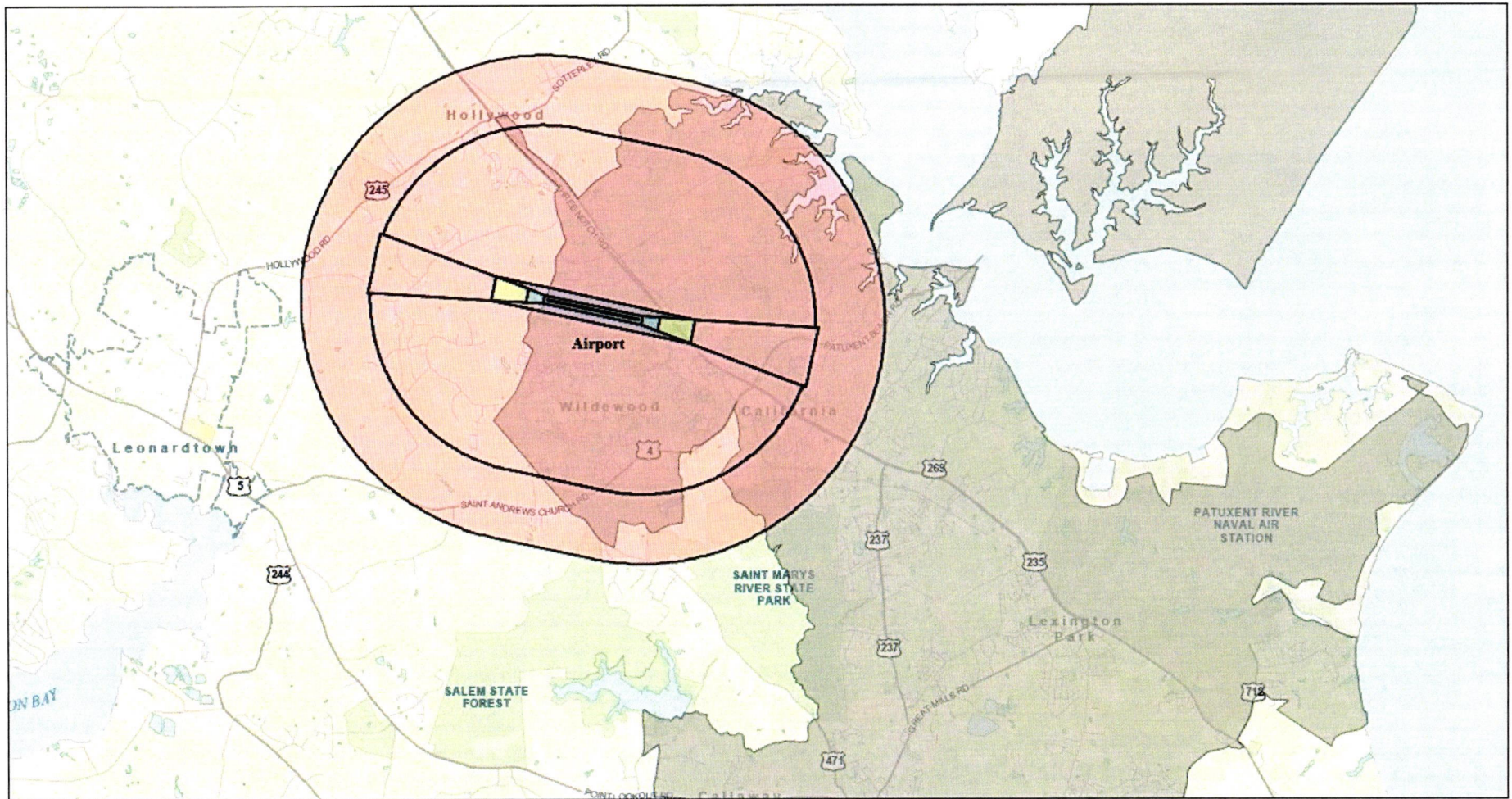
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# Calvert-St.Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Airport Environ (AE) Zones

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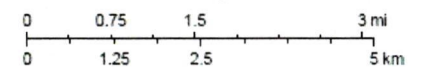
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MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organizations Boundaries

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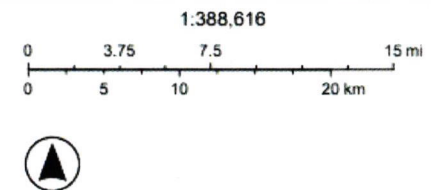


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## Airport Regional Map



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