SANTA MARIA AIRPORT
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November 16, 2026

Subject: Taxilane Rehabilitation Project Update – Temporary Suspension of Phase 2

Dear Tenants,

We are pleased to report that the first phase of the Taxilane Rehabilitation Project has been successfully completed, and the rehabilitated area has been reopened for tenant and aircraft traffic.

After careful consideration of the upcoming holiday season, anticipated weather conditions, and long-range forecasts indicating an increased likelihood of rain, the Airport and project team have decided to suspend the start of Phase 2 of the project until after January 1.

While Phase 2 is scheduled to begin this week, there is a significant risk that weather-related delays could extend construction through the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods, creating unnecessary impacts for our tenants and airport users. To avoid these disruptions, a contract suspension will be issued, and construction activities will pause until after the holidays.

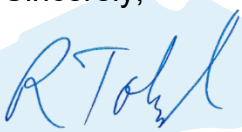
At this time, tenants who were temporarily relocated for the second phase of construction should return to their original hangars.

The next phase of the Taxilane Rehabilitation Project is currently anticipated to begin during the first week of January, with the exact start date to be determined based on weather conditions and coordination with the contractor. Once a new start date has been established, we will provide advance notice to all affected tenants, including detailed information regarding any required aircraft relocations and project impacts.

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and cooperation throughout this project. By postponing the next phase until after the holiday season, we hope to reduce disruptions during a time when many tenants rely on uninterrupted access to their aircraft and facilities. Additional updates will be provided as soon as the revised construction schedule is finalized.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,



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