

Sacramento International Airport

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Sacramento International Airport (SMF), located 12 miles northwest of the State's Capital, is northern California's inland gateway to the world. Nestled at the north end of the Central Valley in Sacramento County, SMF has become a vibrant hub since it was built from the ground in 1967. Owned and operated by the Sacramento County Airport System (along with Sacramento Mather Airport, Executive Airport, and Franklin Field), SMF resides in District 3.

OPERATIONS

Sacramento International is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is able to provide domestic as well as international cargo service. Preferential Runway procedures are in place between 9:45 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. to minimize aircraft noise exposure in the community.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- The 2007 Airport Master Plan identifies cargo as occupying 134 of the 2,600 acres of airport property.
- The closest Foreign Trade Zone¹ is located about 15 miles away next to the Port of West Sacramento.
- Landing fees are the same for SMF and Mather Field.

AIRPORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS

- Federal Express (FedEx) has a sort facility at SMF, and operates 4 daily flights.
- Much of the cargo transported to/from SMF is carried in the bellies of passenger aircraft.
- A United States Postal Service (USPS) facility is located at SMF transporting mail and packages.
- Air Cargo belly carriers include Southwest Airlines, Horizon Air, American Airlines, United Airlines, and JetBlue Airways.



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK TRUCKING

Primary North-South Routes

- I-5 and SR 99

Primary East-West Routes

- I- 80 (western leg of a national freight corridor) and US 50

Located just off I-5, SMF offers convenient access and connections to major interstate highways.

US 50 changes from a Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) route to part of the California Legal Network east of Sly Park Road at Pollock Pines (post mile 31.3).

The average daily truck traffic volumes in the Sacramento region reach between 10,000 and 19,999.

Freight Planning Fact Sheet

SEAPORTS AND RAIL LINE ACCESS

- To the west of downtown Sacramento is the deepwater Port of West Sacramento. “Marine Highway” barge service to Stockton and Oakland will soon be available.
- Both Union Pacific (UP) and BNSF, provide transcontinental rail service near SMF using either Donner or Tehachapi routes to ship freight to eastern destinations such as Chicago, Kansas City, and Memphis.
- Short line railroads are also in the vicinity.

PLANNED PROJECTS

- Airport Master Plan Update to be initiated in 2012 will include review of planned extension of runway 16L/34R to 11,000 feet.
- In 2016, Sacramento County plans to acquire property south of I-5 for land-use compatibility.
- Also in 2016, construction improvements to increase capacity for seasonal passenger and air cargo diversion aircraft are scheduled.

OTHER AIRPORT FACTS

- Ranked 57th in North America by Airports Council International (ACI), SMF transported nearly 71,958 tons of cargo in 2011.
- A Wildlife Hazard Management Program is in place to reduce aircraft and wildlife interactions.

CONSTRAINTS AND ISSUES

- Environmental considerations present limitations on large scale development around and even on airport property.
- Truck traffic on area highways sometimes causes delays.
- More international flights would encourage more global belly cargo.

CALTRANS FOCUS AREAS

- Implement ways to alleviate highway bottlenecks along truck routes.
- Encourage compatible land uses around the airport.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PARTNERS

Port of West Sacramento:

<http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/depts/pw/port/>

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG):

<http://www.sacog.org/>

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management

District (SMAQMD): <http://www.airquality.org/>

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Goods Movement Action Plan (Phase I, 2005 and Phase II, 2007), California Air Resource Board and Business, Transportation and Housing (Agency):

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<http://www.sacramento.aero/smf/>

¹ Foreign Trade Zone—A port or nearby designated enclosed area where imported goods can be stored or processed free of custom duties prior to re-export.