

**Stakeholder Update  
January 2019**



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thoughts about  
the airport



The San Antonio Airport System Strategic Development Plan encourages the community to be involved in this planning process.

We would love to hear from you. Please visit the Strategic Development Plan webpage at [www.sanantonio.gov/SATfuture](http://www.sanantonio.gov/SATfuture) to provide comments, ask questions, or add your name and email address to the Strategic Development Plan mailing list.



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# About the Strategic Development Plan

## The study process

Over 10 million passengers (an average of 27,000 per day) flew in and out of the San Antonio International Airport in 2018. In the next 20 years, that number could reach up to 18 million passengers per year.

To accommodate this growth and continue to generate prosperity, the Airport must keep up with the air travel needs of the community and region. To do this, the San Antonio Airport System launched a Strategic Development Plan process in 2018 to focus on the next 20 years, and to examine the suitability of the site for growth and expansion in the next 50 years.

There are **two phases** in this data-driven planning process. **Phase 1** was completed in 2018. The planning team prepared a forecast, revised the forecast numbers after receiving community input, and the San Antonio Airport System submitted it to FAA for approval. It was determined that the airport can be made to fit in its current location for the next 50 years.

**Phase 2** will produce options regarding land use, facilities, and services required for the airport system to accommodate the growth of the San Antonio region. Community engagement is a major part of the process, and includes informal meetings, social media, webpage, eblasts, surveys, stakeholder groups, public meetings, and participation in existing community events.

The entire study is expected to conclude in 2020.

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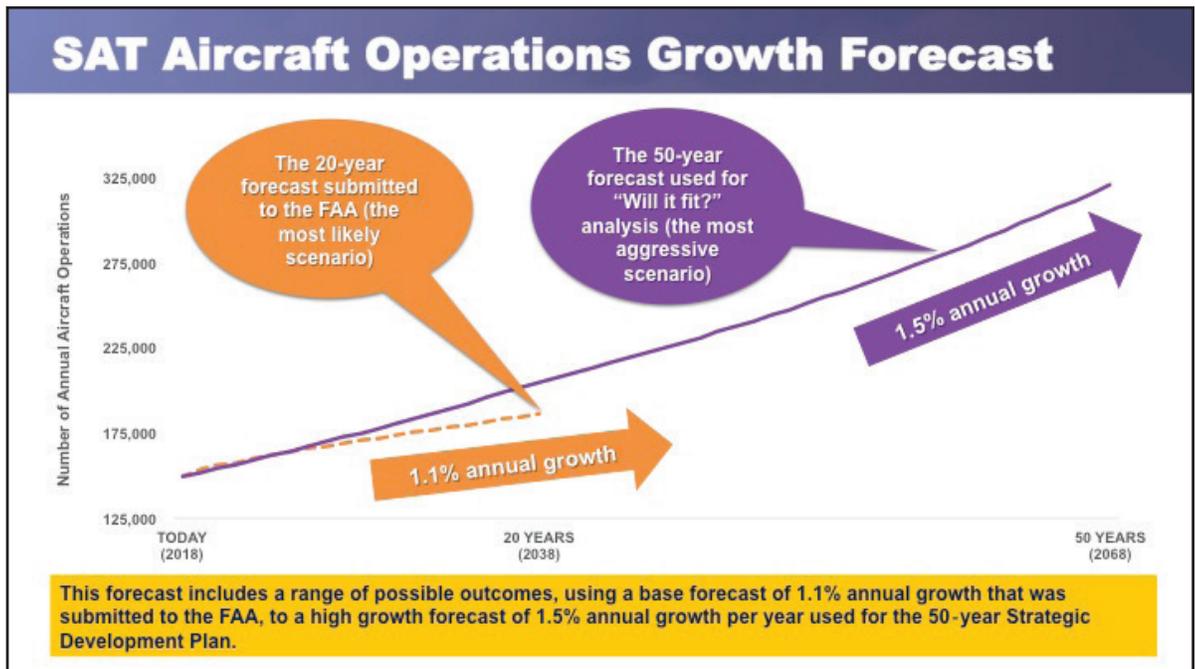
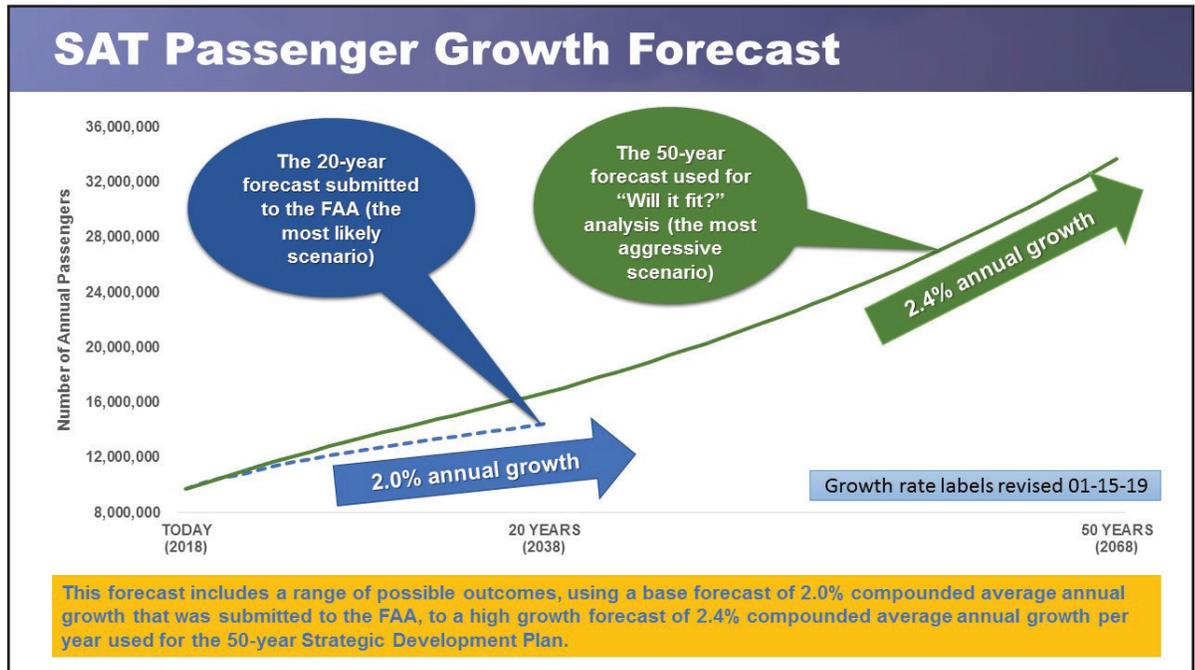
# Forecast, airfield demand, and capacity

The forecast created a range of possible outcomes, including base and high-growth scenarios for 20 and 50 years out. The airfield demand and capacity studies included a review of the current number of annual flights projected out for 20 and 50 years, and then reviewed the runway capacity, identifying the points at which demand exceeds capacity. The terminal study looked at the number of gates required to meet the passenger demand in 20 and 50 years. Lastly, the landside study looked at improvements that will be required to meet long-term demand for both roadway and transit options.

## “Will it fit?” preliminary findings

To answer the “Will it fit?” question (that is, can the airport be made to fit in its current location through 2068?), the planning team took the forecast, airfield, terminal, and landside data that was gathered and analyzed the space, gaps, and possibilities for the next 50 years.

The data-driven, technical answer, pending additional input from the Strategic Development Plan advisory committees and the community, is: **“Yes, an airport that would serve the San Antonio region in 2068, using the 50-year high-growth demand model, can be made to fit at the airport’s current location.”**



Various actions would be needed, including approvals (from all levels of government) and some amount of land acquisition, some form of creek relocation, secondary runway closure, and/or relocation of tenant activities.

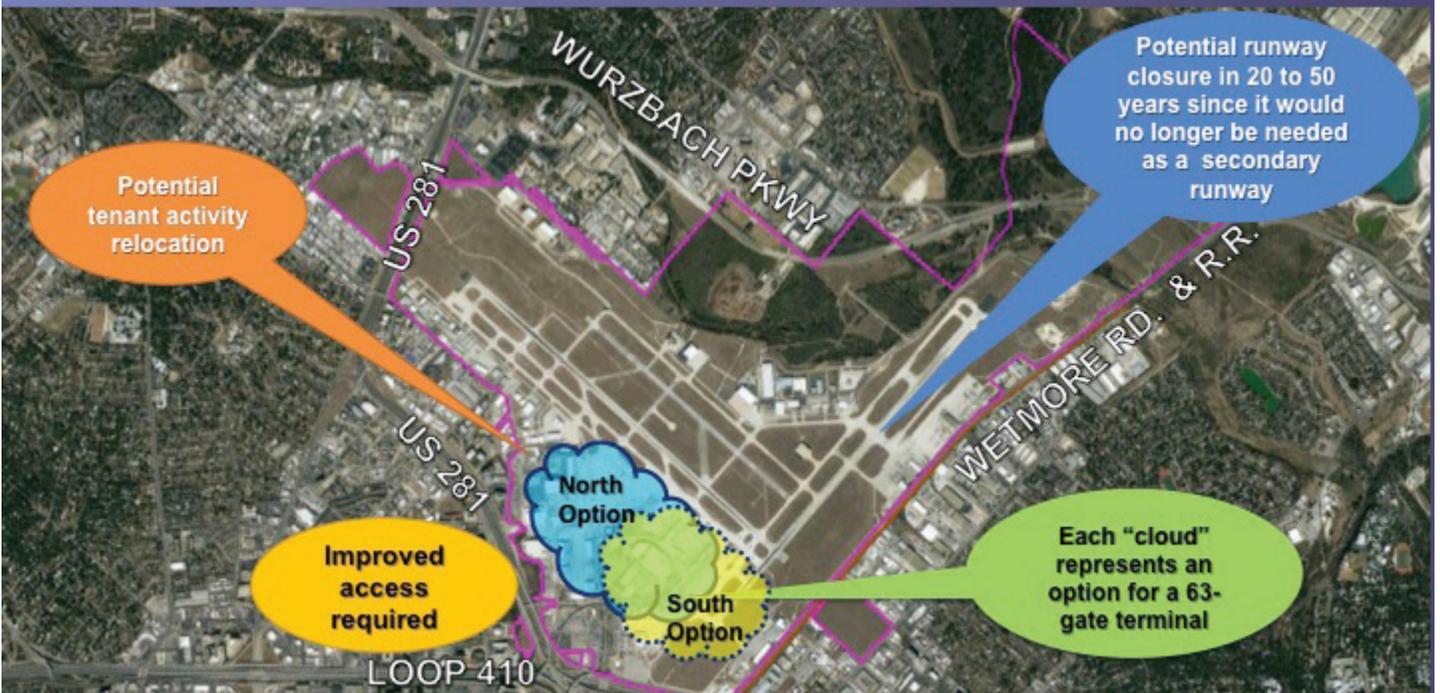
# 2068 "Will it Fit?" Airfield Capacity



## 2068 needs highlights: "Will it fit?"

To adequately estimate whether the San Antonio region's long-term transportation needs can be made to fit, the study forecasts air travel demand growth for 50 years, uses the high-growth scenario, including more international service, assumes no technology improvements that would reduce infrastructure needs such as runways, and reflects current world-class passenger terminal space standards.

# 2068 "Will it Fit?" Two Passenger Terminal Options



## 2068 "Will it Fit?" Third Option for Passenger Terminal



## FAQs

### How is this study different from prior master plans?

This two-phase study plans for 50 years into the future, whereas all previous studies only planned for 20 years. That is part of what makes this a "strategic development plan": it represents a long-term, 50-year planning horizon. Additionally, a typical 20-year master plan would be based on a "most likely" scenario, rather than a high-growth scenario. In this study, the 20-year forecast used a 2.0% compound annual growth calculation; the 50-year forecast used a 2.4% compound annual growth calculation. Another major difference in this study is the possible closure (sometime after 2038) of the secondary runway (Runway 4-22, often referred to as the "crosswind runway") which would make an additional 350 acres available.

### Where is the data, if this is a data-driven process?

As the detailed documentation is finalized from Phase 1, it will be available on the Strategic Development Plan webpage at [www.sanantonio.gov/SATfuture](http://www.sanantonio.gov/SATfuture)

### What's next?

After the Strategic Development Plan advisory committees and community members provided input on the findings and what they felt should be considered in Phase 2, the Airport System Development Committee (ASDC), the group appointed by the Mayor, considered the data and input and made the recommendation that the airport should stay in its current location.

In Phase 2 of this study, various alternatives will be studied, during which community input will be sought. The preferred alternative will be used to finalize the Plan.

### Where can I learn more about the strategic development plan?

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