

Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: A Community-Driven Process

List of Comments from Open House events – March 3 & 5, 2022

INTRODUCTION

This document presents the full list of comments posted in the interactive stations at the March 3rd and 5th Open House events for the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport project. Each comment has been transcribed from the original Author's note as posted at the Open House events.

We deeply appreciate and thank you for your patience with the many hours it took to transcribe the **more than 1,300+ comments collected** during the Open Houses and then to check the transcriptions for accuracy and translate the comments from Spanish to English. Due to the legibility of handwriting, some omissions may have occurred. Please alert the project team to any discrepancies.

We recognize the volume of comments is overwhelming. More than 200+ participants dedicated their time to attend and actively participate in the events, and we felt it was important for the transparency of this process to provide the full list of comments posted in this first round.

While we will begin group the duplicate comments and work on summarizing themes going forward, we wanted to share the full, raw data with you to tell the entire story of what was shared and heard at the two Open House events.

As a reminder, the **Open House was set up as three (3) interactive stations** with information sharing, maps and questions, process graphics, and topic boards to collect written comments. There were also open share spaces on tables for anything else anyone wished to share.

Note about the following list of Comments

- The following pages include the **full set of comments posted to each board (by topic) or open share space**. They are grouped by Open House date where applicable.
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STATION 1

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: What Makes Your Community a Great Place?

Comments – March 3rd

- Our small businesses and the people
- Pacoima is a united community
- The right to self-determination, a community is entitled to chart its own course free from the influence of interlopers!!!
- The shopping centers
- The people, the history
- The drive we have to keep our culture alive!
- All of our people!
- Airport is here for youth to become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics and air traffic controller youth from Pacoima
- 99s Women pilots at Whiteman Airport
- Community oriented
- I would like a park
- A united race
- Elisa Avalos
- Local elected officials 2 more representative of community and more responsive (than before)
- Pacoima Beautiful!
- Pacoima fight for clean air
- Amazing Mexican food!
- In agreement with the idea
- Parks
- Gonzalez Park
- Bradley Plaza
- Small Businesses
- Programs and activities in San Fernando Park; for example Zumba and yoga.
- The hardworking people!!
- Emergency services for the local area
- The Villages
- The fight for continued justice for clean air
- Diversity – always diversity
- Good air quality, Access to local food supply
- Roger Jessup Park, Hansen Dam, The airport, the Foothill LAPD, Hubert Humphrey Park
- Small businesses
- The strength to speak up against injustices like Whiteman
- Urban farming, Comm. Gardens, youth programs connecting them to outdoor careers
- Danny Trejo, Ritchie Valens, all the teachers of the district
- Murals, Active Community Members, the Food
- Whiteman Airport! Woman pilot in CD7
- The Airport gives many opportunities to give kids big dreams!

- We are community oriented. We are organized. We are tired of outside folks making decision for us.
- Thing I like about Pacoima is the small town feel. It makes me forget we live in L.A.
- Healthy children, quality + clean water
- Green spaces, opportunities for youth
- Parks, Ritchie Valens Park, Huntington
- Spaces, places, Hansen Dam, our community, all that is us.
- Resources to help families
- The airport, my job, good food!
- For 45 years I have lived here and it has been a lot of improvements
- The people of our community
- The people who make the community great are those open minded enough to look at matters in a realistic, factual matter. Pacoima Beautiful doesn't do that
- The drive we all have to undo the damage the privileged have done
- Where small emerging businesses are supported
- Nice community for vehicle & upholstery repairs
- Green spaces like Bradley Plaza, Community, Local restaurants, schools
- THE PEOPLE
- The people who fight corrupt government!
- Whiteman Airport
- Youth programs, EAA, Aviation Explorers, Jackpot, Historic @ Whiteman Airport
- Family oriented
- Pacoima neighborhood council
- Programs organized
- Explorers
- Pacoima Beautiful
- The People
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- Whiteman Airport
- Green job training programs for youth
- Our Youth (heart) Go Yutep!
- Pacoima is an eclectic community it is home to a variety of people and support all activities
- Safety in the streets, lighting, people who respect the laws. Organize empty spaces.
- Food choices, airport opportunities
- Opportunities for youth at Whiteman Airport (Aviation Explorers post 747) (Civil Air Patrol) (Bill Berkes "jackpot" project building an airplane from a kit and letting the kids learn and fly it for free)
- What's in the community? The airport would help us financially
- I think the neighborhood council makes my community a great place!
- Our resilience
- Hard workers, helpful community, youth programs, Pacoima Beautiful
- Parks, Mall, Community, College
- Our diversity, friendly environment and multi-generational family-oriented neighborhoods
- Our open spaces & food. If Whiteman was a little more open, it can be great for the community, a restaurant could attract people
- I want a plaza with a kiosk in the center for retired people and for all kinds of families and benches around it. I am a resident of Pacoima
- People & pride for community activism

- Teaching families how to compost & grow their own food
- Love the murals all over Pacoima!
- Bravery to stand up to what is unfair especially in Latino/Black communities
- Police Activities with the Community
- Community First
- Public Parks, Hansen Dam
- Vallarta Supermarket – but we need a bigger one because I end up having to drive to Sylmar
- Whiteman airport makes Pacoima a great place. Not to mention the great people in the area!
- The people look out for each other and take care of each other
- Civil Air Patrol
- Whiteman Airport flyer for 50 yrs, it is a very important facility in the city
- We want them to close the airport because it causes a lot of pollution and because of that, there are many people with cancer, children with birth defects, people with asthma, airplane accidents and a lot of noise problems. Resident of Pacoima
- Pacoima needs our representatives to focus on something more important than removing the airport. We need a lot of clean up. We don't need trash from cars, people on the streets stealing what they can.
- We want a bigger airport but in another place and in the place where Whiteman airport is, make, a big park for the communities of Pacoima.
- We need the airport because it is a historical place. It just needs fixing. Pacoima needs a lot of help. We don't want to be ignored. We need to know your projects. We need a lot of protection.

Comments – March 5th

- The airport is better for this community. People who come from other cities or counties need restaurants, youth, people interested in learning how to fly or be a mechanic.
- I am against getting rid of the airport, but pilots and plane owners need more regulations regarding aircraft maintenance.
- Civil Air Patrol based at Whiteman Airport brings in local youths and introduces them to aviation, leadership, and provides access to education opportunity.
- Nido Family Centers
- Whiteman Airport – Youth Programs
- Boys and Girls Club
- Agricultural concerns: creek fire, children's hospital, helicopters critical, many young families, many horses, etc. CD7 rep 2012-2016 Donna Lauber
- Be a part of the airport community
- The love for Pacoima everyone is showing
- The airport make our area unique
- Restaurants
- The airport brings in people from all walks of life to work and play in LA County
- Mountains win this and open spaces
- Wonderful opportunities for youth such as Civil Air Patrol
- No (illeg.) no airport
- The airport
- Airport
- Airport
- Mountains and hiking trails

- Airport! youth activities, murals in Pacoima
- Keep the airport! For safety! – fires
- The people = residents who have lived here for a long time. Not Whiteman Airport and the noise pollution.
- Great opportunity for youth in aviation
- Neighbors, airport – love seeing old planes taking off
- College Corner (El Nido Family Center)
- Our city should keep this as an airport because things are changing and this is a historical landmark.
- People of color
- Public services available
- Mend
- A community that provides opportunities for our children to be inspired to new adventures and be competitive in the world economy including through hands on learning about aviation
- The airport
- Culture
- Whiteman Airport
- This airport! Keep it!
- Pacoima Public Library
- Hansen Dam Park
- Places that don't pollute our air, clinics, schools, parks
- E-library
- David Gonzales Park
- Our shared immigrant stories and shared struggles for economic and racial justice
- Discovery Cube Museum
- Van Nuys Bl, Bradley Green Alley, Revitalization/Green space
- Parks
- Whiteman airport: needs a restaurant jobs, jobs
- Cultural expression and community organizing
- WHP Airport, Hansen Dam Rec Area, Hansen Dam Golf Course, local restaurants, great people
- The park spaces especially Hansen Dam
- Family
- Our real surrounding the safety that this airport offers us with fire protection and search and rescue. Keep it as is!
- Family oriented, friendly
- Keep the airport for family use
- KWHP thank you for bringing joy to our lives
- Please keep the airport!
- Whiteman Airport, please keep it here in Pacoima
- The community could be better. Looking for improvements here across the board. Lots of work to do!
- Bilingual and Spanish-speaking youth, individuals, and families
- Whiteman is a great airport and it should stay that way
- Our people's history and their dreams.
- Locals and residents to SFV
- Hansen Dam and the desire to have more spaces for the community to enjoy together!
- Recreation
- Parks: art center, sports club

- Recreation park
- Less pollution – we have some of the highest in the state
- What makes my community a great space is the history of resilience in the face of efforts that attempt to suppress and repress working class communities like Pacoima
- A welcoming environment that allows all to thrive. Whiteman Airport offers this to all.
- Hansen Dam open space, Whiteman GA Airport, mountains
- Add rules to pilots of the plane, enforce regulations, hold them responsible for their actions, more rules and regulations! To owners and pilots.
- To give better maintenance to the airport.
- Keeping Whiteman Airport open!
- Our (Pacoima) demands (on a flyer)
- The airport and its services
- Having Whiteman Airport makes our community safer! Whiteman also serves as a great resource for for education! We must preserve this facility!
- We need more hangers!
- Agencies like: Pacoima Beautiful, Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural, the GR818ERS/Awoke, Neighborhood Legal Services, MEND
- Car shop
- Emergency services
- This airport is a huge part of the community
- That it is a majority Hispanic community, that it is a culturally vibrant community
- Learning and training for our youth in aircraft and engineering businesses
- The stories this airport has.
- The airport!
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful “call to action” flyer taped to board; flyer text follows below]
[NOTE: Please reference this comment and the following text taken from the flyer when the posting of the flyer is referred to elsewhere in this list of comments]

CALL TO ACTION!

- > We call on LA County to commission a Environmental Impact Report by an independent research group.
- > We demand the FAA to assess the danger posed by the substandard proximity of runways 12 and 30 to highly populated areas.
- > We demand that LA County and FAA shut down Whitman Airport
- > To make a noise complaint call (818) 896-5271

We are done carrying the health burden of a facility that does not benefit us.
Whiteman Airport must shut down!

SIGN THE PETITION (with QR code & SCAN ME)

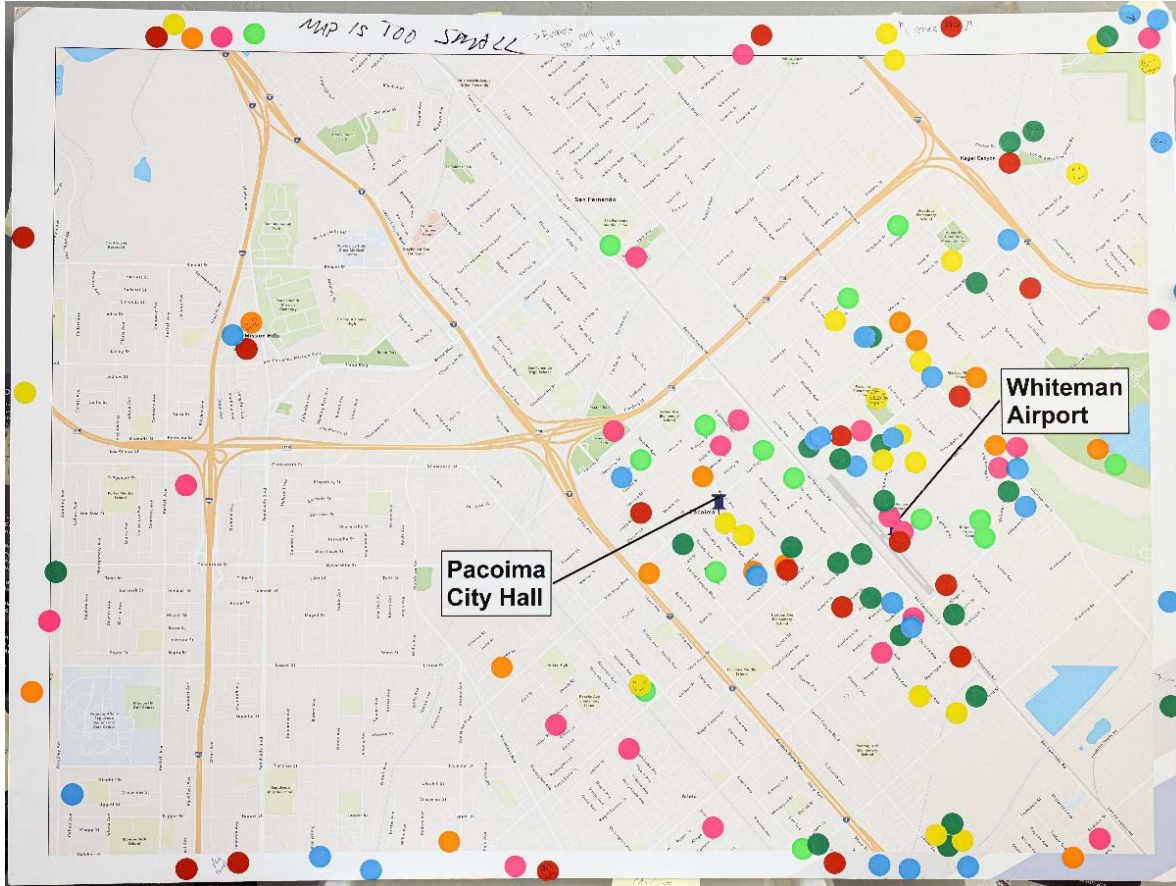
bit.ly/shutdownwhiteman #shutdownwhiteman

Instagram logo: @pacoimabeautiful

For more information please contact: 818-899-2454

Map of (self-reported) Participant Locations – March 3 & 5

NOTE: this was an optional activity and self-reported by participants; used only for an interactive greeting activity and to visually represent where participants (who wished to participate) were coming from or identified with.



STATION 2

BOARD TOPIC: What has been shared so far? (project process)

Comments – March 3rd & 5th

- Polluting
- Keep youth aviation learning and opportunities available
- Why does the (illegible) hate aviation
- Kagel Canyon and all Foothill communities. This is our safety. It needs to stay as is!
- The Pacoima community that's most impacted wants accountability from the County & FAA but most importantly, Whiteman Airport. Shut it down! (PB flyer attached)
- Impacted. Whiteman is a base for emergency services and disaster relief. And this airport being so close to the mountains (fire) that's crucial.
- Create more places that offer educational resources.
- There should be noise cancellation windows and curfew for planes.
- Emergency and fire response is critical to the entire San Fernando Valley. #kagelstrong (e-mail address supplied)
- Create a plaza that gathers more people similar to La Placita Olvera.
- Pacoima community residents are impacted though do not own airplanes themselves.
- Kagel severely impacted. Agricultural fire rescue. Many children and animals.
- We need this facility! If we lose it, we will never get it back!
- Expand community outreach opportunities with airport open.
- The issue is that in the past couple months, two major airplane crashes have happened. It's time we make better use of this piece of land. For the community.
- Provide youth aviation.
- This is the base for Civil Air Patrol. Need to keep that. With cadet programs & aerospace education.
- Keep airport which has established educational opportunities for any youth interested.
- Please keep the airport open.
- We want real study groups, not private studies.
- Have more open houses to inform more people.
- Shut down White Man Airport when? Now!!!
- No change to WHP. Keep it open!
- We need more than an open house. We need mailers to every home to get the true opinion of the community.
- Explore carving out Whiteman Airport into transportation hub for new Metro project.
- Not enough community engagement and meaningful inclusion of Spanish-speaking residents.
- I want to learn to fly at this airport.
- Provide local airport for pilots emergency medical transport, organ transplants.
- Utilize this space for a shopping mall.
- The airport is a valuable part of this community.
- Don't move next to the airport if you don't like it.
- Keep airport.
- I've heard this airport has youth programs and that they're "accessible" but I've worked with youth of color all my life while living in the WESFV and never met a youth who came here.

- Airport is a must stay open!! Many communities need it.
- Get rid of airport! Lots of noise/pollution.
- Keep the airport as is!
- If there is excess land here, perhaps a portion could be split off for another purpose.
- Keep airport in our community.
- Whiteman Airport is an amazing economic & educational engine, as well as a huge safety (fire/police/news) asset for the community. There is a reason other airports are spending tens of millions of dollars to build exactly what we already have here.
- Fire Medical
- No helicopter removal. Planes great for tourism.
- Keep open the airport.
- Keep the airport. Don't need more trash in our community. Can't keep clean what we have.
- Keep the airport. We don't (need) more housing or development. Put a restaurant in.
- So Monica, how much money are you getting from potential developers?
- Do not replace airport with more density, traffic.
- Get rid of the train!
- Keep airport.
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful "call to action" flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Engagement](#)

Comments – March 3rd

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- Whiteman Airport Community wants a 1) Hospital 2) Recreation Center for Youth 3) Community College
- Use NextDoor to promote to broader area - & neighborhood council & watch (from Arleta)
- Any!!
- Youth focused programs
- The airport has been in existence for many years; it does need more renovations. A city like Pacoima should be proud to have an airport.
- @TracyWare Sr. Lead Offices Mission Hills Division 818-634-0624 (from Arleta)
- Conduct a survey of the top 6 preferred uses suggested by residents
- Didn't feel engaged staff was talking to staff not the community one person behind each station for community engagement? Not ok!! I took time off work!
- There is no security for the residents
- Community Voice matter Close Whiteman Airport
- I truly agree with the community who feels unsafe
- I'm not entirely interested in engagement with the airport. Aviation is neither a personal hobby nor subject matter interest of mine. We, as residents have, should have a say in how to use the land that most impacts us
- Address the lead in our community from airplanes (260m)
- None of the community are involved in airport activities
- Leadership programs for kids
- Host community wide events
- I want the airport to close because of all the contamination for the children. I am a caregiver (nanny)

- Whiteman Airport hates Pacoima residents
 - We hire Pacoima residents [arrow pointing to previous comment]
 - How many really? Does that give you the right to make your hobby more important than people's lives? [arrow pointing to previous comment]
- Residents don't feel close to the airport but most residents are against closure only PB and Monica want it closed
- The airport hosts some events. They can do more, but Pacoima residents don't participate as much.
- Let the people who live here decide what we need. If you don't live here you shouldn't have a say.
- There are free airplane rides every 4th Sat. for kids
- We need more interaction in a positive format
- Neither!!!
- Plan for community gardens and composting workshops to bring residents together
- Green spaces
- Airport is hardly accessible to members of local community. I've never met anyone from Pacoima who has ever been to Whiteman.
- 180 acres will be good for a hospital, community college, recreation center for youth
- Keep it
- Neither
- Come to the airport to see what it offers

Comments – March 5th

- Share the news regularly about benefits of medical transport
- Noise is not bad I get more noise from the fire department
- LEARN TO FLY!
- Help with changing the double paned windows of nearby houses – refund those that already replaced residents windows
- IT IS GOOD YOU ARE DOING THIS! I HOPE YOU GET GOOD INPUT
- PUBLIC VIEWING AREA AND COMMUNITY CENTER
- Have more meetings like this to see what people think.
- Have a big Open House at airport with community & airport organization involved & mutually planning & running it
- The airport means progress. The projects (housing) don't generate a good society. Drugs are pollution.
- I WORKED AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT FOR 20 YEARS AS A CRASH FIREMAN NONE OF THE CRASHES THERE HAVE CAUSED DEATH EXCEPT OCCUPANTS NO ONE ELSE WAS INJURED & KILLED
- Noise is terrible! Pollution is too. Do something about both – window noise blocking, etc.
- Maintenance & cleanliness of airport also out in the community
- The noise and the endangerment of our community
- There is no communication between the airport and the nearby community
- Do some of the things Mr. Whiteman did on the airport before it went to next owners. (racing, pool, shooting range, clubs & more)
- Keep the airport
- Create a program like the LAWA Ace Program to bring local students here to learn about aviation
- Advertise the Van Nuys Airport Career Day (to be held 4/29/22 virtually)
- Community outreach – give \$\$\$ to local schools & programs

- More outreach in Spanish (beyond some links and public banner) to the Pacoima and NESFV communities
- All are welcome at WHP airport! This is our community airport.
- [pre-printed and taped on board] LA COUNTY AIRPORTS WEBSITE:
the County-owned airports serve General Aviation and are part of the Federal government's National Plan of Integrated Airports System. [Whiteman Airport is] classified as "reliever" airports as [it] relieve[s] nearby commercial service airports of general aviation aircraft activity, allowing them to better facilitate commercial airline traffic. For more information about general aviation and its numerous benefits to the local and national economy, please click here for the Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association's What Is General Aviation brochure, or here for the Federal Aviation Administration's 2012 report on General Aviation Airports: A National Asset.
- Market local programs young eagles etc. to local schools relentlessly
- Help Pacoima – Help Pacoima be beautiful
- CREATE BONAFIED OUTREACH CAMPAIGN DOOR-TO-DOOR
- The interaction between community and airport has been declining and it is endangering us.
- Get real community engagement ^ People who live in the area
- Exchanges between/among non-profits at airport & in community
- More events at airport. Kids Families Dogs & cats
- WW (heart) THE AIRPORT!
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful "call to action" flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Community Safety](#)

Comments – March 3rd

- If you want to make people safe from a vehicle that kills, outlaw cars!
- I find it interesting how we are talking about this airport and security and we have a horrific accident were it could have been disasterous to the community. Very fortunate no one got hurt.
- Plan for youth training on communication strategies/skills to help them/teach them how to de-escalate a situation when there is conflict
- 1000 of diesel trucks that reside in or near Whiteman Airport create more noise than planes. How about the transit trains
- We need: clean air, less noise. Airport, train are contaminating our air!!!!
- Our neighborhood is not safe with the airport there. We live in fear
- Need to address crime and the homeless issues in the valley!
- Opening events that bring community together
- You are murderers/ fly your way out of Pacoima White People
- I am afraid one of the planes will fall since so many have fallen!
- How many more accident do we need to see?! How many more kids & families need to be traumatized because of airplane accidents
- B/C airport is open to recreational use, accident are always possible, we can only do so much to prevent crashes, so airport will always pose safety risk. Rec. use should end
- Pacoima residents deserve a clean and safe community
- We demand the closure of Whiteman Airport
- All airport rules & regulations are followed They are safe.
- Need for mental health / well-being training program

- Safety measures for planes not crashes
- We need to remove the airport; it is a danger to residents
- Aircraft crashes are very infrequent. Worried about safety? Ban cars, trucks, busses & crossing at intersections.
- Firefighters & police aircraft can be up in the air in seconds in this comfortable airport. Ready to respond to anything in Pacoima. WHP is essential for enhanced community safety.
- The airport administration must have stricter rules for pilots and aircraft owners, and especially the aircraft maintenance.
- I would like more police for security
- LA City Council has stated that airport poses significant health risk & safety risk to community
- Our parks need to be clean & safe for children & families. Streets are more unsafe than airport
- We need the airport to be closed for more security
- Compare the airport to vehicle and train accidents it is way safer
- Pacoima is already the city w/ worst air quality. We don't need airplanes!!!
- The only injuries to individuals of the community have been traffic accidents by cars & Metrolink – not planes
- Establish a higher approach glide-path into the airport. The pilots drop-down on final approach. This gives a pilot who is in an emergency situation better maneuvering space
- Keep it
- The community is more secure because of the airport
- Whiteman doesn't care about Pacoima Resident Safety
- Statement about air quality is bogus most airplanes leave the airport to distant places diesel trucks are by far more polluter than planes Truck & buses by 1000 more
- An airplane fell on a train track and got hit by the train & a plane fell in a neighborhood last year [arrow pointing to previous comment]
- 2 accidents in the past 2 years! One plane landed by the houses & the most recent where it landed on the intersection & was hit by a train!
- Not one resident killed or injured by airport operations in over a quarter of a century. Can you say the same about the streets? Safety? Really?
- The pilots need to stop crashing

Comments – March 5th

- Invest in neighborhoods & residents so they pass on the good word
- No more expansion ideas for the airport
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AVIATION RESOURCES (HELICOPTERS)
- Pollution
- Eliminating polluting activities & storage
Reduce footprint to create buffer zones between airport & community to increase safety
- Knowing we have the Civil Air Patrol & base for emergency services is an asset. Keep it!
- PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND/OR MORATORIUM ON AIRPORT GROWTH WITH REGARDS TO MORE AIRPLANES UNTIL COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORTS RELEASED AND ANALYZED
- Concern for seniors for air quality from airport
- To not have planes fall on our homes
- SAFETY RECORD IS GREAT AT WHP!
- For our safety, not having planes fall in our neighborhood or make them safer.)
- CAL FIRE

- COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
- Safety
 - More regulations/inspections on planes & pilots
 - Have private personnel (firefighters, EMTs) on site, in case of emergencies
 - Keep airport open, more stricter regulating
- 2 HORRIBLE crashes in 3 month window
- How many month? It was 14 between accidents at Whiteman. And there were dozens of horrible car crashes in the area at the same time! Do you want to close the street too?
- Air quality pollution
- Safety measures around community bordering airport
- Airplanes using lead based fuel is a danger to our community
- Crashes are caused by gravity. Get rid of that.
- People living within close proximity. Anything can happen and it has.
- Puts Pacoima in danger with too many plane crashes. SHUT IT DOWN
- [pointing to note above] No one hurt but pilots then we should outlaw cars
- FIRE MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESCUES (People/equines)
- The airport is safe I have lived here over 30 years.
- Don't fly over residential housing & business
- Too many people doing donuts in the streets
- WILDFIRES! WE NEED AIR SUPPORT!
- Too much noise and pollution
- STOP LINKING CLOSURE OF AIRPORT WITH LOSS OF PUBLIC SAFETY HARMFUL MISINFORMATION
- CRIME & THEFT A BIGGER PROBLEM
- LA COUNTY FIRE DEPT. AVIATION UNIT IS HERE FOR FOREST FIRES
- Intersections are more dangerous than the airport. More people die of car crashes than airplane accidents. Let's shut down the intersections.
- NO ONE ON THE GROUND HAS DIED FROM WHITEMAN
- [attached to previous note] A Civil Air Patrol pilot died on the ground outside of Whiteman! Not the first
- Emergency Services
- Aviation can help keep at risk youth out of trouble
- Why are there so many homicides in Pacoima?
- Implement a curfew and noise cancelling windows
- WILL NEW USE CHASE COUNTY FIRE AWAY? Critical fire support!
- NO JETS FLY OUT OF WHITEMAN
- Check every airplane for safety
- FIRE SAFETY VERY IMPORTANT – TABBI
- THERE IS NO CRIME AT THIS AIRPORT TOO SMALL
VERY LITTLE POLLUTION
NO ACCIDENTS COMPARED TO OTHER AIPORTS
- AS FAR AS I KNOW THE SAFETY RECORD IS GOOD HERE. IS THERE UNUSED CAPACITY TO SERVE MORE AIRCRAFT, OR A NEED FOR MORE AIRCRAFT (LIKE FIRE FIGHTING) TO SERVE US?
- I don't think the community at large fully understands how important Whiteman is for our safety.
Save this airport.
- Airport is safe & good
- [attached to previous note] Airport is not safe

- Air pollution
- Noise pollution
- Crashes/accidents
- The airport is safe for who
- SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS TO LEARN ABOUT AVIATION OR FIND A CAREER

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Crime & Security

Comments – March 3rd

- History will show Pacoima has high crime rate, men riding around the streets chasing (illegible) speed. FHPD cares zero. (illegible) Crime out of control + (illegible) since 1963.
- The police station should be open at (illegible) for the (illegible) close at 7pm.
- Crime is not at Whiteman Airport
- Security is a concern when an airplane flies over your close when getting ready land.
- Communities of color are not the private (illegible) of the elite. Their safety and well-being ought not be compromised to accommodate for the leisure of a select few.
- We need more street lights; they are too dark and that contributes to crime
- Leave it alone; do your job, leave the airport alone.
- I am a citizen. I want less pollution; street cleaning. I don't want so many people sleeping in the streets
- Pollution is strongly concentrated 260m from the airport, why are we letting them pollute our skies.
- It's a crime to rob Pacoima community from living a life of peace, noise free.
- Active gangs in area
- More security to fight crime
- I have never felt unsafe at the airport. I am there well after 9pm for the last 25 yrs +
- The crime is happening outside the airport
- Whiteman has caused tension on our community & doesn't help our community with safety
- There is very little crime at the airport
- Immediately suspend recreational drugs. Move the homeless.
- Airport is safe. No crime in or around it.
- No crime in Pacoima due to the airport
- The airport has 24/7 security
- Whiteman Airport has 24/7 security and people always monitoring
- Return the money (funding) to the police
- It is important to focus on this situation; today there is a lot of insecurity
- No crime is created by the airport. If we create land for housing for low income it will get worse
- Monica should be more worried about crime and home-lessness in Pacoima than this Airport
- The airport is the safest & crime free area of the community
- Brings outsiders into safe communities
- More lights are needed around the area at night. The roads are also not well taken care of
- Give more funds to the police, for more security

Comments – March 5th

- Eliminate recreational drugs, return funding to the police. Stop car racing
- The airport is not the cause of bad stuff. The people are! Leave the airport.
- Airport keeps Pacoima safe & crime down with the youth programs.
- WHITEMAN AIRPORT SHARE OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES WITH THE COMMUNITY & HELP KEEP SECURE
- ENHANCES COMMUNITY CARS CRASH MORE. STREET RACERS?
- THE AIRPORT IS A SAFE PLACE TO BE. SECURITY HAS BEEN A BARRIER TO ACCESS
- Crime caused by others outside the airport – not promoted by Pilots or Patrons of the airport
- There are hundreds of articles about the problems of this airport since it opened. These are problems that have continued w/no resolution. Does this airport really care? Are these comments going to do anything?
- What hundreds of articles (with merit)? Check the FAA/WTSB database and there are less accidents in the last 25 years that there are car accidents due to street racing in just one year!
- Airport helps local security!
- NEARBY LAPD FOOTHILL DIVISION SAVED LIVES DURING RECENT AVIATION ACCIDENT
- Nearby Illegal Fireworks
- THE AIRPORT DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE CRIME
- Haven't heard of crime and safety being an issue here. In fact, I feel a lot safer having the airport here as a base for Emergency Services & Disaster Relief, Plus being the home of Civil Air Patrol.
- Less crime and more safety for our neighborhoods
- AIRPORT is SAFE. Problems with Housing & Businesses
- NO CRIME AND GREAT SECURITY WITH THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE ON THE AIRPORT
- The airport and the associated Div Ops of the LA Co FD are absolutely vital for the safety of the north SFV!
- Compare local Deaths – Train vs Planes?
- Excellent location for fire department helipad and flight crews watching traffic
- We have Police Officers, we don't need Whiteman here in our Community. Punto! Period!
- AIRPORT PROVIDES ENVIRONMENT FOR KIDS TO LEARN AND ENTER AVIATION CAREER AND AVOID CRIME
- The airport helps keep the surrounding neighborhood safer
- ↑ How? [attached to previous note arrow pointing to it]
- Airports keeps us All Safe. Fire Dept. Thank you Guys
- Bringing in more low income housing will increase crime
- Airport Great Place to Hold Community

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Pollution

Comments – March 3rd

- Existence of air pollution from airport increases environmental inequality in Pacoima. Everyone deserves access to clean air
- U.S. E.P. declared airport as the largest source of air toxins in Pacoima. Very high level of respiratory illnesses in Pacoima residents
- If the airplane doesn't cause pollution, why isn't this airport in an affluent community
- Way more pollution on 5, 405, San Fernando and Van Nuys than the few planes

- Pollution is from the cars and trucks
- Aircraft engines are always kept in top notch shape and are almost nothing in comparison to the engines of modified cars etc in Pacoima
- A lot of pollution
- Close White Airport said by to (Pollution)
- SB 1383 requires diversion of food waste from landfills. Combats pollution composting facility a viable operation on this site
- The cars on San Fernando Rd make much more pollution than the planes
- The 5 freeway and train generate more pollution in 1 month than all planes with in one year!
- Pollution? Really? 1. Homeless encampment 2. Diesel busses 3. trucks 4. a sea of automobiles 5. CO emissions. Pollution from aircraft is minimal
- We need something to be done so that people don't leave so many large items on the streets. That is a form of contamination
- We are angry about the contamination
- Electric planes suitable for training are here now. No more lead!
- There is more pollution from cars and the shops for cars around Pacoima. Airport should be left alone.
- Keep it
- Much contamination and this brings diseases of asthma cancer
- Might as well ban cars and public transportation
- There is more car pollution than airplane pollution
- Green spaces
- Composting & compost can help clean the air. Plan for composting facility; training youth in this job sector
- We are sick from so much pollution
- Aviation leaded fuel
- Lots of noise and pollution. Everyone wants to breathe clean air
- Airplanes pollute a lot; it has been suggested for a long time to close it down
- I am tired of holding my nose and breath, so you can fly for fun. Go play at your neighborhood
- Excessive!! Of air, land, areas where their planes fly overhead.
- Factories are polluters
- They need to use unleaded fuel.
- A lot of noise, unsafety
- Close it down
- We have a lot of noise pollution
- Airport wants to begin using unleaded fuel let them, cars cause more pollution
- Much of the pollution comes from cars on the surrounding major streets & the Metrolink
- US EPA has called for fuel change no? The lead-based fuel is killing people.
- It is toxic to our community. We deserve better air quality
- Fuel dropping on homes
- I have lived all my life next to the airport and it is not noisy, nor do I feel the effects of pollution compared to cars and polluting industries
- Trains also pollute

Comments – March 5th

- According to Calenvironmental Screening all census tracts in Pacoima have high levels of pollution and health impacts such as low birth rate, asthma and cardiovascular disease which have been linked to pollution by the EPA and hundreds of studies
- There is far more pollution from the section of San Fernando Blvd next to the runway than there is from the airport.
- POLLUTION? ARE YOU KIDDING ME? IF MAKE MORE SUBDIVISIONS, INCREASE IN CARS WILL CREATE WAY MORE POLLUTION
- More cars means more traffic and Pollution!
- CONTAMINATION DUE TO AV FUELS – NOISE POLLUTION 24/7
- Our lives are at risk with poor air quality from the lead of countless planes flying over my community
- NO POLLUTION PROBLEM. DWP STACK & Cars ARE POLLUTING
- THIS AIRPORT POLLUTES LESS THAN THE CARS, TRAINS, AND THE HOMELESS CAMPS.
- Pollution is terrible due to Whiteman – look @ 2007 EPA report.
- A FEW SMALL PLANES IN A SEA OF AUTOMOBILES HAS TINY & MINIMAL IMPACT
- MORE SECURITY. CLEAN OUT HOMELESS MOTORHOMES
- MORE POLLUTION IS GENERATED BY CARS ON I-5 BETWEEN 4-6P EACH DAY BETWEEN HOLLYWD FWY AND OSBORN ST
- Offset jet fuel emissions by being environmentally responsible in other areas.
- NOT AN ISSUE. COMMERCIAL PLANES MUCH WORSE
- FAR LESS POLLUTION THAN ALL THE TRAINS, BUSES & THE MAJOR TRUCKING OUTFITS
- We have freeways, train tracks and airport. One has to go. The decision is easy.
- Cars at Costco and Best Buy Pollute more than the airplanes at KWHP
- I have lived here over 30 yrs no pollution complaints from Airport
- UNLEADED AVGAS COMING SOON
- ↑ doesn't change the fact that you poison our air & space
- Far less poison than all those illegal street racers!
- I haven't seen the studies or numbers, but I can't imagine there's much pollution created here by small airplanes
- Yes, it pollutes a lot and even more with the plane maintenance
- There is much less pollution from the airport than from a shopping complex.
- We inhale all the exhaust the planes leave.
- Stop Polluting our Communities. Stop Flying late hours, you need to go!!!
- Give more funding to the police! No free [i.e. available/legal] marihuana!
- The new era of Electric & Lead Free Aviation will be driving by GA airports
- We are surrounded by Freeways! The airport is Not the Problem.
- Why were so many people killed in car accidents nearby? (e.g. 19 at Osborne/San Fernando intersection)
- Publish records of stored hazmat, polluting materials disposal activities & material use
- Lead is all over the flight path. All over homes. The airport users blame other industries. Same as other polluters in our area do. They take no responsibility & blame others. This in an EJ community. Do you care?
- The people who use the Airport do not reflect the demographic of Pacoima. Most people in Pacoima are people of color and Airport user are white who are driving in to the community to cause pollution
- Pacoima deserves to breath clean air. Our zipcode should not determine our life expectancy.
#shutitdown

- Same as non-airport areas!
- Pollution is not an issue RED HERRING THERE ARE NO JETS AT THIS AIRPORT. NO NOISE. NO POLLUTION

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Noise](#)

Comments – March 3rd

- Instruct pilots out of Whiteman that high-rev's are not required to achieve lift-off
- If we close the airport it will be jet noise to & from Burbank
- It's a money maker!
- Noise abatement programs? Flight curfews
- We are tired of so much noise; it can be used for something better; it could be something beautiful in that place
- Whiteman Airport must GOOOOO
- Too much noise
- Stand on Osborne at 6 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 6 pm then you'll hear noise!
- If airport is closed jets will fly over Pacoima at 1000'
- There is a lot of noise day and night and pollution
- Virtual learning was hard for our youth. Shut it down.
- SHUT IT DOWN
- The community deserves peace and quiet
- Train noise is worse. Keep airport open
- I can hear myself or anything because your airplane is too loud
- Very noisy and dangerous for those who live nearby
- The train makes more noise than the airport
- Sound proof windows are OK :)
- Not much noise woman pilot in CD 7 Ruth Logan
- Too much noise; no take offs after 7 pm only emergency landings
- Burbank airplanes create more noise than Whiteman Airport
- It causes a lot of noise and thinking (?) and does not let you rest
- Noise from Metrolink, trains and car traffic
- Most evening noise comes from emergency helicopters
- And the noise of the trains at 2:15 in the morning is not noise!?
- No noise the train is worse. The train shakes the houses.
- Keep it open
- There is aircraft noise
- Noise and pollution affect health
- It can be used for parks/ job sites/ cooling centers
- Noise pollution is a negative thing for your health
- The noise has been devastating to my health, fear that aircraft will crash into my home, very nearby. Close the airport. No-deals
- Airplane noise is minimal to none from 10 pm. Only Emergency Aircraft
- Keep it open!
- Shut it down
- Too much, excessive

- Keep the airport open. The noise doesn't bother me.
- Too much noise
- Too much noise
- Train noise 24 hr a day – Airport valuable to all of the valley
- The number of planes is small. I live by the airport. Noise does not bother me because flights are in frequent. Really a non-issue for me.

Comments – March 5th

- The train is noisier than the planes!
- Those trains sure are noisy!
- COULD THERE BE A PROGRAM TO SUBSIDIZE SOUND-PROTECTING PEOPLES HOMES NEAR THE AIRPORT?
- Love the Airplanes no noise problem. I have been next to Airport over 30 yrs
- Noise is to to bad is more noise from cars
- TRAINS & FREIGHT TRUCKS RUN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY LOTS OF NOISE POLLUTION
- Have a schedule (if it already doesn't have one)
- No plane noises. Also, I don't want to hear TRAIN NOISE at 2:15 a.m.
- The noise it generates it's around the clock
- Love the sound of airplanes/helicopters. Know the community is being kept safe.
- Airplanes are too damn loud – a flight comes and goes every 45 minutes (1440 minutes/day and approx. 318 takeoff landings/day)
- It disturbs sleep patterns specially in children
- Little noise
- Pierce
Lots of noise
Idling planes
Smoke
People don't feel like they have a place to talk
- This is not a huge 24/7 commercial airline airport. Small craft is minimal noise in daytime.
- IF WHITEMAN CLOSED, THIS WOULD BECOME THE NEW FLIGHT PATH FOR JETS INTO BURBANK. WOULD NOT BE QUIETER.
- Constant noise from cars and trucks
- NOISE HAS BEEN HERE A LONG TIME NOT A PROBLEM
- When I'm at Costco, I don't notice the planes. Noise is no issue.
- It is loud for the neighbors near the airport
- CURFEW no planes 24/7 (separate note: AGREE)
- Irrelevant MINIMAL
- Why move next to an airport if noise is a concern?
- It's scary when we hear the planes. We feel like they are going to land on top of us.
- IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE AIRPORT, DON'T MOVE NEAR IT
- I've lived here 5 years. The airport noise? I don't even notice it.
- Cancel the noise. It's excessive!!
- MINIMAL FROM SMALL AIRCRAFT VS. BURBANK COMMERCIAL
- Love to hear Airplanes. Train is more noise.

- [attached to previous note with arrow] Train is used for transportation and is necessary! Planes are used as a hobby/fun by Whiteman Airport.
- Noise is more relevant for those who live nearby
- Minimal Some people don't even know there is an airport here
- Those street races sure are FAR noisier than any of the planes!
- This airport has been here before most have moved to this area. "Quiet" is relative. If you want "quiet" then move to an area that has no noise... (good luck!) The sound of the airport reminds me of recreation and peace of mind one gets from flying! A quiet airport is like a silent crowd at the Super Bowl.
- No more noise than
 - Police station/ cars
 - Fire trucks
 - TRAIN!
 - Firecrackers that have been going off for 2 years and still continue.
Keep the airport ☺
- It's disruptive and can create mental and health issues
- Can't open the windows due to smoke. Control noise
- The airport was here first. People knew about the noise when they moved here!
- Cancel the noise it bothers our community specially @ NIGHT!!!
- Airport here before you!
- TRAINS BUSES TRUCKS
- Our community deserves respect When Yesterday, Today & 365 days of the year.
- How will this be mitigate once gone! If it gets developed you'll have more noise, traffic and fumes!
Save the airport
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful "call to action" flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Land Use](#)

Comments – March 3rd

- Composting facility (SB1383 now enforced)
- Airport
- Large park like Lake Balboa. More green to offset carbon emissions
- We need hospitals, parks, school
- Expand services at the airport to bring-in more visitors and users of those facilities
- The airport is best use of the property
- Keep it open
- No take offs after 10 pm
- Include green space, job training center, parking as ESFVLR will remove all parking from Van Nuys Blvd and small businesses there will lose all their parking for their customers – they will lose their businesses by default b/c of loss of customers
- More park & open space
- Housing
- Community distraction centers
- We need more green spaces!!
- For police use/fire use (extend it), a school, mall, Starbucks (we don't have one)

- Land should be not touched except have a spectator children park to inspire kids to fly
- Pacoima community center for seniors
- Establish apartments, hospitals, and Section 8 housing
- Pacoima NEEDS theatre
- Open restaurants, lighting, garden, do flights around places for short time.
- Use land for airport
- We could be using that property to create homeless sheds/housing like in North Hollywood!
- Use it as its meant to be, an airport!
- Parks, educational facilities, economic development, serve the needs of Pacoima
- Clean air development
- Needs a park with community recreation centers
- Green space like a park, community center where folx can enjoy & relax
- As an airport
- Pacoima NEED parks
- Urban farm, youth training for urban farmers and composting technicians
- Parks, businesses
- Keep as airport & education
- Land use: we need large urban forest, we need educational institutions, we need job training sites, we need child care centers.
- Pacoima needs a job center (Jobs)
- Homeless shelter, food bank
- Use vacant space at Laurel Cyn and Osborne. Promote commercial center.
- The airport needs to remain as is!
- Keep airport open – many lifesaving services there. It is a FEMA airport
- I am a resident. It can be used for many businesses, recreation center for adults and children
- Pacoima needs a children's park
- Land can be used as an airport, maybe have restaurants/other businesses too
- Parks, Rec centers, restaurants
- Some shelters for people who are homeless
- Shut it down provide housing
- Housing, Public Parks
- A Park, Farmer's Market, Plaza, Homeless Shelter
- Park, recreation centers

Comments – March 5th

- Senior Center Intergenerational Programs
- ADD PUBLIC POOL PLAYGROUND ARCHERY BIKE + WALKING PATH AROUND AIRPORT
- This land can be utilized for open space & innovative services for youth leadership development, arts, mental health & environmental justice
- Organic concessions sold at the airport should be composted on-site. Use compost to preserve landscape
- FIREFIGHTING
SEARCH AND RESCUE
AIRCRAFT RENTALS
- Green Space

- Airport!
 - Hangar Homes
 - Restaurant (Local Ownership!)
 - Park & Airplane Viewing Area w/ playground where C.A.P. used to be
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
- Airport
- Housing! For homeowners and renters
- Child care/ open day cares
- Have more events on & off the airport with local organizations & airport organizations
- KEEP THE AIRPORT (Heart)
- Create buffer zones by reducing airport footprint & use that space for parks & community services
- Big parcel of land. This community has many needs. An airport is not one of them. I've been in Pacoima 44 years. This is my first time at the airport.
- No better use than an Airport!
- Can the city clean up the graffiti on San Fernando Blvd? Clean up DeFoe trash?
- Can the County clean up the trash & mess on the airport fence line (Good youth project)
- Keep the airport
 - Education happens – free organized Every Day
- INVOLVE THE TATAVIAM TRIBE IN DELIBERATIONS AND FUTURE LAND USE #LAND BACK
- Expand the airport!
- Give land back to Tataviam Tribe #Landback
- Parks and open space Pacoima is a park poor community
- Something for the homeless
- Bring more Education training IE Aviation mechanics school like VN Airport
- Keep the Airport
- The land can be used for open space or a hospital
- Do landscaping on & around the airport to make it more appealing – Good youth project
- We need this airport. If we lose it, it will be gone forever!
- #LandBack
- As an Airport!
- Workforce Development
- Can't keep Care of Businesses & Streets Now Keep Airport
- Land use? Keep as the airport. Excess land could be used for other moneymaking purposes i.e. Mini Golf Course, Go-karts, Water Park, Arcade, all aviation themed. Community gardens? Nursery?
- Gardening center or [arrow pointing to note above]
- Could be a shopping center or affordable housing
- Create a park-like area where Young Eagles gather.
- Everything generates noise: ambulances, police, trains, car-racing, fwy, everything generates noise. Don't shutdown Whiteman.
- Programs to benefit the wellness of Pacoima.
- Large green space & health center!
- Recreation activities for adults and the young.
- Personally, the noise is not an issue.
- This land can be used for a training location, expand fire services (11 acres), an urban forest (not park), childcare services, job training facility – UC extension on environment.
- Be most water wise! Install smart timers & deep root irrigation.

- Affordable housing
- Recreational center
- YOUTH INSPIRATION THROUGH AVIATION LEARNING PROGRAMS
- IS THE ZONING AROUND THE AIRPORT APPROPRIATE TO KEEP DENSE HOUSING THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE USE OF THE AIRPORT? 1) CONSTRUCTION OF...
- Housing
- This airport is great. Maybe just needs a little better make over to look better. We love Whiteman Airport.
- YMCA – services for youth
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful “call to action” flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Public Amenities

Comments – March 3rd

- Keep emergency services and youth programs. Save the Airport!
- We need the Airport space for mass casualty/ earthquake to stage for mass casualty events
- Composting facility
- Help fund... youth training opportunities already there
- It has always been county owned, but now that it's county managed, the community may feel more comfortable using the space
- Parks, open space, recreation facility, community garden, affordable housing
- Help the Airport engage with the community
- Need youth programs geared towards at risk youth!!
- Green space, job training center, open a youth center to provide music/academics and tutoring for students
- The airport does nothing for the community
- The space has not been used to its full extent! It needs improvement
- I recommend the airport have a community room, banquet hall, & restaurant
- Multi use housing, Green section Jobs
- 8 nonprofits, Aviation career opportunities
- Keep it
- Do your job; clean up the streets and the homeless, educate yourselves.
- The airport has done nothing for the community. We could have better opportunities for the community
- Community gardens
- Community resources
- Aid center for families
- Libraries
- The community needs a track (not cement) for folks to run and walk miles. Currently there is no safe track.

Comments – March 5th

- Having a great asset like this airport should be a point of pride for our community!
- Keep it!

- Public swimming pool
- Ayuda para las comunidades parques (Help for the neighborhoods, parks.)
- Public swimming pool, archery, bike path
- Green space
- Lugares de servicios organizaciones de ayuda. (Amenities, community service agencies.)
- How about transportation hub to complement future increase in public transportation through Pacoima? (light rail)
- Proud to be in Pacoima – I want a clean Pacoima and no air pollution
- Communal meeting space – space for small businesses being displaced by the Metro development on Van Nuys Blvd
- Adjacent parks Hansen Dam
- We have several parks in the area! We only have one local airport! Save Whiteman Airport please!
- KWHP needs a restaurant
- Bike trail
- Give the land back for parks. Roger Jessup was bigger than it is now.
- Create a plaza where people can relax and enjoy refreshments etc
- Muchas oportunidades para los jóvenes. (Many opportunities for youth.)
- Playground/viewing área
- Public garden – a botanical garden with native plants
- Public playground
- Must stay open! Vital to foothills
- Picnic area, viewing area, Roger Jessup Park on original airport property
- This whole land could be used for more than just one activity/focus for youth
- Open space for youth leadership development, arts interventions, mental health, & environmental justice.
- This airport is used for many uses that must be preserved!
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful “call to action” flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Opportunities for Youth

Comments – March 3rd

- Childhood asthma is highest in this community due to the airport; Youth don't need an airport
- I (heart) Whiteman
- Explorers, EAA, Jackpot; Keep Whiteman Open!
- Whiteman has a way to get kids understand flying. We have a serious pilot shortage
- Keep It
- We need more job sites for youth
- Have students attend either during school or after school to learn valuable skills
- What opportunities are there currently?
- Aviation Explorers teach kids to fly and learn about aviation
- EAA has flown over 9,000 area kids for free to introduce and inspire them to careers in aviation
- Youth deserve clean air

- Advocate and make young people aware of programs in nearby schools
- Aviation careers are a great way to escape low wages!
- Civil air patrol 50% from area, EAA plane build, Youth Eagles, Aviation Explorers, Airport Tours, Glendale College Flight Program
- Expand and help fund the programs for youth that are in existence. Inspire them to start up additional new aviation themed programs. Communicate to local schools that opportunities are available to kids from the community.
- More youth programs
- In the environmental field, sustainability like what the Rose Bowl Stadium is offering to their youth
- Mental and psychological help centers would be better
- Whiteman Airport has FREE airplane rides from EAA for children
- Multi-generational housing/Transportation Hub
- 1. Nice Mexican restaurant with local support 2. Airplane viewing area 3. Public Swimming Pool
- The possibilities are endless
- EAA – learn about the mechanics of aviation
- There are already youth services there that have training for very good employment opportunities increase \$ for them
- EAA has mentoring programs for kids in aviation maintenance and repair FREE!
- Educational programs for higher education, extracurricular activities to keep youth off streets.
- Some options: Aviation Explorers Post 747 , Civil Air Patrol, Bill Berley's Jackpot , Build an Airplane Project
- The youth do not benefit from the airport
- The youth doesn't want an airport
- Civil Air Patrol, teach the "soft" skills w/ aviation to create leaders of tomorrow
- Youth deserve to live in a community safe from crashes and free from air pollution and the health risk it brings
- Non-profits for kids, free flights, STEM projects, educational programs

Comments – March 5th

- Youth can watch planes and learn to fly
- Young Eagles and Aviation Explorers welcome Pacoima community
- More open houses for visits with pilots
- Get kids involved with planes and flying – we now have a massive pilot shortage
- A park with sport fields.
- Aviation is pretty cool and learning to be a pilot is a awesome and unique career choice for kids of Pacoima. One problem with Whiteman airport is poor community outreach. I have lived in Pacoima for 28 years and I have never heard/seen these opportunities until today. If they are serious about community engagement then I would like more of an effort put forward. Secondly, if Whiteman Airport were to be removed I would like to see a green space community center an outdoor community center were we can teach about plants, animals, the Tatavium people that were here before everyone. We can have community centers to help bring Pacoima together.
- Airport benefits... jobs, capital in local businesses, youth inspiration
- Learning about careers in aviation and aerospace
- Many opportunity: Young Eagles Flights, Civil Air Patrol, Aviation Post 747

- Aviation Explorers!
- Airport tours
- Civil Air Patrol
- Youth aviation at airport!
- Job training – collaborate with community directly
- Programs – get youth involved: internships, volunteer, or jobs. Many teenagers/young adults would be interested if the airport offered these services
- Aviation career day
- A cultural center that teaches youth the rich history of Pacoima communities
- Teach Youth about LEAD poisoning that comes from airplane fuel & the EPA regulation
- Place for learning how to fly
- Shorten our lives by poisoning our lungs with lead from planes.
- Youth arts and engineering hub
- Help the community between now and the time it takes to close the airport with improvements they can see
- Civil Air Patrol, Young Eagles, EAA Youth Aircraft Build, Aviation Explorers, job opportunities, scholarships
- Aviation career day
- Open a High School in Pacoima
- Get high school students involved with sustainability efforts at airport. 301 organics.com has a great program.
- Civil Air Patrol
- Have more opportunities for hands-on activities for young people.
- A great starting point for youth education in aviation careers
- We need green areas not Whiteman Airport!!
- I don't fly but I enjoy seeing the planes/airport
- Don't shut down the airport. Project! In the future: school of aircraft mechanic.
- Education suggest after school programs
- Civil Air Patrol cadet program introduces youth to aviation and military careers, provides education and (*illegible*) programs serving the local community
- Airport youth programs – keep airport open
- Tower tours for everyone!
- There's been an empty lot in Laurel Cyn and Osborne for years. There's homeless, trash, drugs, etc. The airport is progress.
- Workforce development
- Little League
- After school programs
- Career exploration
- Youth aviation at airport!

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Financial Investment in / Revenue for the Community

Comments – March 3rd

- Is this how clear your conscience? Wow!
- Where do the airport fees go
- Airport employees and occupants shop, eat, buy gas all around the city daily.
- Millions of dollars are paid each year in taxes from the airport. Ask the city leaders where it's being spent.
- Whiteman generates revenues that the county then spends on public programs . Why kill your revenue stream?
- I envision a place where the community could gather or create income for low income residents through mom and pop shops or farmer markets.
- Pacoima and the NE San Fernando Valley need more financial infrastructure to support small businesses and space to host this infrastructure. There should also be investment in jobs here to increase wages- in ways that build the community, not take advantage of it.
- Positive financial impact only exist if tenants/employees are residents of Pacoima and are committed to using local businesses for projects/resources/capital
- That's why Pacoima is poor in no psychological mental help or against additions
- Whatever they put up for sale at the airport, not all the proceeds go to the community.
- I envision a community center, restaurant, and banquet hall to bring in revenue
- Already employs hundreds and offers skills and training. Keep Whiteman open!
- More investment to create more jobs
- Take out old buildings, and make a good café and restaurant
- Shut it down
- All the plane owners should come and live around the airport so that they can experience the toxic noise of their planes
- All my life in Pacoima and I have not seen money go to the community
- We need community betterments! Banking services, business interruption funds for small businesses
- The airport already brings financial \$ to the community
 - Agree
- Detailed economic analysis is needed to learn how many tenants and employees are residents of Pacoima in order to calculate the extent of any financial benefit the airport brings to the surrounding community
- We know that even though they have money, they do not fix the streets or sidewalk areas. For years the same [illegible] the lines of the asphalt are not distinguishable and it is dangerous
- SHUT IT DOWN
- A nice restaurant facility at the upgraded airport would bring in more business to our area from neighboring communities

Comments – March 5th

- Jobs at the airport, as well as aircraft owners bring money into the local comm., Which (illegible)/ traveling to the airport.
- Determine how much pilots and others donate to support the community, CAP, EAA, Aviation Explorers, 99s, Angel Flight, etc.
- Ms. Rodriguez what's in it for you? Maybe \$\$ from developers??
- Pacoima needs resources and not more pollution.
- Airborne tourism (airplane and helicopter tours)
- YouTube – create channel and apply for monetization or create goods.
- Tourism big plus +
- (pointing at “tourism big plus +” comment) exactly people in 91331 (Pacoima) don't use this airport.
- A nice restaurant here (like 94th Aero Squadron in Northridge) would be a nice addition to our community.
- Airport best part of Pacoima
- That's easy. A shopping center will create a stream of revenue that this city has never seen before.
- This will take away jobs.
- Put together a task force to figure out how you can expand events and opportunities to profit for the community (tourism – plane and helicopter rides – fairs, museum, etc. and ???). Add a mini golf course, go-karts, and arcade facility?
- We live in Pacoima, considered low income, poverty!
- The funding that's generated from the airport stays in the airport not the local community
- Invest in creating more places for youth.
- Airport supports community revenues now!
- All of these pilots and airport businesses pay their taxes to the city. They help fund all of our other community services and programs.
- Don't taxes collected on the existing businesses here profit the community in some way?
- Investment in the youth, give them opportunities.
- Investment to support economic and health development
- Keep airport but more open events for community.
- The local restaurants benefit from the airport employees
- Our airport uniquely supports GA in our area. It generates significant economic activity and jobs. The historic nature of aviation in SFV must be preserved.
- WHP is the perfect place for E.V.T.O.L. development in SFV
- Closing the airport is extremely shortsighted
- This airport puts Pacoima on the map!
- Airport provides jobs and revenue
- Support our airport!
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful “call to action” flyer taped to board]

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: Inequality

Comments – March 3rd

- There is no inequality at Whiteman Airport. The pilots are very open and great people to talk to. I encourage engaging in conversation with them. As far as racial matters go, there are Latino pilots and more people from a mix of ethnicities. VERY DIVERSE
- Why for so many years have we not provided programs to our youth?
- Why has the airport not been welcoming to undocumented and LGBTQ youth?
- Where is the community today?!?!?
- Pollution/health risk/safety risk from airport creates environmental inequality for immigrant/working class residents. Everyone deserves clean air & safety
- Over 50% of my employees are minority
- Why doesn't the airport invest in the surrounding area to demonstrate the true value & care for its neighbors
- Well-off communities do not have an airport in their backyard
- The airport is POISON to our LUNGS!
- Come to civil air patrol and see that everyone is welcome. Check out EAA too.
- It is not fair to have to deal with selfish pilots; need to come practice their flying in my home!
- Please keep out community safe and healthy. Don't allow toxic air pollution and noise pollution to disturb and negatively impact us.
- The Young Eagles Program and the weekly airplane building program are open to every child from the communities- regardless of their economic status or their standing in school
- Right now the airport represents inequality because it only serves private owners. The community deserves a say in what is placed in that land.
- The economics and demographics of Pacoima has changed dramatically since the establishment of the airport. Compared to decades ago, there is more poverty here now, more immigrants, and a different culture. The use of the airport's land should reflect this.
- When considering changes, please consider improvements such as open green space, places to recreate and positive things to help uplift our communities.
- Why doesn't the airport offer noise canceling windows to neighbors like others do?
- An airport is not racist, sexist or treat anybody unequally. Airport loves all people
- If an airport has good intentions, why don't I see any in YT [white] neighborhoods?
- That there be more equality throughout the community and no discrimination
- For equality to exist, racism must not exist and that will never end.
- I'm sure many have experienced inequality & that is not right. You will be treated with respect at the airport. Come visit!
- Green space, job training center
- Re-envisioning use of the airport's land is land use issue. Pacoima should not have to bear the brunt of environmental toxins and the recreational hobbies of a few. How else can the land be used to serve many more?
 - Agree [noted on comment above]
- Family members in certain government positions.

- Pacoima has long been passed over and discriminated against purely because of its poverty. We need to rethink use of 184 acres of land for retail/housing
- Inequity exists because people here say that it doesn't matter what you now but who you know. These are poor thoughts but they should not allow it.

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- If you remove the airport it creates inequality because local people would have to drive far to learn about aviation
- Every one of us who lives near the airport made a choice to live near the airport. Whiteman was here before the orchards & fields around it were developed into housing.
- Shut down the airport only keep fire emergencies
- Spanish speaking / non-English speakers left out of the process
- Ms. Rodriguez, why are you turning this into a race and class struggle?
- What is the racial/ethnic makeup of Whiteman's users and employees vs demographics of Pacoima and the NE San Fernando Valley?
- WHP is an equal opportunity employment facility
- Airport advocates gaslighting surrounding community is a grave issue
- What are the costs to low income residents in the continued operations of this airport? (e.g. foregone economic costs, health consequences, etc.)
- The airport was here first. Take the opportunity to learn to fly. It's at your doorstep.
- Youth programs are available to all at Whiteman Airport
- Racist policies like redlining and historical and present exclusion from resources has Pacoima and northeast communities living in poverty and high levels of pollution
- Aviation explorers are 50% Hispanic
- Why does the airport only engage with its neighbors after politicians, community groups, and community members ask questions and demand better. If you want to be in our neighborhood be a good neighbor 100% of the time. Consider the people who are impacted by the airport. Also consider your own user and pilots. Put the utility wires/poles on Sutter underground.
- Whiteman Airport is unique in LA County. It is one of the few locally accessible general aviation airports. The programs (CAP/EAA/Glendale Community College) bring access to aviation for underrepresented communities.
- How many Latinos and African American people from Pacoima are currently hired at this airport? Transparency, diversity, equity, and inclusion now.
- Many pilots live in the Valley in Pacoima and surrounding communities.
- Inequality? Heck, many minorities got their start in Aviation from places like this. I've heard them speak and they support saving the airport.
- Aviation opportunities for all.
- More benefit for the community and taxes for the city
- The folks that have the airplanes don't even live within 10 miles of here
- Yes we do!
- You own a plane why live within a 10mile radius of an airport. Shouldn't you want something better for yourself.

- The community is not reflected in the airport's industries. Too much disparity in income.
- People moved here after airport
- Keep the airport and use it to benefit the community
- We want more community residents at the airport.
- I am a pilot and I live in Pacoima and I am a community latino
- I am a student pilot and I live in this community!
- How many Pacoima residents utilize airport?
- Free programs and flight opportunities – not dependent on social constructs – for over 30 years!
- There is too much inequality. How many Mexican employees and other minorities work here???
- You don't need to be "rich" to participate in the activities at Whiteman. Several programs have scholarships to get flight training.
- People in this community do not have the means to own and maintain an airplane. Only bringing pollution to our community.
- If you keep the airport well maintained, restaurants, gardens, pilot training, and aero mechanic it benefits the community.
- This is a historical redlined community that has been excluded from resources and continues to be disrespected with this airport.
- Benefits people who don't live in the area and pollute Pacoima residents air.
- We have free flights for kids and adults any minority welcome!
- Thousands of dollars are available in scholarships for flight training, academic programs, maintenance training and other aviation careers.
- Growing up next to the airport is what led me to become a pilot. It has been the greatest source of inspiration in my life and I would hate to see our kids lose that.
- Present solid assured alternatives before deciding.
- What is the liability of the county in continuing the use of this land that has obvious racially disparate effects on Pacoima's Latin residents?
- This is my 1st time at Whiteman Airport – I was born/raised in Pacoima, and have never felt welcomed/invited.
- This airport benefits more than you know it services people across the country! Keep Whiteman

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Quality Jobs / Job Creation](#)

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- Pacoima youth can become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics, and air traffic controller. Whiteman airport is the best airport for learning students
- Children and families need better opportunities "job job"
- Airport employees come from the community
- Airport trains people for lifetime good jobs
- Whiteman airport provides Pacoima with over 80 million per year!
- A hospital attracts better jobs and opportunities instead of the airport
- The airport employs over 400 quality jobs and training programs

- Training programs
- What youth programs? Our children deserve the right to breath clean air
- Offer jobs to local residents in the immediate area
- Whiteman serves as vehicle to escape poor paying jobs thru great opportunities afforded by aviation
- Keep it
- Yes, let there be jobs for our young people in the community
- I am an aviation explorer based out of Whiteman and I have seen how it affects the aviation community. Whiteman is a cheap way to jump start piloting careers and it serves the whole community, it's not worth sacrificing career paths for young people for real estate
- We need to shut it down so we can have better jobs
- Whiteman airport provides the opportunity for a six-figure salary as an aircraft mechanic, corporate pilot schooling, etc.
- Offers no jobs, maybe less than 300, provides no income to the city of Pacoima, not beneficial to any residents!
- Give job opportunities to people who do not belong to the same political party.
- Please Do What the community wants, Shut down Whiteman Airport
- Do not shut down history
- I have no idea about jobs or any opportunities here
- Keep it open
- Quality jobs for our community... youth, parents, students... more opportunities for people that live in Pacoima no outsiders
- Learn a profession not a job
- More jobs could be created if the airport is shut down there are many possibilities for what could be done with the space
- SHUT DOWN
- Aviation careers are well paying jobs
- Urban Search and Rescue there FEMA-Stop the land grab- Keep Whiteman Open
- How many employees/tenants are residents of Pacoima????
- Airport provides teaching for pilot and mechanic licenses then provide GOOD JOBS
- That more job opportunities are created for young people.
- Helping young people have a future

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- Aviation Career
- KWHP (Whiteman Airport) creates jobs directly and indirectly. Over 420 jobs! Thank you, KWHP.
- Bring LAUSD aviation mechanics school to Whiteman. (separate comment on note: Yes!)
- Build back up Whiteman then will have jobs
- Career exploration for youth. Places where youth could explore different career options
- Youth recruitment afterschool programs
- Airport provides 100s of jobs, millions in revenue for the county. People travel to LA County and Pacoima to work.
- I don't know anybody who works here. It seems to me that they come from elsewhere.
- Where are existing jobs going?

- Plenty of available work sites
- Learn about jobs in aviation from the Explorers programs at the airport
- Keep airport open to provide actual quality jobs/training/opportunities
- How many people that are employees live in Pacoima, Arleta, Sylmar, Lakeview Terrace?
- We've already got nearly 500 employees at the Airport in Aviation related services and youth programs. Keep them & it & expand services & outreach even.
- Creating job opportunities for young people so they have more hands-on employment.
- The airport creates over 400 good jobs.
- Programs or areas for seniors (tours) for Pacoima residents @ Airport.
- A shopping/retail center will create a ton of jobs. More than this Airport will.
- Don't forget traffic (pointing to note above).
- CIVIL AIR PATROL PROVIDES UNIQUE CAREER EXPLORATION FOR YOUTH
- WHITEMAN AIRPORT CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY WITH MANY JOBS
- LEARN TO FLY & ENTER AVIATION CAREERS WITH AVIATION EXPLORERS POST 747
- Losing airport jobs does NOT help the community. Keep the airport open.
- We have plenty of jobs available. Keep airport.
- It looks like a good place to create job opportunities.
- Summer programs for interested individuals. A winter program or whenever it's best to learn.
- I have lived in Mission Hills and worked in different parts of the Valley and I've never met anyone who worked here in the last two decades.
- Airport jobs are only for a select few. If we get rid of the airport it opens so many possibilities. Shops/retail/anything else besides the airport.
- Employment expansion
- Aviation instruction careers
- Open more retail stores to create more jobs for youth
- Many jobs
- Airport critical for local economy
- After school clubs/activities for all ages.
- Keep Airport and its programs open here in Pacoima.
- Airport jobs

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [Transparency](#)

Comments – March 3rd

- We need better leadership in the 7 District Monica must GOOOO 3-3-22
- The airport is very important to transportation
- No transparency from city and county. This airport is for all S.F. Valley emergencies services
- Take accountability for plane crashes
- Better job opportunities; new businesses
- More information about the effects of the airport on people's health & the neighborhoods we live in
- You need a lot of power of support for something; transparency, there is no clarity
- Be honest. Why are pilots comfort more important than cleaner Pacoima

- Residents are harmed by the pollution, they complain all the time, how it harms their kids and their health. It pollutes the houses and their roofs.
- #Shutdown Whiteman
- Major improvements have been made already and will continue
- THE NIMBY- HOOD IS REAL!!! Why not move this nuisance and public safety risk to a community not comprised of people of color?
- #Shutdown Whiteman Airport now!!!
- The community lacks information about the airport
- For young people it would be very important to obtain more information through the school
- Local community members barely know any programming offered by Whiteman Airport- I'm 30 years old & I've never been to Whiteman/ been invited. It's insanity.
- There aren't any jobs and you don't care!
- Transparency? Where do the campaign contributors come from?
- Our community need hospital parks
- Maintenance positions, flight instruction
- Pacoima has so much open space available... why displace aviators?
- The airport has never been transparent it takes elected or non-profits or an accident for them to even address the public.
- Don't let land developers fool you into thinking they care about the community
- Airport only hosts a small amount of jobs. We don't even get to visit due to white supremacy.
- Ask the Pacoima Beautiful representatives to state the source of their lobbyist funding. Ask Pacoima Beautiful about their Aliso Canyon \$100K.

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- Everyone has the opportunity to learn about aviation & to fly
- Concern about percentage of usage by hobbyists
- Flight curfews
- Flight accident records
- Noise canceling windows (refunds)
- Not shutdown Whiteman this is part of history of our community.
- PACOIMA COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP US EXPOSE THE COMMUNITY TO AVIATION PROGRAMS
- [attached to previous comment] Do outreach to community Don't expect leaders to reach out to you, it's called engagement
- Airport jobs!
- What are realistic replacements?
- To have good explanations so they are better understood.
- Have more information accessible.
- We need more events like this
- But will you really listen to the Public? Looks like the majority want to save & keep the Airport. Will well funded developers win? Deliver to your constituents what they want!!!
- Will be jobs for people to work and enjoy
- Create/or promote social media (facebook, instagram, twitter, tiktok, etc.) on airport website *Basic information on planes to educate general public.
- Keep WHP (Whiteman Airport) Open!

- More airport open-houses would be good
- THIS WHOLE PROCESS LACKS TRANSPARENCY. THE LAND DEVELOPERS???
- When will the County approach the FAA about its interest in closing the airport? What will this process entail?
- How is the funding the airport generates used to help the local community?
- WHITEMAN PILOTS WANT TO WORK WITH PACOIMA COMMUNITY LEADERS & SHARE THEIR PROGRAMS WITH US
- Improvements: sidewalks
- ALWAYS FELT WELCOME AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT
- I see the concern on the part of the neighbors in regards to the potential danger due to plane accidents. DO NOT get rid of the airport. [We need] more regulations from the airport administration.
- THIS EVENT AND OTHERS ARE GOOD FOR COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE! (separate note on comment: Yes, agreed!)
- Publish records of types of flights
 - personal/private
 - education
 - fire/rescue/police etc.
 - airport overflow
 - etc
- [printed Pacoima Beautiful “call to action” flyer taped to board]

STATION 3

COMMENT BOARD TOPIC: [How can the airport improve?](#)

Comments – March 3rd

- Sober motorcycle gang/Rocky’s restaurant/car shows/swap meet/utilize the airport for more
- Gross population pollution/carbon monoxide/boxed in by freeways/baseline for air quality monitoring
- Simple! Shut it Down!
- Ask the indigenous people what they want to see
- Make it a park/give it back to the indigenous Tataviam tribe!/make it a garden/SHUT IT DOWN
- Flying is an expensive experience/ needs opportunities/ immersion in pilots/ pilots of all ethnicities at WHP (visibility issue)
- Flying is a safer means of transportation/A+P school on the airport/ w/ matching funds for tuition (airframe-power plane license) / draw in the young people (there is a shortage) [was continued on back of note]
- Install a playground/ keep the airport / inspire the community and children with aerospace education
- Acknowledge women; mixed use commercial
- Good Mexican restaurant! Bring in local people!

- Leave our neighborhood; you are killing us!
- More exercise programs for adults and children
- Multi-generational housing/clean commercial/ expand LA Fire 11 acre for future expansion/ recreational buffers/ pedestrian bridges to recreation.
- Change name to Whiteman Air Park
- On-airport community center and/or multipurpose rentable space for groups to use (see Sr. Center at Sylmar)
- Mission college potential partner opportunity/Glendale community college – can learn how to fly ASP was closed
- Make community programs known especially for youth
- Osborne & Laurel Canyon can use this abandoned space to bring the community together (commercial buildings) instead of bringing the airport down
- Young Eagles biannual flight review (recurring instruction) ... every year plane is annualized to make sure air worthy
- The airport does NOT reflect the community
- 91340 Co-Exist.... giving access to jobs/ possibilities to young people w/o resources but also keep airport
- STOP POLLUTING OUR AIR IN PACOIMA
- Make the airport into a park
- Rename the space!
- Solar panels / charging stations all assessable to community
- Improve the airport by placing a restaurant and on weekends offer flights. Make gardens to give it a better view.
- Make it a park! Like yesterday!
- Make it a community center
- Tech hub for companies recycling hybrid battery ... North Valley occupational school for at risk youth
- Pacoima youth can become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics and air traffic controller. Whiteman is the best for students to learn
- Close it down
- More outreach
- Consider reopening Rocky's Café for the community and using some of the vacant adjacent land for rec. Programs. Please don't force out emergency aircraft personnel
- Would like to see the airport turn into a park to keep her family busy – fears her family's health is at risk
- The testing is flawed in its ability to “see” where the emissions are coming from. Your chemical analysis cannot differentiate road pollution from air pollution
- Regulate emissions for clean fuel, restrict operating hours, restitution for community 3 mile radius
- Active open space, like Lake Balboa, history of Pacoima walking trail, cultural and historical presence
- Aviation explorers, leadership opportunities and goes beyond learning to fly
- Make the pair port public, add a park and school, change the name Whiteman
- *Hand drawn picture with speech bubbles* Pictures* I am scared! My windows shake every time you fly so low! I'm tired of not being able to play outside. I need a park! I need a playground! This is not your playground; it's to play w/ your airports! SHUT IT DOWN!

- Tell the first responders what they do is “play”
- Retire all old pilots crashing into our community
- After studying the map of Whiteman, I noticed vacant land adjacent to airport. Land could be allocated for park area to educate people of airport services. Fire being #1 don't chase away emergency services.
- We need community festivals. How about the Christmas Parado Festival
- Woman pilot in CD 7 want to see the airport stay as is
- Senior spaces with things to do and places to see
- Regular volunteer clean-up days... community people and airport people
- Add more trees
- More public amenities/ restaurants/ need to keep LAFD
- Visibility safety
- We need more parks!
- Restaurant and safe parks
- Centers for children and adults; add something positive and clean
- Limit flights per day- currently averaging 318/day (coming & going) / provide noise cancelling windows for local community
- People have to leave to play! Kids have to go to Encino just to play ball games
- We have children they need places to play baseball, football
- *Graph/Hand-drawn map of proposed uses and layout*
- Zoning map – metro plan- rezone LA
- Keep it open- we need training @ Whiteman for women and young pilots
- Big fly in pancake fly in
- Build a restaurant, banquet hall and community center
- Airport maintenance
- More rules for pilots [illegible] of planes/it is not the fault of the airport administrators
- Improve the runway, set a curfew- no take off after 7 PM... only emergency landings, provide more services
- We need trees!
- Add community resources @ Whiteman! Public pool/ Archery / meeting hall
- Make it a ceremony ground for the indigenous people back
- Expand LA county /Fire Dept. Facility
- Playground with turf/ giant Christmas tree lighting/ community hall
- A restaurant would help a lot
- Build a bike/running/walking path around the airport
- Improve airline viewing area
- Improve spreading the word of youth programs such as Aviation Explores Youth 747
- Better communicate how the airport benefits the community
- Improving percentage of revenue to actually improve the community/provide the community w/ filters, more green spaces, more lighting, not put the community at risk

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- YOUTH OF PACOIMA NEED WHITEMAN AIRPORT TO BECOME AIRLINE PILOTS, AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLERS. WHITEMAN AIRPORT IS BEST FOR STUDENTS
- INSPIRE KIDS TO COME HERE & LEARN ABOUT AVIATION
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS / USE LAPD RECRUIT (illegible) JUNKIE YOUTH INTO CAREERS
- More programming, amenities, space for the community
- The airport could be improved in all its services and reduce pollution.
- Comments from a pilot –
 - Re Noise – more from fire dept heliport, not airport
 - Airports in short supply for greater LA area (SM airport set to close in 5 years)
 - Others closed in recent decades (San Fernando, etc.)
 - NEED AIRPORT
- I'm not mad at people who are against the airport - I just say they should come here, get to know us, participate - everyone's welcome. We're all folks from the community too. Anyone can use the airport - not a place owned by rich folks, rather its working people - and a great way for guys to have a constructive release. We don't have enough of these places. We don't need another shopping center or whatever would be put here. Don Goldman.
- TAKEN DOWN!
- Make it more appealing to the public! (Signs, landscaping, invites, tours & more)
- Mall, Restaurants, Mexican food.
- Clean up trash, homeless, campers, bare ground with weeds and tumble weeds & trash, etc.
- I think the Airport is a great Asset to Pacoima. Maybe all it needs is to look more renovated. But I have lived here over 30 yrs and no problem with the Airport. We love it.
- How to improve the airport? A new facility for a restaurant, aircraft mechanic school, improve lighting over the runway and access to the airport.
- Green Space, Workforce Dev. Education. Programming/Service to meet the needs of the community
- How & why did we ever get to the thought of doing away with this facility & Asset (safety)??
- Affordable gym
- Recreational Park with Playground
- Keep it! It was here first!
- pointing to Keep it! Post-it) Increase distance between homes and airplanes
- For a fundraiser, sell bricks with peoples names & put around park in grassy area or alongside the proposed path around airport.
- Put a restaurant on the airport!
- Food court with different dining options
- Create a walking path/bike path around the airport, with stops along the way with signs about activities on airport, businesses, etc
- It's PERFECT. Leave it as is!
- AVIATION CAREER DAY @ WHP
- PARK & PLAY AREA FOR KIDS
- Could the airport operate using less of the current space?
- AIRPORT PROVIDES LEARNING CENTER ABOUT AVIATION
- Put the restaurant back

- MORE HANGARS FOR AIRCRAFT
- More HANGARS
- Lighting, restaurants, gardens, weekend flights, pilot and aircraft mechanic classes.
- KEEP KWHP OPEN!
- SHUT DOWN WHITEMAN AIRPORT AND ONLY LEAVE SPACE FOR EMERGENCY HELICOPTERS!
- The airport is fine as is! It has been running since the 1940s. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!
- We need investments that engage our community. That provide options for activities in the local area instead of forcing community members to drive far away. Mixed use commercial/residential
- Remove Airplanes, keep helicopters and emergency services
- Public SWIMMING POOL
- Tower control tours and a Mexican Restaurant!
- Give land back to Tataviam Tribe #LandBack
- USE LESS SPACE AND ACTUALLY ENGAGE WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITY
- -Better interaction with the community
 - More activities
 - Remind people it's a public airport for all
 - Add to name of Whiteman Airport so it doesn't feel exclusionary
- More community outreach & programs. Re-open the restaurant
- Shut it DOWN!
- It needs a Restaurant
- HOPEFULLY BY THIS PROCESS, WE SHARE INFORMATION TO MAKE CHANGES WHERE NEEDED AND APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE.
- What is the impact of "noise" & "pollution" of the airport on the Valley? (not just a small area around the airport).
 - More environmental hazards by I-5, train tracks, RVs & trash
 - Pop ups at San Fernando Rd
 - no parking signs b/n 10 pm – 6 am Old San Fernando Road south of Osborne
- Consider adding ton Aeroport name - Whiteman Community Airport
- -Outdoor mall space
 - Downey shopping center
 - food, stores, gyms, create a destination!
- Plan more community events on property. Events for kids, use space on occasion for special events, i.e. holiday celebrations, etc.
- Promote better all what this Airport has to offer – Beautify it (certain areas) & bring people in to see what it is all about – Let people see what benefit it is. Expand public opportunities.
- - improve airport
 - safety
 - checklist for pilots
 - more retail for community
- We need more access to aviation for everyone
- I live in the area and I know this whole land can be used for more than just aviation. Pacoima deserves better than this.
- What the main use of the airport?
 - balance hobbyists with civil air patrol & LAFD

- -improve community safety & enhance positive value of airport
 - smaller footprint of airport
 - restrict use to things that support LA area
- Heliport
- Advertise programs at airport on outside of fence – not just inside
 - Aviation program at local high school
- Open space & safety zone at end of runway
- Better signage outside the inner Road
- -program to donate to volunteer pilots & support youth programs
 - radio show AM 870 The Answer
- -more visibility for airport program
 - opportunities for young people (young eagles) → expand it!
- More Regulations/Background checks!
- -restaurants, gym. Northridge, Burbank, Granada Hills
 - ton more jobs w/retail
 - improving the community in the long run
 - 44 year resident
- More Free EV charges for community to use. Also some solar Panels.
- -Pacoima powerlines should be underground
 - plane crash hit power lines - 2 yrs ago
 - car crashes hitting power lines
- Many girls could benefit from flying lessons. It's not only for men.
- aviation is very educational. -navigation -communication -opportunities -successful people
- Airport provides security – keeps surrounding streets safer. I love the aircraft shows & exhibitions. I have lived here since 1953 – airport noise is not a problem. I would not like it to turn into apartments – that would increase crime. I support the airport and want it to stay.
- Yolanda Cruz. I propose to have pilots be more responsible with their planes. Thank you.
- To provide information about airport activities/programs at schools.
 - Alliance NIT
 - magnet San Valley
- -needs to incorporate public amenity activities to Learn
 - Young Eagles rides
 - sense of freedom!
- KEEP IT OPEN
- DO NOT CLOSE the Airport. It has been here Longer than most of the homes.
- [More] visibility for children programs, I didn't know they offered them. Opportunity to take aviation classes.
 - pilot hangout space
 - breakfast & lunch food
 - fuel price - got to go down -a dollar more
- -pilots lounge (a nice one!) →leather chairs →soda machines (like El Monte)
 - need a restaurant →senior menu →drinks & happy hour
- -another restaurant
 - get the community involved
- When & Why was Whiteman expanded beyond the strip runway along Pierce Ave?

OPEN COMMENT BOARD & SHARE SPACE: What else? Algo mas?

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- GIVE THE LAND BACK
- TATAVIAM LAND INDIGENOUS LAND
- THIS IS NATIVE LAND
- SHUT IT DOWN
- Don't (arrow pointing to shut it down)
- Yes (arrow pointing to shut it down)
- No
- Wait till your property value drops due to crime!
- The airport is a great community resource, that provides services to all of the communities in our surrounding area
- Shut down the closure advocates
- Implement noise reduction. "Quieter home program."
- The Pacoima community is one of many poor communities, no offense, because it doesn't obtain much direct support to improve, just a little bit at the time, really slow. Just look at it, other places like Santa Clarita, Pasadena, Beverly Hills or other places you don't see these problems. And whatever it is or whatever you put here the most important thing is going to be the interests of the developer/investors
- I've worked with our youth and we've never seen youth programs.
- Pacoima needs a large shopping mall
- Build more community resources
- This is a land grab by developers who don't care about Pacoima (+1)
- Shut it down
- If you close the airport and build housing, how much more traffic and pollution does that bring?
- Shut it down, when? TODAY!
- Pacoima has the potential to be a nice community that even rich people can live at. 😊
- Connect 184 acre development to East SFV Light Rail. These are two significant economic developments that will change Pacoima. Create a transportation hub – Metrolink and Metro light rail and bus system.
- Expand LA County Emergency ops. Add a youth program.
- This is about community not about corporation
- Keep it. Do you job clean the streets
- Keep Whiteman for youth and do STEM & aviation careers training.
- If it's safe and brings opportunities to the community, build one near where the pilots live. 😊
- Pay for it than.
- Keep listening. Keep meeting.
- SHUT IT DOWN. When? TODAY!!
- Come to City Hall to get informed of pros and cons of having/eliminating Whiteman. Would be great to train the youth & emergencies. Airport creates a lot of hazards to keep.
- Shut down the airport for community space.
- Keep airport open
- Why do our communities have to be plagued by the lead of airplanes?
- Shut it down! When? Today
- Our voices need to be heard. Brown and black people are expected to tolerate noise/air pollution.
- Shut it Down! When??? TODAY!!

- Create community center to centralize services for community, County & City.
 - Health clinic/training center to connect to good jobs with benefits.
 - Housing.
 - Ensure small business in the community stay. They have served Pacoima for decades.
- No takeoffs after 10 pm
- Close it down, bottom line. P. Thomas
- This event should only be open to people who live in the community. Those who will actually be affected by any developments.
- How about Pacoima Beautiful cleaning up the streets & homeless
- Don't close it please, even if it pollutes it helps us a lot with fires, which are really more dangerous for our communities.
- For now, let's not make things worse until there's a complete environmental & health risk assessment of the airports impact until these results, stop any further growth of the airport, no new planes, no increased usage, no new funding.
- I urge this community and our elected officials to listen to the many stakeholders that have spoken up to keep Whiteman Airport open. This airport has been servicing the entire San Fernando Valley for decades. Whiteman Airport serves as a base for Emergency Services and Disaster Relief Services for the North East San Fernando Valley. They offer educational opportunities to our youth free of charge and employment to hundreds. To close this airport would mean closing the 20 businesses housed there. In addition, we would lose the non-profits servicing our community there including Angel's Flight, which offers free flights to those needing transportation for needed medical services across the country.

At least 22 neighborhood councils have spoken out in support of keeping Whiteman Airport open. If our elected officials truly want to represent their constituents, they will stop this effort to close Whiteman Airport and work with the airport to make it even better. Perhaps they can re-envision and re-create the restaurant that used to be there so community members can enjoy this landmark in the North East San Fernando Valley.

- I agree! I live here because of the airport. (separate comment on note above)
- People who live next door experience noise pollution on the daily. (separate comment on note above)
- SF Road (arrow pointing to pollution comment)
- Shut down is a process that needs to be done through community voice. Not neighborhood Councils who don't live with the airport trauma. (separate comment on note above)
- None of my friends have been part of the youth programs at WHITE man. How many youth are from Pacoima? (separate comment on note above)
- Ever tried picking up the phone (arrow pointing to "none of my friends" comment)
- Shut down this airport. The community does not want it. Not need it. (separate comment on note above)
- Historically, this airport has done nothing to support the Pacoima community. PLEASE SHUT IT DOWN! (separate comment on note above)
- This is only supported (arrow to "22 neighborhood councils have spoken out in support") due to political interest. Do better for our Black, Brown and Native community.
- Wrong
- The people of Pacoima Beautiful lie about Whiteman Airport being non-diverse and saying things like "There is no opportunity for the youth." The opposite is true. I support visiting on the 4th Saturday of the month and asking around.
- GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS
 - Urban farmers

- Composting technicians
- Soil science prof.
- Sustainability consultants
- Spur economic prosperity – develop 184 acres into a retail center w/ housing, w/ job training ctr. Green park space so that concrete jungle heat is diminished. As has been done in other neighborhoods in LA City and County.

OPEN SHARE SPACES (i.e. tables): [Share your Thoughts](#)

Comments – March 3rd,

- Shut it down! Pacoima wants Whiteman out!
- “Keep it”
- Keep it
- Civil Air Patrol is good for the community!
- #ShutdownWhitemanAirport
- Stop poisoning our skies!
- The youth don’t want Whiteman!
- SHUT IT DOWN
- Keep it open for kids & Life PE
- KEEP WHP OPEN
- The people of Pacoima vs. Whiteman Airport
- Keep it open
- The people of Pacoima don’t Whiteman #ShutItDown
- Speak for yourself
- Speak for yourself, not for me. Thank you.
- The people who wish to keep Whiteman open care only about themselves and not the residents of Pacoima
- Not true
- SHUT IT DOWN
- Whiteman Airport serve the community. Pacoima youth can become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics, and air traffic controllers. Whiteman airport is the best for students to learn.
- Think about the people! Whiteman out!
- How much time do people who use Whiteman spend in Pacoima?
- Keep it open
- Have community safer, one step at a time
- The neighborhoods are not the feudal domains of the privileged class!
- The outrage of Whiteman’s defenders reflects their privilege!
- Whiteman out of Pacoima!
- Stay out of our beautiful city!
- They only care about Pacoima when we want to shut down the airport.
- Keep it open!
- Zoning map for airport and surroundings
- Please strongly reconsider. Shutting down Whiteman Airport the burdening cost of moving LA Co fire to Van Nuys will deem disaster for our require. We need our fire department rescue, etc.
- The pollution affects our community
- Airport needs a fence

- This doesn't happen in other communities, only in communities of color which need change!
- Take [illegible]
- A lot of pollution that affects the people in the community. The tram also contributes to the pollution
- Safety of the community
- Cars are a bigger threat than airplanes
- Community first; Pacoima deserves clean air
- You try to live every day in fear because of planes
- My windows shake all the time an airplane flies by. I am not at peace at home!
- Mine too, [illegible] damage to my fountains! [illegible]
- I am a proud member of the community and I work at Whiteman!
- Minutes in a day = 1440, Average flights coming/going from Whiteman = 318, in other words, every 4.5 minutes, a flight is coming & going. Shut down Whiteman
- SHUT Whiteman DOWN!!
- Whiteman Airport provides highly profitable opportunities for the youth of the community. Keep it open. We need it for our children. Let them be inspired!
- Youth Aviation Explorers 14-21 years, Help women become pilots @ Whiteman Airport
- Whiteman Airport out of Pacoima!
- Let people who live here decide what we need in the community!
- Improve access to the airport viewing area so citizens in the community can enjoy the airport. Osborne & San Fernando Rd have many more major accidents and death than Whiteman has had in its whole existence. I know I have been associated with the airport & community for 50 years. And have been a fireman here for 40 years.
- I don't like that they are polluting my air – Yani (8 years old)
- Noise cancelling windows needed work from home, zoom calls are always interrupted too many lives at risk from pollution to unnecessary risk of planes coming down. Shut down Whiteman Airport!
- Whiteman Airport is a community gem. It's the only grass roots airport left in Los Angeles.
- Consider adding a CEQA analyst to your planning team rather than wait for their input at the end. These analysts can contribute a great deal and help identify mitigation measures during the design phase.
- Pacoima youth can become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics, and air traffic controllers. Whiteman Airport is the best airport for students to learn.
- Consider safety for those who live near the airport.
- Educate the community about what the airport has to offer. It is incredible!!!
- Keep youth programs at Whiteman
- Reach out to youth – tiktok
- Community first, Clean air
- How will emergency ops. be affected if the airport shuts down?
- Pollution is bad for our community
- Stop killing our neighborhood with these fly by fun of you white people! Go somewhere else to fly, get out our neighborhood now 3/3/22
- The affected communities are the poor and latinos!
- Keep youth programs at Whiteman!
- It is too dangerous to have an airport so close. It could be a better place for the whole community people have already suffered from this there needs to be change.
- Pollution is bad for our community
- The airport has not killed any member of the Pacoima community
- Keep it open!

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- Zoning map for airport and surroundings
- We need a fence at the airport --- Hospital
- The airport encompasses a better space to make a hospital for this community, housing, apartments either for sale or rent—Section 8.
- Think of the costs involved with moving the emergency services, fire etc. Van Nuys already has max traffic
- There is a lot of pollution from the airport that greatly affects the health of our community in and around Pacoima.
- Pacoima youth can become airline pilots, aircraft mechanics and aircraft traffic controllers. Whiteman Airport is the best airport for students to learn
- How does public transit ie – light rail fit into the airport?
- Take those private planes and put in your neighborhood backyards. 1 million dollar planes take out of Pacoima. You don't care
- This doesn't happen in other communities only in communities of color which needs to change!
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- Safety of community
- You try to live in fear everyday because of airplanes. My windows shake all the time an airplane flies by. I am not at peace at home.
 - [comment made in response to previous] Mine too, walls in master bedroom, damage to my foundation! Senior noise is devastation
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