APPENDIX B AIRCRAFT NOISE ANALYSIS

AIRCRAFT NOISE

A noise screening analysis has been prepared to evaluate the potential changes in noise associated with the Proposed Project. The noise analysis was prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures; and FAA Order 5050.4B, NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions.

Methodology

The potential for changes in noise exposure due to the Proposed Project was assessed by comparing the 2032 Proposed Project to the 2032 No Action Alternative.¹ For projects in which the planned changes involve only aircraft operations and fleet mix (and not flight tracks, flight profiles, or runway modifications), the procedure for assessing noise exposure for an airport NEPA assessment is two-tiered:

Step 1: Conduct a noise screening analysis using the FAA's Area Equivalent Method (AEM) model. If the potential for significant noise impact results, proceed to Step 2.

Step 2: Conduct detailed noise contour modeling and develop Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) contours using the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT).

For step 1, the regulations stipulate that a 17% or greater increase in the 65 DNL contour area could result in a 1.5 DNL increase. If AEM computes an increase of less than 17%, then there are no significant noise impacts, and no further noise analysis is required. The AEM does not produce noise contours, only an estimate (in square miles) of the area potentially affected. The most recent available version of AEM, Version 2c SP2, was used for this analysis.

Aircraft Operations and Fleet Mix

The aircraft operations² for 2032 were obtained from the FAA's Terminal Area Forecast (TAF), issued February 2023. These data, by aircraft category, are provided in *Table 1*. As shown, the 2032 forecast annual operations total 271,488, which is an average of 744 operations per day.

Table 1: 2032 Annual Aircraft Operations

Air Carrier	Air Taxi & Commuter	General Aviation	Military	Sum
216,615	24,935	29,241	697	271,488

Source: FAA TAF, February 2023

¹ The 2032 study year has the greatest difference in aircraft operations, therefore, the 2027 aircraft operations are not included in the AEM study.

² An aircraft operation is defined as one arrival or one departure.

The 2032 aircraft fleet mix was based on a recent noise study prepared by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA). In December 2021, the HCAA finalized a 14 CFR Part 150 (Part 150) Noise Exposure Map Update (NEM) for Tampa International Airport (TPA). Included in this study were forecast projections of operations by specific aircraft types for the future year 2026. This data was compared to the aircraft operations and fleet that occurred at TPA in 2022 to identify if any notable changes to the aircraft types have occurred since the development of the Part 150 NEM.

The HCAA maintains an aircraft operations monitoring system that records aircraft flights at TPA. The system records the aircraft type, the origin/destination, and the time of the departure/arrival. Calendar year 2022 information for TPA was obtained and reviewed.

The aircraft types that comprised the top ten in air carrier operations in 2022 are the same as the top ten aircraft types in 2026 included in the FAR Part 150 NEM. The day/night split for these ten in 2022 were 89% occurred during the day (7:00 a.m. – 9:59 p.m.) and 11% occurred at night (10:00 p.m. - 6:59 a.m.) and the 2026 Part 150 NEM forecast has these ten at 90% day and 10% at night. The review of the 2022 data showed that while there were some changes in the aircraft fleet mix and time of day compared to the Part 150 NEM data, these changes are minor and would not result in notably different noise exposure results. Therefore, the year 2026 fleet mix of aircraft (and the time of day) included in the Part 150 NEM have been applied to the operations for the year 2032.

Proposed Project Aircraft Operations

This section provides the total passenger airline operations considered under the No Action Alternative and Proposed Project. The Airport's passenger airline operations were developed using the methodology summarized below.

- Annual passenger operations and design day flight schedules for 2028 (Gate Test), Planning Activity Level (PAL) 1 (2032), PAL 2 (2037), and PAL 3 (2042) were established as part of the TPA Master Plan Update based on the projections of aviation activity that FAA approved on April 29, 2022.
- » Annual passenger airline operations by day for 2027 and 2032 were determined by extrapolating growth trends from forecast and design day flight schedule development to determine daily operations for the particular years. This resulted in the "extrapolated daily operations."
- » Previous analyses were reviewed to identify the number of operations associated with each design flight schedule and the maximum operational capability associated with the existing gates. This resulted in the "maximum daily operations."
- The difference between extrapolated daily operations and the maximum daily operations was summed and identified as the operations associated with the additional gates (i.e., Airside D's 16 gates). This resulted in "additional operations."
- The total additional operations were subtracted from the forecasted passenger airline operations established in the FAA-approved forecast to determine the annual passenger airline operations without Airside D development.

Table 2 includes the 2027 and 2032 Proposed Project and No Action Alternative passenger airline operations.

Table 2: Proposed Project and No Action Alternative Passenger Airline Operations

	2027	2032
Proposed Project Operations	198,625	220,500
No Action Alternative Operations	198,163	218,500
Difference	462	2,000

Source: Ricondo & Associates, Inc. 2023

The 2032 No Action Alternative and Proposed Project total annual aircraft operations and fleet mix are shown in *Table 3*.

Table 3: 2032 Annual Aircraft Operations and Fleet

		2032 No Action	2032 Proposed	
Category	Aircraft	Alternative	Project	Difference
Air Carrier	Boeing 737-800 Series	43,389	43,786	397
/ Cargo	Boeing 737-8 (MAX8)	36,752	37,088	336
	Airbus A320-200 Series	34,378	34,693	315
	Boeing 737-700 Series	31,859	32,151	292
	Airbus A321-200 Series	28,216	28,474	258
	Airbus A320-NEO	21,575	21,772	197
	Airbus A319-100 Series	12,564	12,679	115
	Boeing 767-300 ER	5,927	5,981	54
	Boeing 757-200 Series	3,083	3,083	-
	Airbus A300F4-600 Series	2,336	2,336	-
	Boeing 757-200 Series	2,283	2,311	28
	Boeing MD-11	1,475	1475	-
	Boeing 757-300 Series	475	479	4
	Airbus A350-900 series	274	277	3
	Embraer ERJ190	9	10	1
Air Taxi /	DeHavilland DHC-8-300	4,881	4,881	-
Commuter	DeHavilland DHC-6-300	4,580	4,580	-
	Embraer ERJ175	4,237	4,237	-
	Bombardier Challenger 600	2,163	2,163	-
	Bombardier CRJ-900-ER	437	437	-
	Bombardier Challenger 601	411	411	-
	Embraer ERJ170	245	245	-
General	Bombardier Learjet 35	4,718	4,718	-
Aviation	Cessna 550 Citation II	3,112	3,112	-
	Cessna 500 Citation I	2,713	2,713	-
	Raytheon Beech Baron 58	1,839	1,839	-
	Cessna 750 Citation X	1,694	1,694	-
	Cessna 560 Citation Excel	1,594	1,594	-
	1985 1-ENG COMP	1,554	1,554	-

		2032 No Action	2032 Proposed	
Category	Aircraft	Alternative	Project	Difference
	Cessna 680 Citation	1,476	1,476	-
	Cessna 208 Caravan	1,427	1,427	-
	Cessna 180	1,222	1,222	-
	Gulfstream V	1,152	1,152	-
	Gulfstream IV	898	898	-
	Cessna Citation 510	847	847	-
	Dassault Falcon 900-EX	738	738	1
	Bell 427	717	717	-
	Cessna 560 Citation Encore	590	590	-
	Cessna 560 Citation V	478	478	-
	Bell 407	311	311	-
	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	305	305	1
	Cessna 150 Series	254	254	1
	Bombardier Global Express	212	212	-
	Cessna 650 Citation III	197	197	-
	Bell 206 Jet Ranger	154	154	-
	Cessna 441 Conquest II	127	127	-
	Cessna 182	124	124	1
	Bombardier Global 5000	121	121	-
	Cessna 525 Citation Jet	121	121	1
	Gulfstream G650	109	109	-
	Robinson R44 Raven	106	106	-
	Israel IAI-1121	82	82	-
	Eclipse 500	73	73	-
	Sikorsky S-76	48	48	-
	Cessna 206	33	33	-
	Aerospatiale SA-350D	21	21	-
	Piper PA-42 Cheyenne	18	18	-
	Bell Iroquois	18	18	-
	Robinson R22 Mariner	12	12	-
	Hawker HS748-2A	9	9	-
	Piper PA-30	9	9	-
	Dassault Falcon 20-C	3	3	-
	Raytheon Beech 1900-C	3	3	-
	Bell 429	3	3	-
Military	Lockheed C-130 Hercules	697	697	
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Source: 2021 TPA FAR Part 150 NEM Update, December 2021; FAA TAF, February 2023; RS&H 2023

Each aircraft type has been assigned the corresponding AEM aircraft type. As required for use in the AEM, aircraft operations have been converted to daily landing-takeoff cycles (LTOs). One LTO equals two operations. Aircraft operations modeled in the AEM are assigned as occurring during daytime (7:00 a.m. to 9:59 p.m.) or nighttime (10:00 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.). The calculation includes an additional weight of 10 decibels for those operations occurring at night. The 2032 No Action Alternative and Proposed Project modeled daily LTOs by time of day are shown in *Table 4*.

Table 4: 2032 Daily LTOs

			2032 No Action Alternative		2032 Proposed Project	
Category	Aircraft	AEM ID	Day	Night	Day	Night
Air Carrier /	Boeing 737-800 Series	737800	52.48	6.95	52.97	7.02
Cargo	Boeing 737-8 (MAX8)	737800	43.33	7.02	43.73	7.08
	Airbus A320-200 Series	A320-232	43.20	3.89	43.60	3.92
	Boeing 737-700 Series	737700	39.65	3.99	40.01	4.03
	Airbus A321-200 Series	A321-232	34.01	4.65	34.32	4.69
	Airbus A320-NEO	A320-211	25.13	4.43	25.36	4.47
	Airbus A319-100 Series	A319-131	15.64	1.58	15.78	1.59
	Boeing 767-300 ER	767300	6.23	1.89	6.29	1.91
	Boeing 757-200 Series	757PW	2.15	2.07	2.15	2.07
	Airbus A300F4-600 Series	A300-	2.07	1.13	2.07	1.13
	Boeing 757-200 Series	757RR	2.53	0.60	2.56	0.61
	Boeing MD-11	MD11PW	1.34	0.68	1.34	0.68
	Boeing 757-300 Series	757300	0.54	0.11	0.54	0.11
	Airbus A350-900 series	A340-211	0.37	0.00	0.37	0.00
	Embraer ERJ190	EMB190	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Air Taxi /	DeHavilland DHC-8-300	DHC830	6.69	0.00	6.69	0.00
Commuter	DeHavilland DHC-6-300	DHC6	5.95	0.32	5.95	0.32
	Embraer ERJ175	EMB175	5.55	0.25	5.55	0.25
	Bombardier Challenger 600	CL600	2.81	0.16	2.81	0.16
	Bombardier CRJ-900-ER	CRJ9-ER	0.60	0.00	0.60	0.00
	Bombardier Challenger 601	CL601	0.54	0.03	0.54	0.03
	Embraer ERJ170	EMB170	0.34	0.00	0.34	0.00
General	Bombardier Learjet 35	LEAR35	5.79	0.68	5.79	0.68
Aviation	Cessna 550 Citation II	CNA55B	4.04	0.22	4.04	0.22
	Cessna 500 Citation I	CNA500	3.44	0.27	3.44	0.27
	Raytheon Beech Baron 58	BEC58P	1.91	0.61	1.91	0.61
	Cessna 750 Citation X	CNA750	2.22	0.10	2.22	0.10
	Cessna 560 Citation Excel	CNA560X	2.12	0.07	2.12	0.07
	1985 1-ENG COMP	COMSEP	2.08	0.05	2.08	0.05
	Cessna 680 Citation	CNA680	1.94	0.08	1.94	0.08
	Cessna 208 Caravan	CNA208	1.85	0.11	1.85	0.11

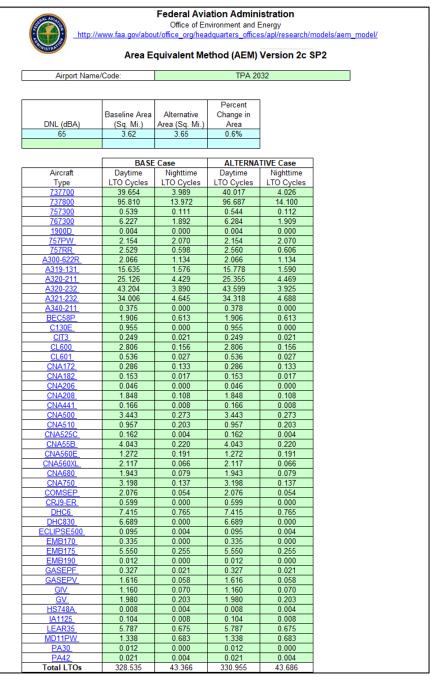
			2032 No Action Alternative		2032 Proposed Project	
Category	Aircraft	AEM ID	Day	Night	Day	Night
	Cessna 180	GASEPV	1.62	0.06	1.62	0.06
	Gulfstream V	GV	1.42	0.16	1.42	0.16
	Gulfstream IV	GIV	1.16	0.07	1.16	0.07
	Cessna Citation 510	CNA510	0.96	0.20	0.96	0.20
	Dassault Falcon 900-EX	CNA750	0.98	0.03	0.98	0.03
	Bell 427	DHC6	0.73	0.25	0.73	0.25
	Cessna 560 Citation Encore	CNA560E	0.76	0.05	0.76	0.05
	Cessna 560 Citation V	CNA560E	0.51	0.14	0.51	0.14
	Bell 407	DHC6	0.28	0.15	0.28	0.15
	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	CNA172	0.29	0.13	0.29	0.13
	Cessna 150 Series	GASEPF	0.33	0.02	0.33	0.02
	Bombardier Global Express	GV	0.27	0.02	0.27	0.02
	Cessna 650 Citation III	CIT3	0.25	0.02	0.25	0.02
	Bell 206 Jet Ranger	DHC6	0.19	0.02	0.19	0.02
	Cessna 441 Conquest II	CNA441	0.17	0.01	0.17	0.01
	Cessna 182	CNA182	0.15	0.02	0.15	0.02
	Bombardier Global 5000	GV	0.15	0.01	0.15	0.01
	Cessna 525 Citation Jet	CNA525C	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.00
	Gulfstream G650	GV	0.14	0.01	0.14	0.01
	Robinson R44 Raven	DHC6	0.13	0.01	0.13	0.01
	Israel IAI-1121	IA1125	0.10	0.01	0.10	0.01
	Eclipse 500	ECLIPSE50	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.00
	Sikorsky S-76	DHC6	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00
	Cessna 206	CNA206	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00
	Aerospatiale SA-350D	DHC6	0.015	0.036	0.015	0.036
	Piper PA-42 Cheyenne	PA42	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
	Bell Iroquois	DHC6	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
	Robinson R22 Mariner	DHC6	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
	Hawker HS748-2A	HS748A	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
	Piper PA-30	PA30	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
	Dassault Falcon 20-C	CNA750	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
	Raytheon Beech 1900-C	1900D	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
	Bell 429	DHC6	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Military	Lockheed C-130 Hercules	C130E	0.89	0.00	0.89	0.00
			328.535	43.366	330.955	43.686

Source: 2021 TPA FAR Part 150 NEM Update, December 2021; FAA TAF, February 2023; RS&H 2023

AEM Results

The AEM results indicate that the Proposed Project, when compared to the No Action Alternative, would increase the 65 DNL contour area by 0.6% in 2032. The 0.6% increase is well below the FAA's noise criterion of 17% for additional noise analysis. Therefore, the Proposed Project does not result in a significant noise impact and no further analysis is necessary. The AEM input and results are shown in *Figure 1*.

Figure 1: AEM Results



Source: RS&H, 2023