

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

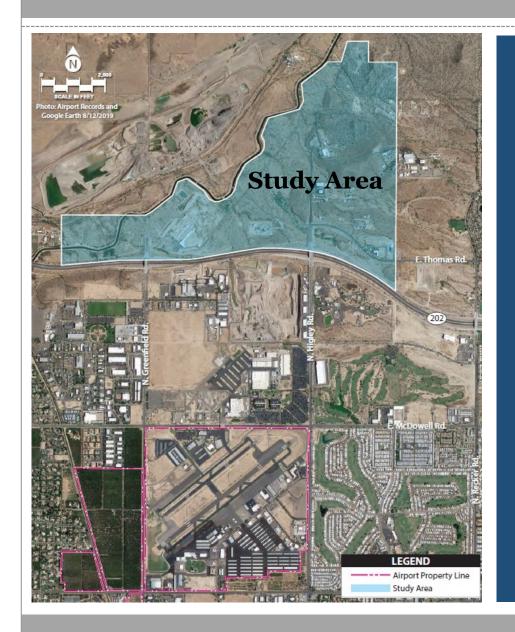
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FALCON FIELD ROTORCRAFT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY STUDY





Study Area

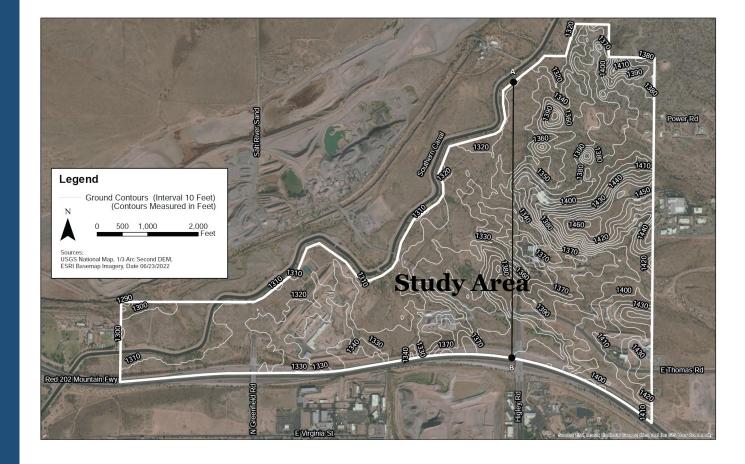
- North of Loop 202, and between North Val Vista Drive and North of Recker Road
- Helicopter testing area since the 1980s

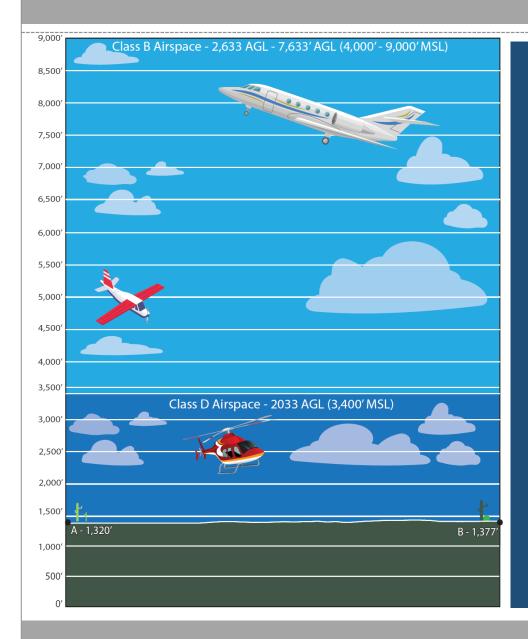
Purpose of Study:

 Examine potential impact of helicopter and airflight activities and their impact on land uses



Elevation



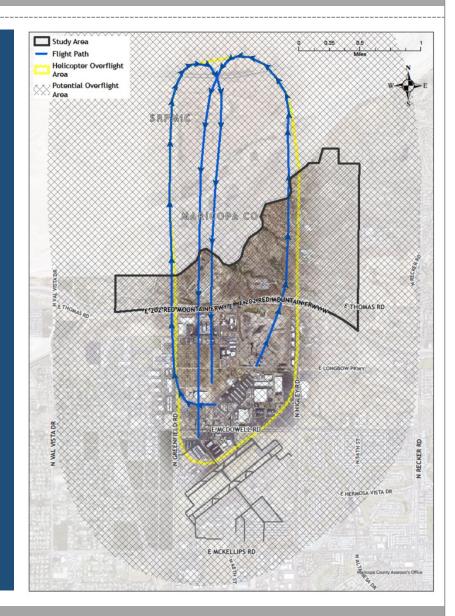


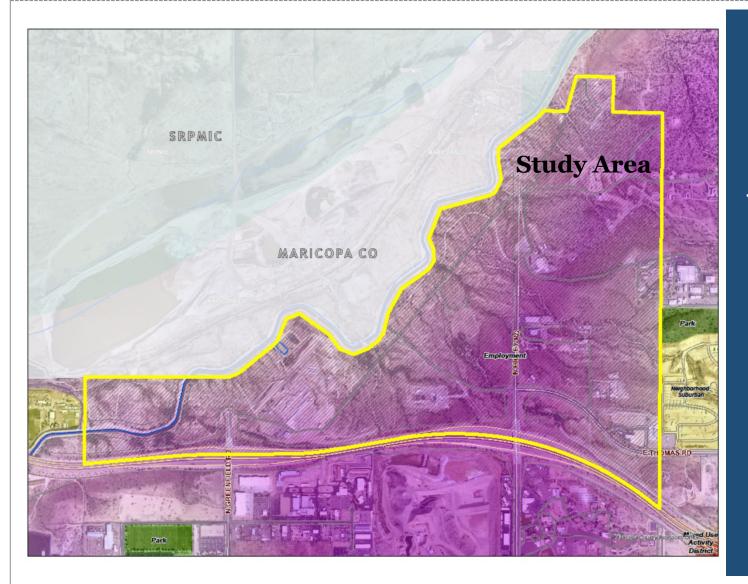
Air Space Area

Helicopter Pattern and Airport Overflight Area

• Areas impacted by helicopter flights

 Reaches north from Falcon Field into the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community





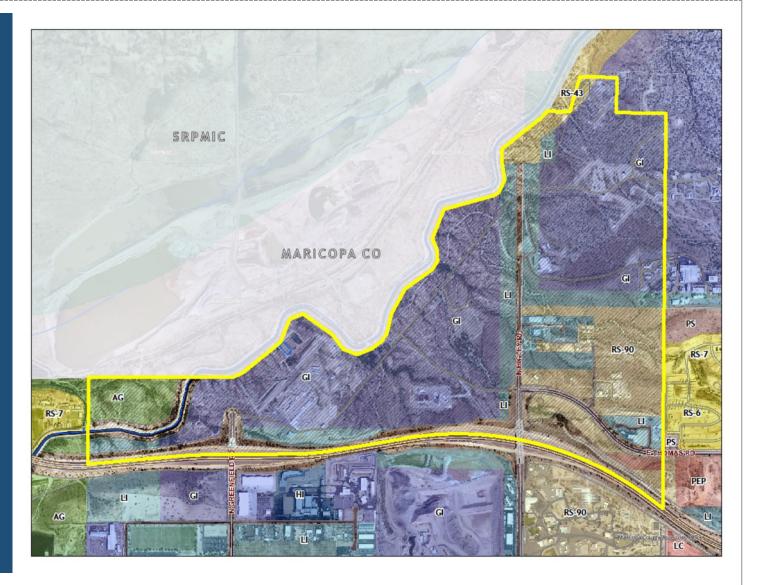
General Plan Character Designation

Employment:

- Provide high range of employment opportunities
- Rarely include any type of residential uses

Current Zoning Designations

- General Industrial (GI)
- Light Industrial (LI)
- Agriculture (AG), and
- Residential (RS 43 and RS 90)



Summary

Findings

- City of Mesa does not have authority to regulate airspace or where and how aircraft fly
- Study area incompatible for residential land uses
- Study area includes small area zoned RS-43 (one dwelling unit/acre) and RS-90 (two dwelling unit/acre)

Recommendation

- Future development should comply with employment character area designation
- Continue to require recordation of avigation easement prior to final plat or issuance of a building permit
- Notification to buyers of an Airport in the Vicinity of Property and General Flight Path
- Adopt a Resolution to guide land use decisions within the study area.



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



General Development Standards

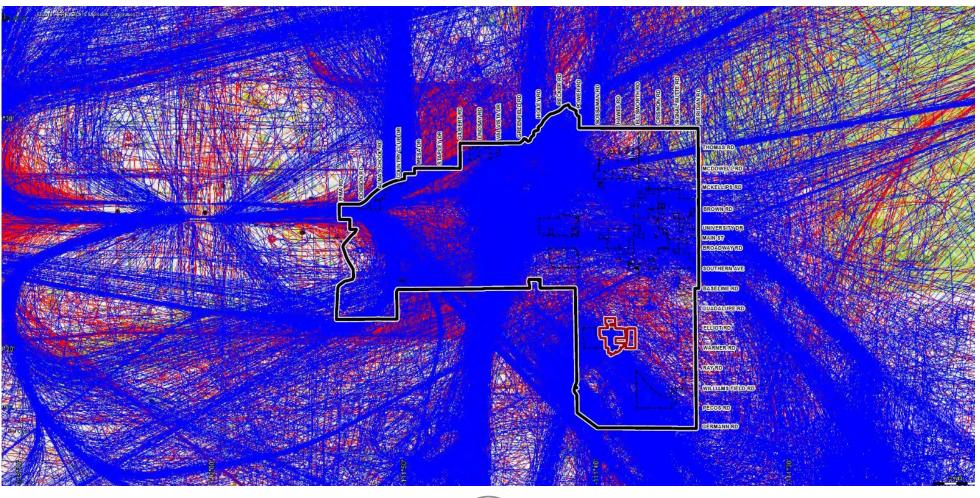
Residential Requirements:

Overflight Areas	Single Residence	Multiple Residence
AOA1	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
AOA2	Not Allowed	Council Use Permit
AOA3	Subject to Conditions	Subject to Conditions

Conditions of Approval:

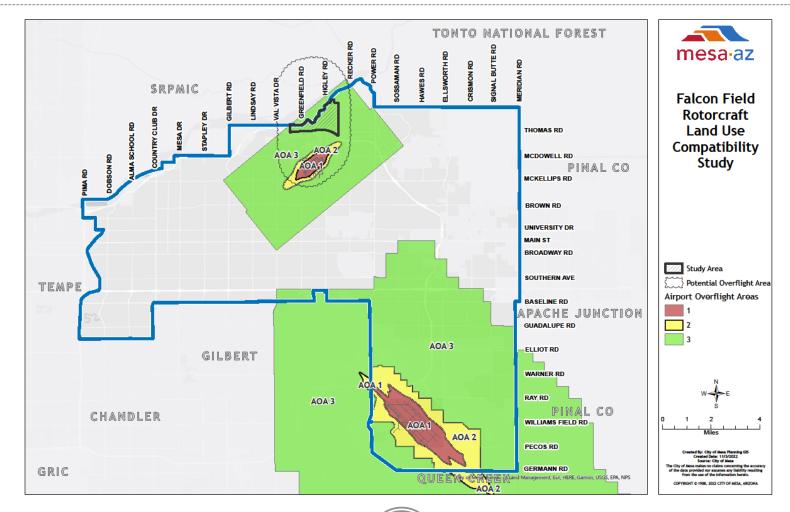
- Avigation Easements
- Notifications to Buyers
- Disclosures notes on final subdivision plats
- Signage on leasing and sales office areas
- Noise mitigations measures

Overflight Paths in Mesa





Airport Overflight Areas in Mesa



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