

# San Diego International Airport East County Flight Procedure Evaluation

ANAC Information Briefing

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SDIA Airport Noise Advisory Committee

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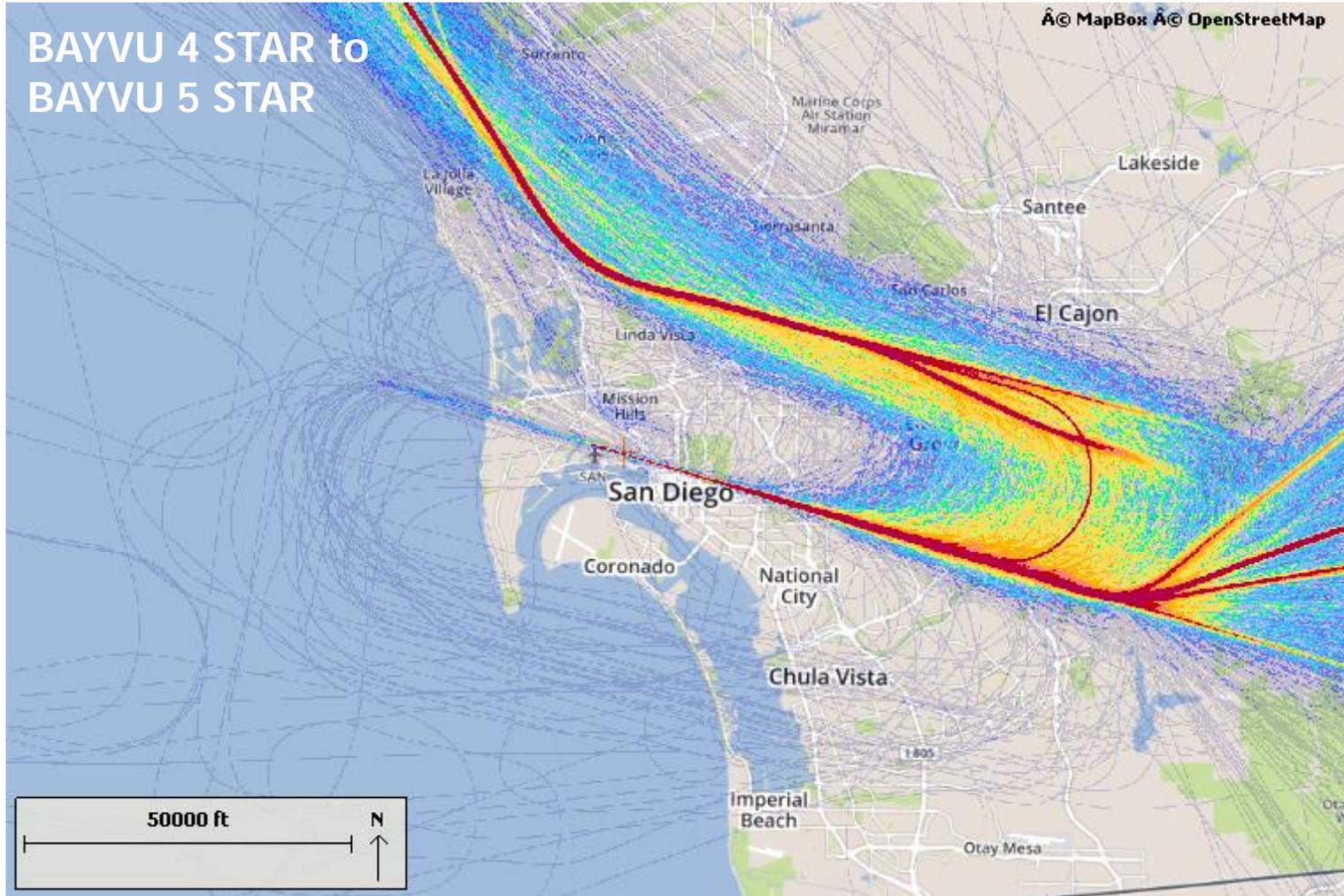
# East County Working Group Input

-  Conducted five meetings
-  Provided the Authority and technical consultant input on aircraft noise concerns
-  Reviewed existing and historic flight pattern data to assess and link noise concerns to flight patterns
-  Reviewed and provided feedback to technical consultant on noise abatement flight procedure concepts
-  Provided input to the Authority and the technical consultant on final design recommendations

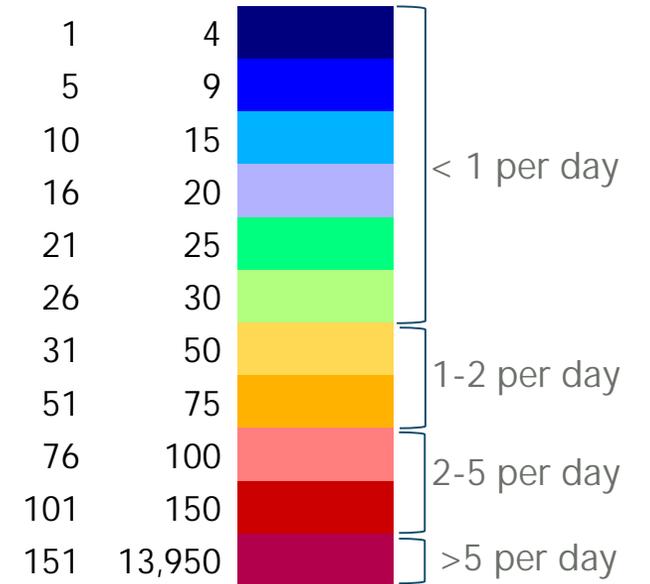
# Overview of Working Group Concerns

-  Change in traffic patterns
-  Hearing more noise early morning (6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) and at night (10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)
-  Do not increase noise in other areas
-  Low flying aircraft
-  Increase in overflight frequency

# Runway 27 Arrivals - Flight Track Density Analysis San Diego Metropolitan Area - November 2016



Track Density Ranges  
(count of operations)



SOURCE: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Airport Noise and Operations Management System, November 2018.

Note: Total Runway 27 arrivals was 7,547 for November 2016

# Working Group Objectives

-  Maintain flight path dispersion
-  Raise altitudes over populated areas
-  Turn south to join final approach over less populated areas

# Modify COMIX: Keep Arrivals at 6,000 ft up to KLOMN (Remove NADDO Route)



- COMIX STAR Route
- - - - 6,000 at NADDO Flight Path
- Runway 27 RNP Approach Route
- ✦ Fly By Waypoint

**Intent:** Reduce noise levels by raising jet arrival altitude, reduce closer turns to Airport and disperse traffic

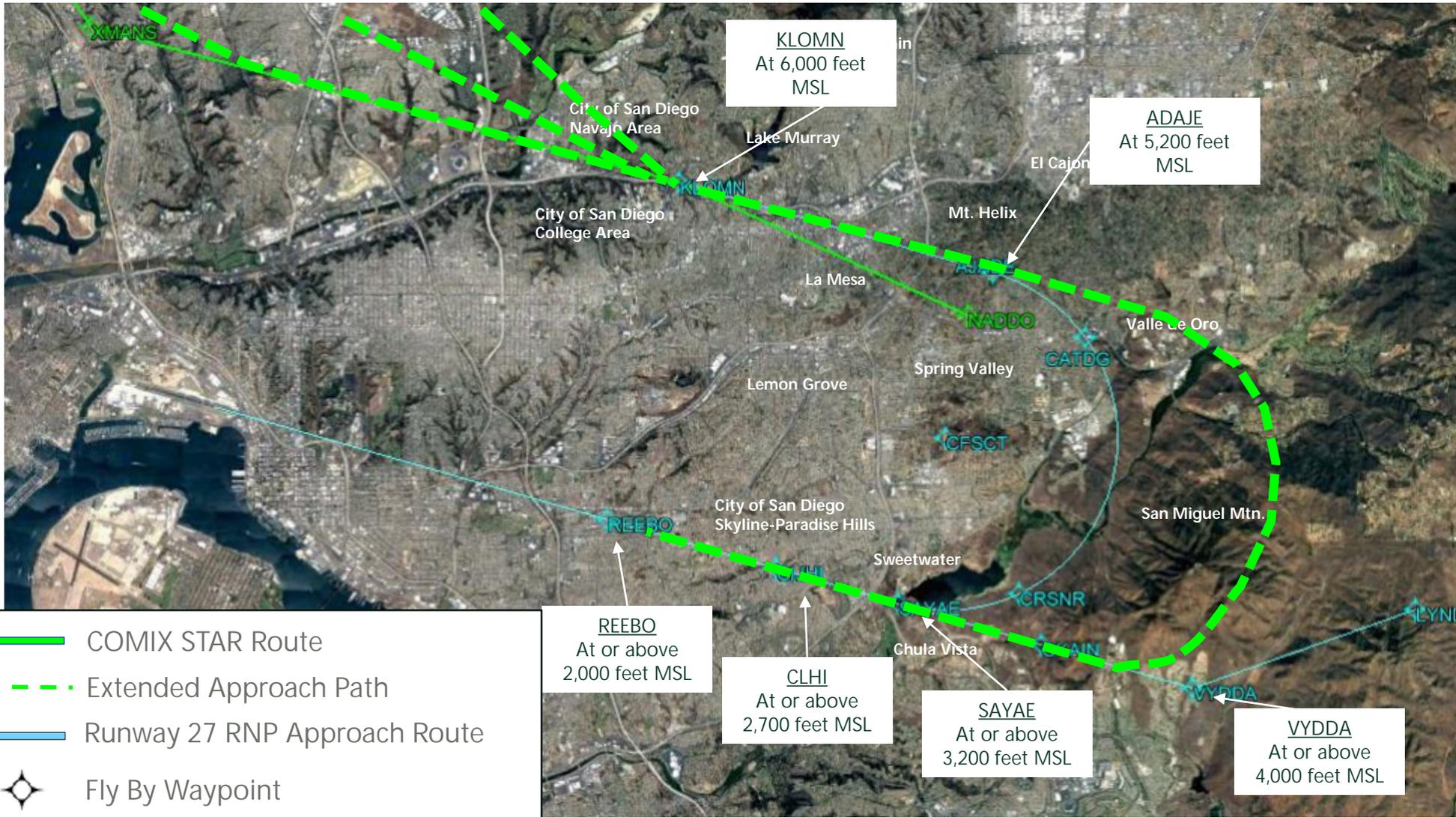
**Concept:** Remove route to NADDO and keep jet arrival altitude at 6,000 ft. MSL at KLOMN waypoint, thence descend to join final approach

- Objectives:**
1. Raise Altitude on Downwind: Yes
  2. Maintain Dispersion: Yes
  3. Turn South Over Less Populated Areas: No

**Potential Limitations:** Limits area for FAA ATC to manage traffic to join the final approach. FAA may require the proposed Class B airspace be implemented prior to removing the KLOMN to NADDO route

NOTE: Mean Sea Level (MSL) – height above sea level; Above Ground Level (AGL) – height above the ground  
 SOURCE: Google Earth, April 2019 (aerial photograph); Federal Aviation Administration, November 2018 (COMIX STAR route, Runway 27 RNP Approach route, Minimum Vector Area); Ricondo & Associates, Inc., April 2019 (NADDO at 6,000 ft MSL concept).

# New RNAV Approach: RNAV Approach from KLOMN to Nearby VYDDA



**Intent:** Reduce noise levels by raising jet arrival altitude and moving traffic further east

**Concept:** Keep jet arrival altitude at 6,000 ft. MSL at KLOMN waypoint, thence follow RNAV approach further east

**Objectives:**

1. Raise Altitude on Downwind: Yes
2. Maintain Dispersion: No
3. Turn South Over Less Populated Areas: Yes

**Potential Limitations:** Adds complexity to ATC and increases distance. May be applicable when demand levels are low during nighttime hours (11pm to 7 am). FAA acknowledged possible issues with conflicting traffic.

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 SOURCE: Google Earth, April 2019 (aerial photograph); Federal Aviation Administration, November 2018 (COMIX STAR route, Runway 27 RNP Approach route); Ricondo & Associates, Inc., July 2019 (proposed extended approach path).

# Modeled Scenario

## Changes/Additions from Baseline

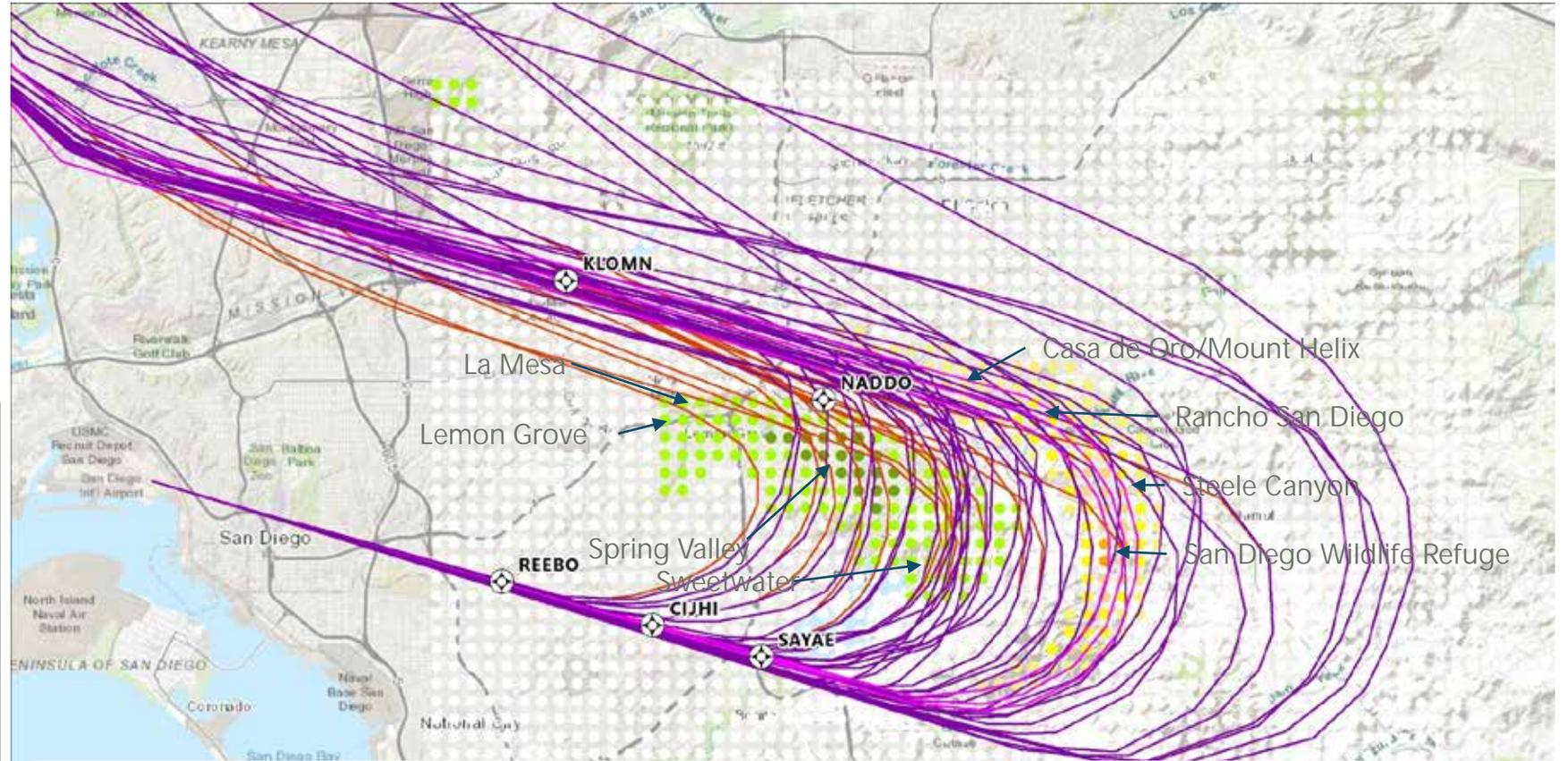
- Modified COMIX RNAV STAR: all jet arrivals that operated between KLOMN and NADDO waypoints under the Baseline
- Nighttime Runway 27 RNAV Approach: all jet arrivals between 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

## Maintained from Baseline

- Runway 27 RNP Approach
- Turns to final prior to or at KLOMN waypoint
- Arrival traffic from the north, east and south

 Scenario does not represent cumulative average annual day noise exposure levels

# Aircraft Noise Screening - AEDT Alternative 1/Baseline Noise Model Tracks and CNEL Changes



**NOTES:**  
 1/ For illustrative purposes, AEDT noise model tracks for FAA ATC managed jet arrivals from the northwest to Runway 27, jet arrivals from the north, south and east, and jet arrivals on the Runway 27 RNP approach are excluded to more clearly depict only the changes made to Runway 27 jet arrivals from the northwest that caused the CNEL changes.  
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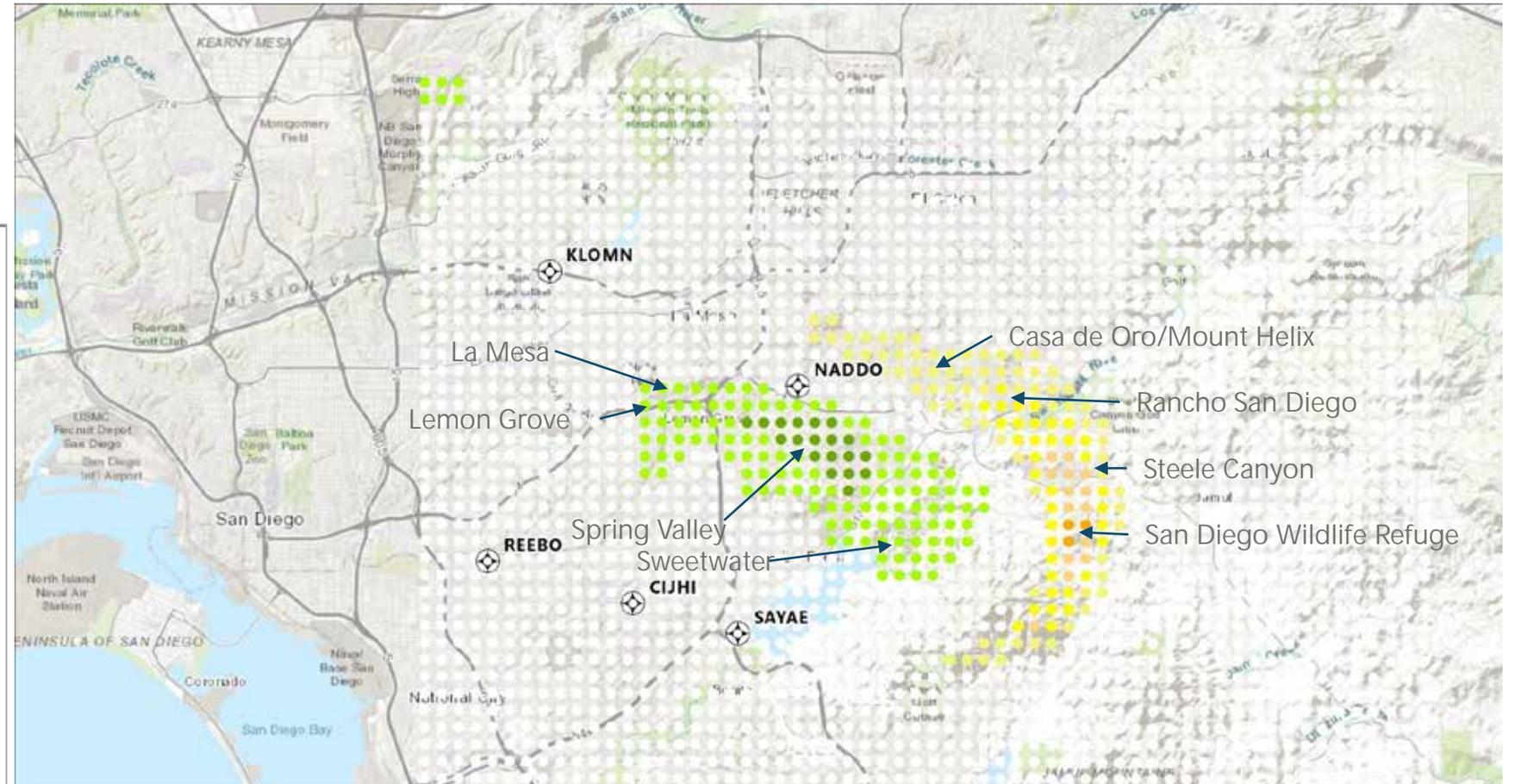
# Aircraft Noise Screening – Alternative 1 CNEL Changes

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 Waypoints

**CNEL Change Between Baseline and Alternative 1**

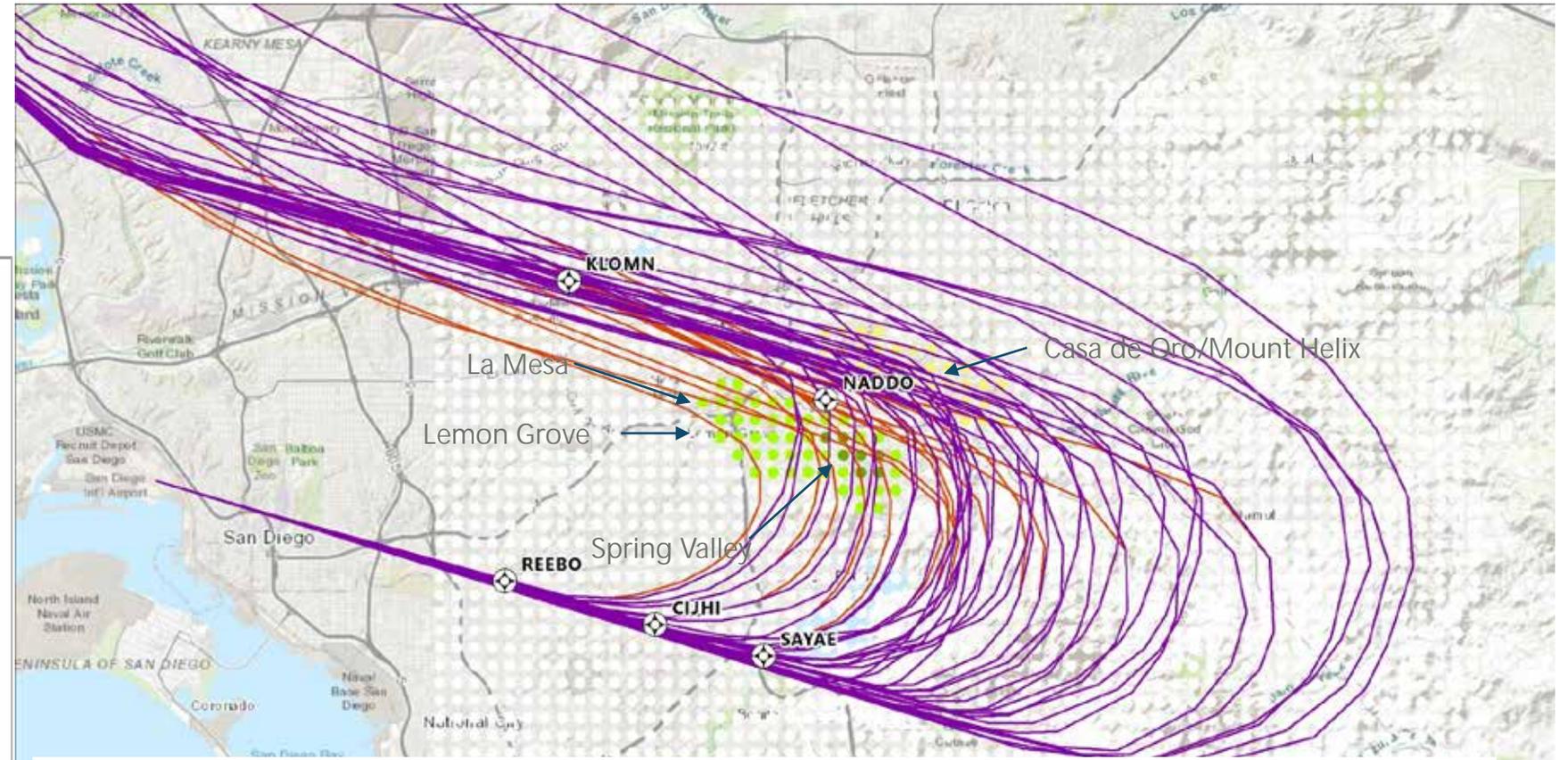
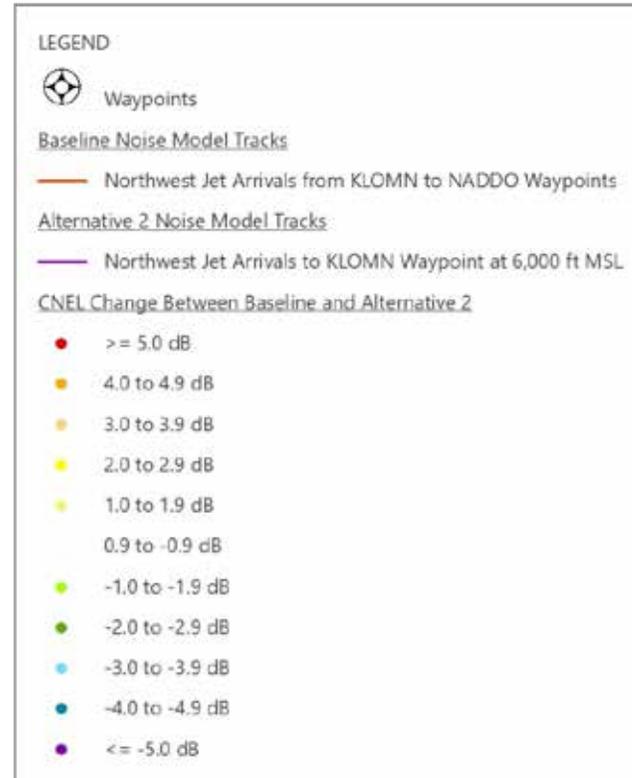
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- 4.0 to 4.9 dB
- 3.0 to 3.9 dB
- 2.0 to 2.9 dB
- 1.0 to 1.9 dB
- 0.9 to -0.9 dB
- -1.0 to -1.9 dB
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- <= -5.0 dB



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# Aircraft Noise Screening - AEDT Alternative 2/Baseline Noise Model Tracks and CNEL Changes



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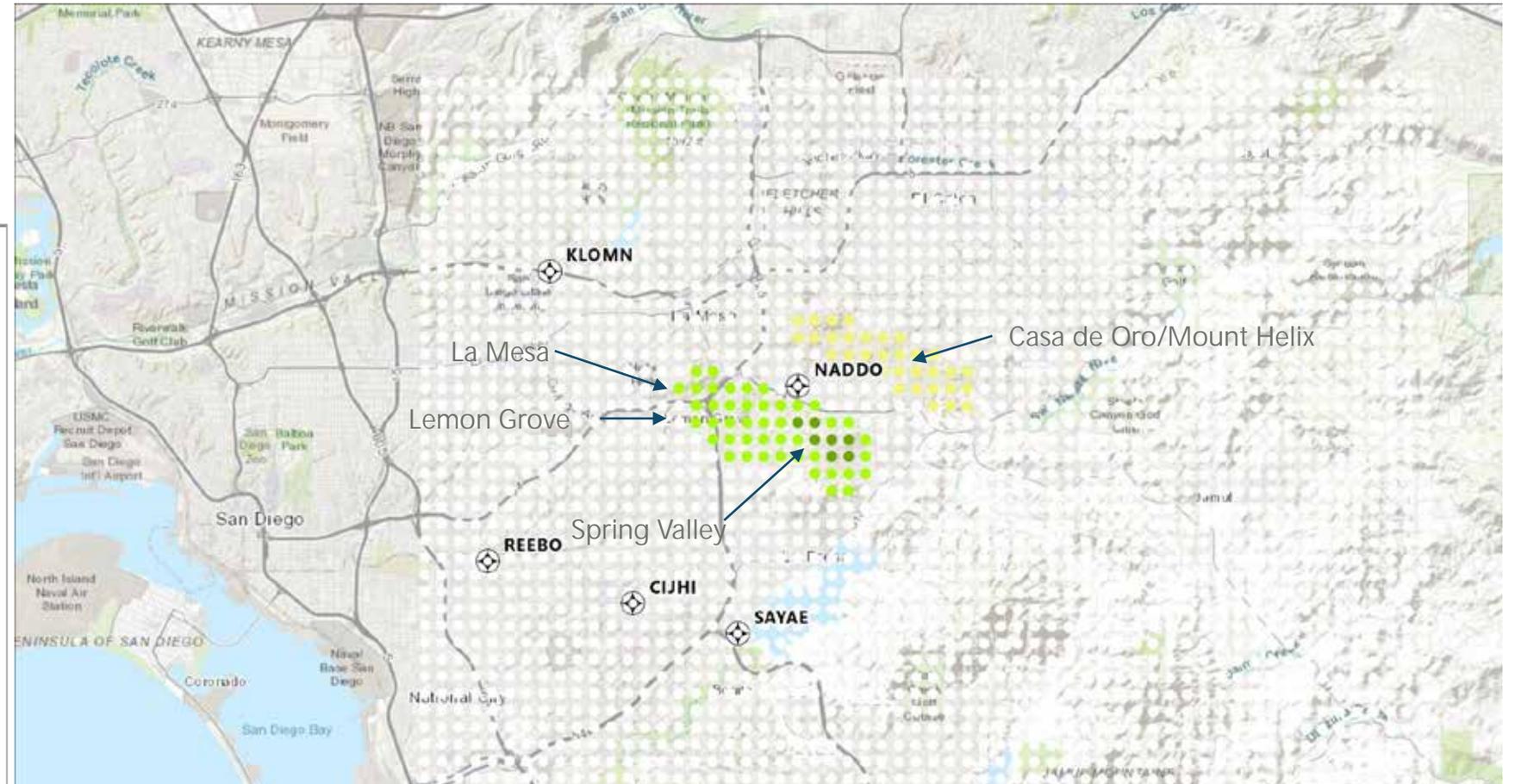
# Aircraft Noise Screening – Alternative 2 CNEL Changes

**LEGEND**

 Waypoints

**CNEL Change Between Baseline and Alternative 2**

- >= 5.0 dB
- 4.0 to 4.9 dB
- 3.0 to 3.9 dB
- 2.0 to 2.9 dB
- 1.0 to 1.9 dB
- 0.9 to -0.9 dB
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# Recommendations

-  **Alternative 1 (Modify COMIX RNAV STAR and Nighttime RNAV Approach to Runway 27):** Do not implement proposed nighttime RNAV approach procedure due to substantial increase in noise over areas such as Mount Helix, Rancho San Diego and Steele Canyon area
  
-  **Alternative 2 (Modify COMIX RNAV STAR):**
  - Based on initial parameters, do not recommend due to the increase in noise
  - ECWG feedback: concurred with technical consultant’s recommendation due to potential noise increases
  
-  Encourage FAA air traffic controllers use COMIX RNAV STAR as designed as much as possible
  - Keep jet arrivals at 6,000 ft. MSL at KLOMN waypoint while balancing efficiency
  - Evaluate and collaborate with FAA Southern California TRACON

# Next Steps



Send letter to FAA to:

- Inform FAA of East County noise concerns related to jet arrivals to SDIA
- Encourage FAA to keep aircraft at 6,000 feet Mean Sea Level at or near the KLOMN waypoint as frequently as possible