



# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



## Lexington County Airport Runway Extension and Terminal Area Expansion Pelion, SC March 14, 2024 • 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### **Purpose Of This Public Information Meeting**

Lexington County, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), welcomes you to the meeting for the proposed Runway Extension and Terminal Area Expansion at the Lexington County Airport in Pelion, South Carolina. The purpose of the Public Information Meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed airport project and the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

We appreciate your attendance at this meeting, and we strongly encourage your feedback.

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### **What is the proposed project?**

The proposed project would extend the Airport's existing 4,337-foot Runway 18-36 to the north by approximately 1,165 feet for a total length of 5,500 feet and to construct two aircraft bulk storage hangars, each approximately 150 feet by 150 feet (22,500 square feet) in size.

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### **What is the Purpose and Need of the proposed project?**

At 4,337 feet, Runway 18-36 is currently not long enough to support corporate jet activity. The existing runway length is a limiting factor in attracting corporate users. Meeting these demands would promote economic development at the Airport and benefit the local economy. The improvements are needed to satisfy a growing demand for corporate users at the Airport that require the use of corporate turboprop and jet traffic.

The purpose of this project is to strengthen the economic role of the Airport by supporting the existing users as well as attracting future users in need of corporate hangar space and runway length. The Airport represents a stable economic provider within the region. The Airport directly provides jobs, wages, and production to the economy. This in turn would boost the economic market in the Pelion area and southern portion of Lexington County.

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### **What are the potential project impacts?**

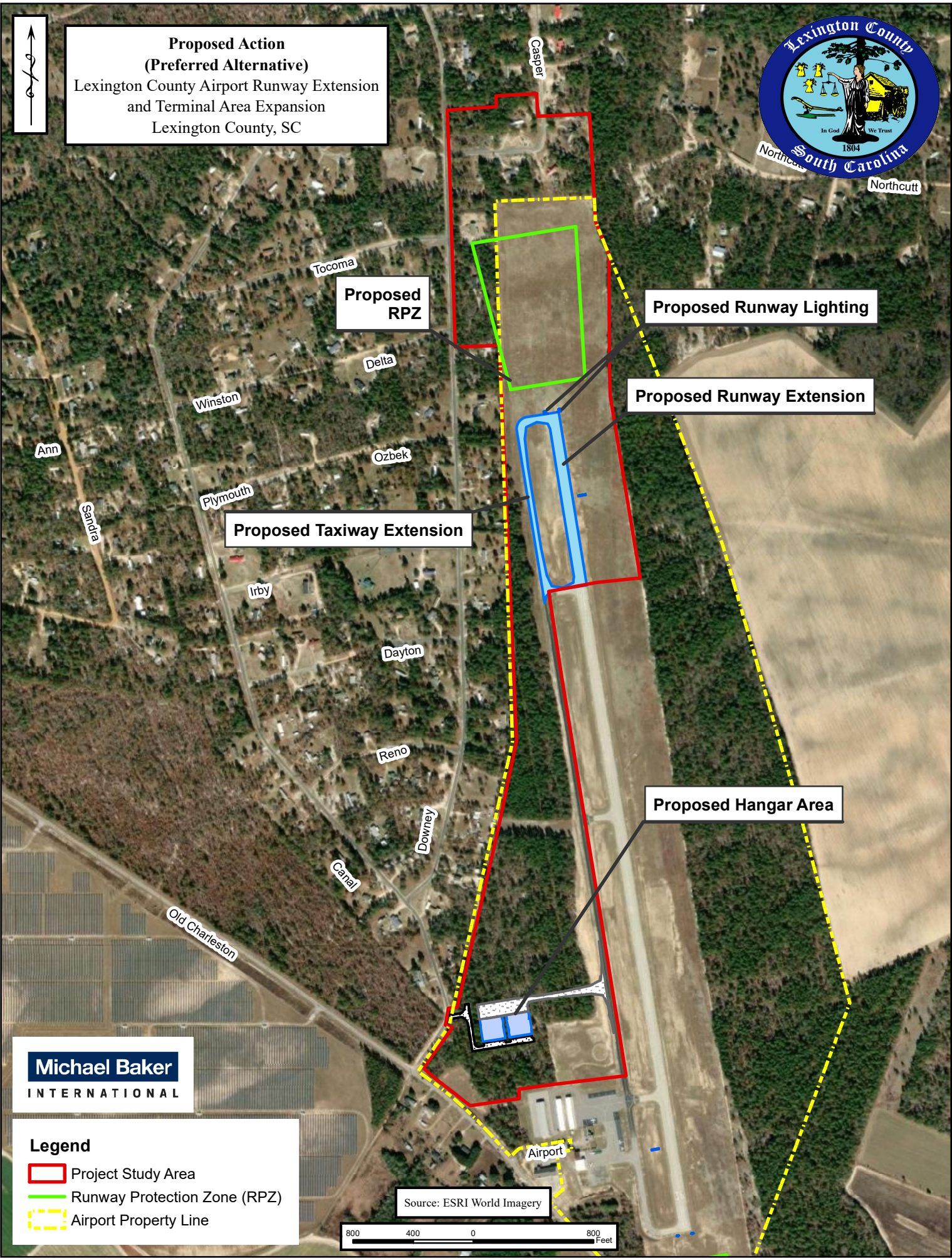
The runway extension requires land use controls of property on three parcels adjoining the Airport to meet FAA safety and land use compatibility standards due to parcels falling within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) for the proposed runway extension. The RPZ is a trapezoidal area off the end of the runway end that serves to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground in the event an aircraft lands or crashes beyond the runway end by restricting the types of activities that can occur within the RPZ.

The Proposed Action also requires the select removal of obstructions (trees) on approximately 4.46 acres on six off-airport parcels outside of the RPZ.

Additional potential impacts are discussed in the Draft EA.



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(Preferred Alternative)**  
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Casper

Tocoma

**Proposed RPZ**

Delta

**Proposed Runway Lighting**

**Proposed Runway Extension**

**Proposed Taxiway Extension**

Winston

Ozbek

Ann

Plymouth

Sandra

Irby

Dayton

**Proposed Hangar Area**

Reno

Downey

Canal

Old Charleston

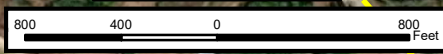
Airport

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**Legend**

- Project Study Area
- Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)
- Airport Property Line

Source: ESRI World Imagery



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382 Downey Drive

131 Casper Street

130 Casper Street

106 Casper Street

116 Casper Street

124 Casper Street

354 Downey Drive

Tocomo

Downey

342 Downey Drive

330 Downey Drive

Delta

320 Downey Drive

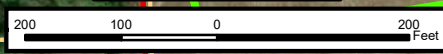
Casper



**Legend**

- Select Tree Removal Areas
- Property Line
- Project Study Area
- Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)

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## What are the next steps for the project?

All official comments received during the comment period will be appropriately evaluated and included in the project record and the Final EA.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Task	Anticipated Completion Date
Approval of Final EA	Spring 2024
Issuance of Finding of No Significant Impact	Spring 2024
Begin Construction	Spring 2024
End Construction	Summer 2024

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## How can I get involved?

Lexington County and the FAA appreciates your attendance and strongly encourages you to provide your input regarding the project. You may comment in two ways:

1. Complete a Comment Form and leave it in the comment box located in this meeting room.
2. Mailing or emailing your comments to:  
Mr. Lynn Sturkie  
County of Lexington, Administrator  
212 South Lake Drive, Suite 602  
Lexington, SC 29072  
[CountyAdministrator@Lex-co.com](mailto:CountyAdministrator@Lex-co.com)

**Please provide your comments on this project no later than March 29, 2024.**

The Draft EA and the materials from tonight's meeting will be available on the County website at:  
<https://lex-co.sc.gov/departments/airport>

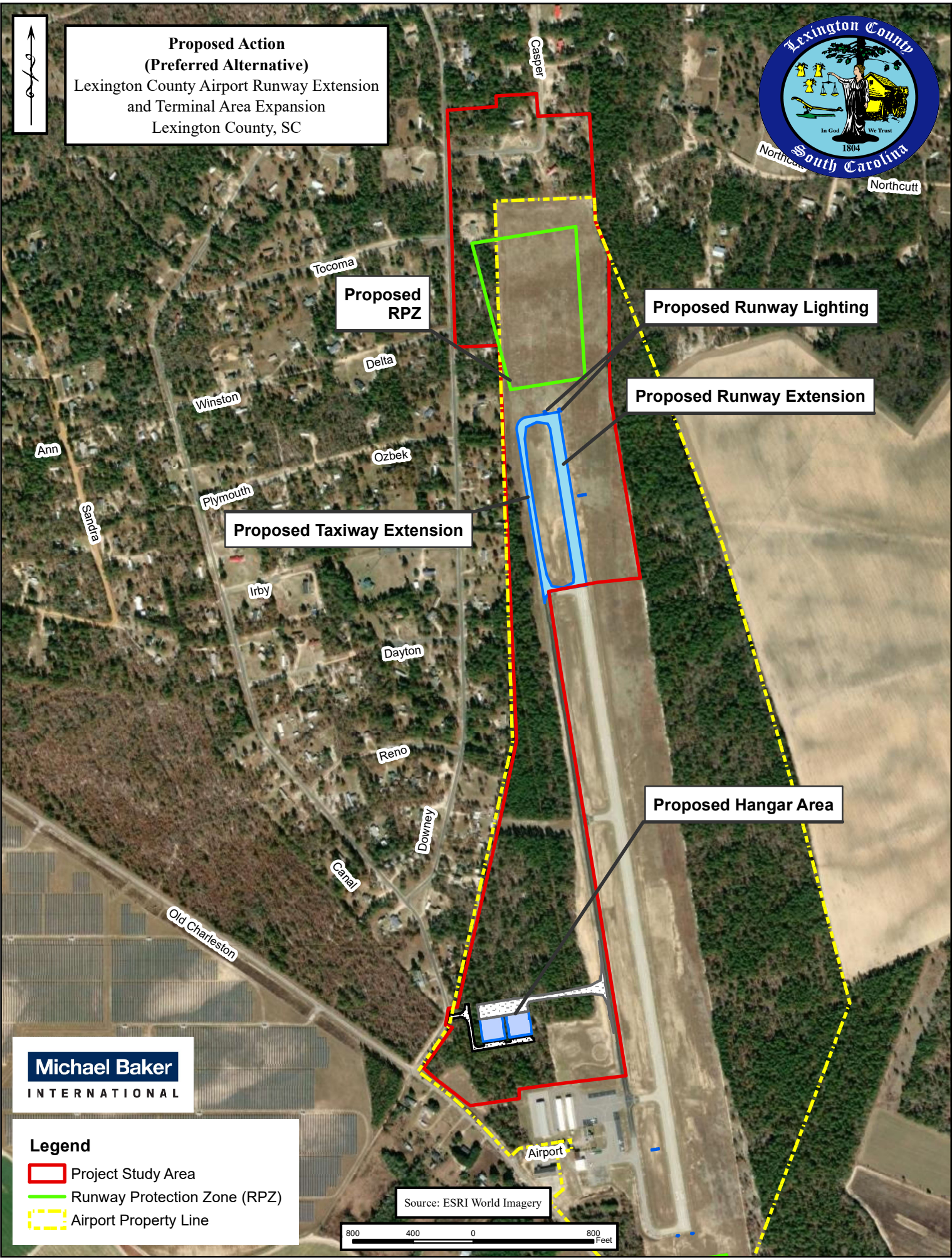


A hard copy of the Draft EA is also available for viewing at this meeting.

Las traducciones al español pueden estar disponibles a pedido contactando a [achicas@lex-co.com](mailto:achicas@lex-co.com) (803-440-2084).



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**Proposed RPZ**




**Proposed Runway Lighting**

**Proposed Runway Extension**

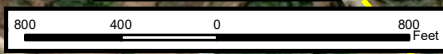
**Proposed Taxiway Extension**

**Proposed Hangar Area**

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