

NOTICE OF FAA APPROVAL FULFILLING NEPA REQUIREMENTS
FAA Order 1050.1G Part 3 Paragraph 3.2
“Reliance On Existing Environmental Documents”
Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO)
Aviation Facilities Company (AFC) Air Cargo Facility

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviewed and approved environmental planning documents in advance of a proposed Airport Layout Plan (ALP) change for the AFCO Air Cargo Facility Development at the RNO located in Reno, Nevada. As the airport sponsor, the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) is collaborating with AFCO to construct an air cargo facility southwest of the terminal complex at RNO. The proposed project area is currently undeveloped and would be developed under a land lease with AFCO as a cargo facility with airfield access. The proposed facility would include construction of two buildings with asphalt pavement for truck access to the west and concrete pavement for aircraft parking/access to the east.

Project Description

The proposed project is to construct an air cargo facility on undeveloped property on the southwest end of RNO by constructing two buildings and associated pavement, as shown on the site plan provided below. Additionally, the project includes a deicing pad. The potential area of disturbance would be 29.9 acres. [RNO AFCO Air Cargo Facility Site Plan.pdf](#)

The proposed location of the facility enables direct airside access to the east and truck access to the west via Airway Drive. Preliminary concept building elevations show the following available assets: 64 loading docks, up to eight aircraft parking positions (depending on the aircraft type used by facility tenants), and approximately 200,000 square feet of warehouse/distribution space (two 100,000-square foot buildings). The project includes 405,000 square feet of aircraft parking apron. The asphalt pavement to the west (375,000 square feet) will provide space for truck maneuvering, trailer staging, and vehicle parking.

Construction will be privately funded and is anticipated to start in the third quarter of 2026.

Project Purpose and Need

The RTAA's objectives for the project are to (1) support the long-term viability of RNO by increasing its revenue stream from an underdeveloped area of the airport and (2) accommodate existing and future demand for air cargo services at RNO. The proposed facilities would be used for air cargo storage and distribution.

Applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

On October 22, 2025, the FAA found that the AFCO Cargo Facility Project meets NEPA compliance requirements per FAA Order 1050.1G Part 3 Paragraph 3.2, from further National Environmental Policy Act review. The existing environmental documents that the FAA based their approval decision on are available for download below.

[RNO Supplemental CATEX Approval SW Cargo 2-3-2016.pdf](#)

[RNO-Southwest Cargo Supplemental CATEX 12-09-15.pdf](#)

[2002 SW Cargo FAA FONSI and ROD 5-11-2004.pdf](#)

[2004 Cargo Dev - Biological Assessment.pdf](#)

[2002 SW Cargo Dev EA.pdf](#)

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