The County of San Mateo, located in the Bay Area, has oversight for the San Carlos Airport (SQL) and the Half Moon Bay Airport (HAF). The airports, which are located approximately 14 miles apart, are self-funded through airport user and business fees.

Businesses and tenants at SQL and HAF contribute more than $2.5 million annually in personal and property taxes to local cities, school districts, and the County’s General Fund.

**SQL**

Located along U.S. 101, two miles northeast of the city of San Carlos, serving the bayside communities

- On-site control tower supported 101,077 aircraft takeoffs and landings in 2022
- 110 acres
- Runway 12/30
  - 2,621 feet long x 75 feet wide
- 327 based aircraft
- 25 aviation-related businesses, including:
  - 4 flight schools
  - Air tour operators
  - Aircraft sales
  - Rental cars
  - Museum
  - Restaurant
  - Gift shop
  - SMC Airports Administrative Office

Home base/service support to:
- Emergency agencies
- Public safety agencies
- Public utility aircraft and helicopters

**HAF**

Located on the Pacific Ocean, six miles northwest of the city of Half Moon Bay, serving the coastal communities

- Non-towered airfield supported 28,810 aircraft takeoffs and landings in 2022
- 325 acres
- Runway 12/30
  - 5,000 feet long x 150 feet wide
- 43 based aircraft
- 5 aviation-related businesses
  - 1 restaurant
  - Organic farming
  - Drivers training for local youth and law enforcement

Important asset supporting:
- Local tourism
- Visitors to coastline and local attractions
- Recreational pilots
- Flight training to address the national pilot shortage
- Coast Guard sea-rescue operations
- Disaster and storm response and staging for midcoast communities
Annual contributions*:
• $76.9M approximate total economic benefit
• 465 jobs supported
• $29.7M payroll

History:

1988
Hiller Aviation Museum opens

1968
Air traffic control tower constructed

1944
San Mateo County purchases the airport

1948
Built in its current location

1940–1948
Located at Brittan Avenue and Industrial Road

1917–1940
Located at Old County Road and Terminal Way

*Total economic benefits include both direct and indirect benefits and jobs, measuring the airport's overall contribution to the regional economy

The Friendly Approach Program is the County of San Mateo Airports’ way to inform the community about aircraft noise management efforts and to engage with pilots to minimize their aircraft noise footprint. Learn more at: flysmcfriendly.com

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