

## SIS Designation Overview:

To be designated as a **SIS facility**, the facility must meet *minimum size criteria* and *community and environment screening criteria*.

- The *minimum size* criteria and thresholds for each SIS facility are dependent upon that facility and the source of the data used.
- In addition to meeting the minimum size criteria, SIS facilities must also be evaluated on issues such as impacts on community livability, land use, air quality, natural resource lands, cultural and historic sites, and agricultural areas. The *community and environment screening* criteria are used to influence choices among potential facilities for designation and future investment, where choices exist. If a facility meets the minimum size criteria but does not meet the community and environment screening criteria, any alternate terminals that serve the same markets and type of trips should be considered for designation.

If a facility does not meet SIS *minimum size* criteria, it can be considered for designation as an **Emerging SIS facility** if it meets the *distance* criterion, and either Emerging SIS *minimum size* criteria or *economic connectivity* criteria.

To be designated as an Emerging SIS airport, the facility must be located more than 50 miles driving distance<sup>1</sup> from any designated SIS facility (of the same mode), or it must serve a significantly different market segment than the SIS facility that is within 50 miles. This *distance* criterion is intended to help preserve the strategic nature of the SIS by not designating multiple similar facilities in close proximity.

If the *distance* criterion is met, the facility must meet either Emerging SIS *minimum size* criteria or *economic connectivity* criteria:

- The *minimum size* criteria and thresholds for Emerging SIS airports are dependent upon that facility and the source of the data used.
- The *economic connectivity* criteria were developed to address the need for connections to clusters of industries that are dependent on the specific facility being evaluated and located in fast growing regions of the state. These criteria and thresholds identify those facilities that do not meet the minimum size threshold but could support the future growth and development of emerging economic regions. If this economic growth is realized, transportation activity levels at these facilities could grow rapidly over the next few decades, moving these facilities above the minimum Emerging SIS size threshold and ultimately reaching the SIS thresholds in the future. The economic connectivity criteria vary by type of facility.

Where there is more than one facility (of the same mode) in close proximity that could meet these economic connectivity criteria, the airport with the highest existing activity levels is designated as part of the Emerging SIS.

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<sup>1</sup> The driving distance is measured on SIS and Emerging SIS corridors and connectors only.

