

Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and FONSI/ROD: Now Available

The FAA is announcing the availability of the Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision for Updates to Airspace Closures for Additional Launch Trajectories and Starship Boca Chica Landings of the SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy Vehicle at the SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas

(Final Tiered EA and FONSI/ROD).

The FAA acted as the lead agency in the preparation of the Final Tiered EA. Under the Proposed Action, the FAA would modify SpaceX's vehicle operator license to authorize:

- Updated operations for additional launch trajectories for Starship-Super Heavy operations at the Boca Chica Launch site, and;
- Updated operations for Starship Return to Launch Site mission profiles for Starship-Super Heavy operations at the Boca Chica Launch Site

The Final Tiered EA also analyzed potential temporary airspace closures associated with the proposed mission profiles.

The FAA previously released the Draft Tiered EA for Updates to Airspace Closures for Additional Launch Trajectories and Starship Boca Chica Landings of the SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy Vehicle at the SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas for public review and comment on September 19, 2025. Due to a lapse in government funding, the October 7th, 2025 virtual public meeting was cancelled. The public comment period closed on October 20, 2025. All comments received on the Draft Tiered EA were given equal weight and taken into consideration.

The Final Tiered EA and FONSI/ROD are now available at: https://www.faa.gov/space/stakeholder_engagement/spacex_starship.

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