

San José Mineta International Airport – Carbon Reduction Statement

San José Mineta International Airport (SJC or “Airport”) is committed to reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) in alignment with the Climate Smart San José initiative and in support of protecting the region’s long-term socioeconomic viability. Furthermore, SJC is committed to reaching its long-term goal of carbon neutrality by 2032.¹ This will be achieved through positive year over year carbon reductions of operational emissions (Scope 1 and 2 emissions where Scope 1 represents emissions from fuel use from Airport owned and operated equipment and Scope 2 represents emissions from electricity purchased by SJC). Additionally, SJC will work with employees, contractors, tenants, and passengers to influence Scope 3 emissions reductions as much as possible (i.e., indirect emissions not covered in Scope 1 or Scope 2).

For calendar year 2022, SJC’s total Scope 1 and 2 emissions were 28% lower than historical annual average market-based emissions from years 2019 and 2021², further demonstrating our commitment to carbon management and a path to neutrality. To reflect these goals, SJC has set an absolute target of reducing Scope 1 and 2 market-based emissions by **50%** by 2030 using the baseline year of 2019. 2019 is selected as the baseline because it is the first year for which SJC has a verified carbon footprint.

To further demonstrate our commitment to sustainability, SJC has set the following timeline of goals for ACA Accreditation:

1. Level 2 ACA Accreditation by 2023 (current application)
2. Level 3 ACA Accreditation by 2026 (which will involve tracking and engaging reduction of emissions from third party interactions at and around SJC)
3. Level 3+ ACA Accreditation by 2029³ (which involves implementation of offsetting remaining Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions as well as staff business travel)
4. Carbon Neutrality by 2032 with carbon offsets for all remaining Scope 1 and 2 emissions

SJC recognizes the importance of climate action in response to global climate change and is committed to its greenhouse gas reduction targets. The Airport is proud to work with the City of San José along with other stakeholders and entities in the region to reduce carbon emissions.



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¹ Goal of carbon neutrality for Scope 1 and 2 emissions for the year 2032, SJC Sustainability Management Plan.

https://www.flysanjose.com/sites/default/files/commission/2020_0121_Final%20SMP.PDF

² 2020 was omitted due to air traffic reductions due to COVID-19.

³ [Airport Carbon Accreditation - 6 levels of accreditation](#)