

Proposed Action and Alternatives

ELEMENTS OF T-7A RECAPITALIZATION AT COLUMBUS AFB:

- Acquisition of T-7A aircraft to replace all T-38C aircraft assigned to Columbus AFB.
- Transition of operations at Columbus AFB and associated airspace from the T-38C to T-7A.
- Introduction of nighttime (between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.) T-7A flight operations.
- Changes to the number of personnel and dependents in the Columbus AFB region.
- Construction and upgrade of specific facilities to support the pilot training and operations and maintenance of aircraft.

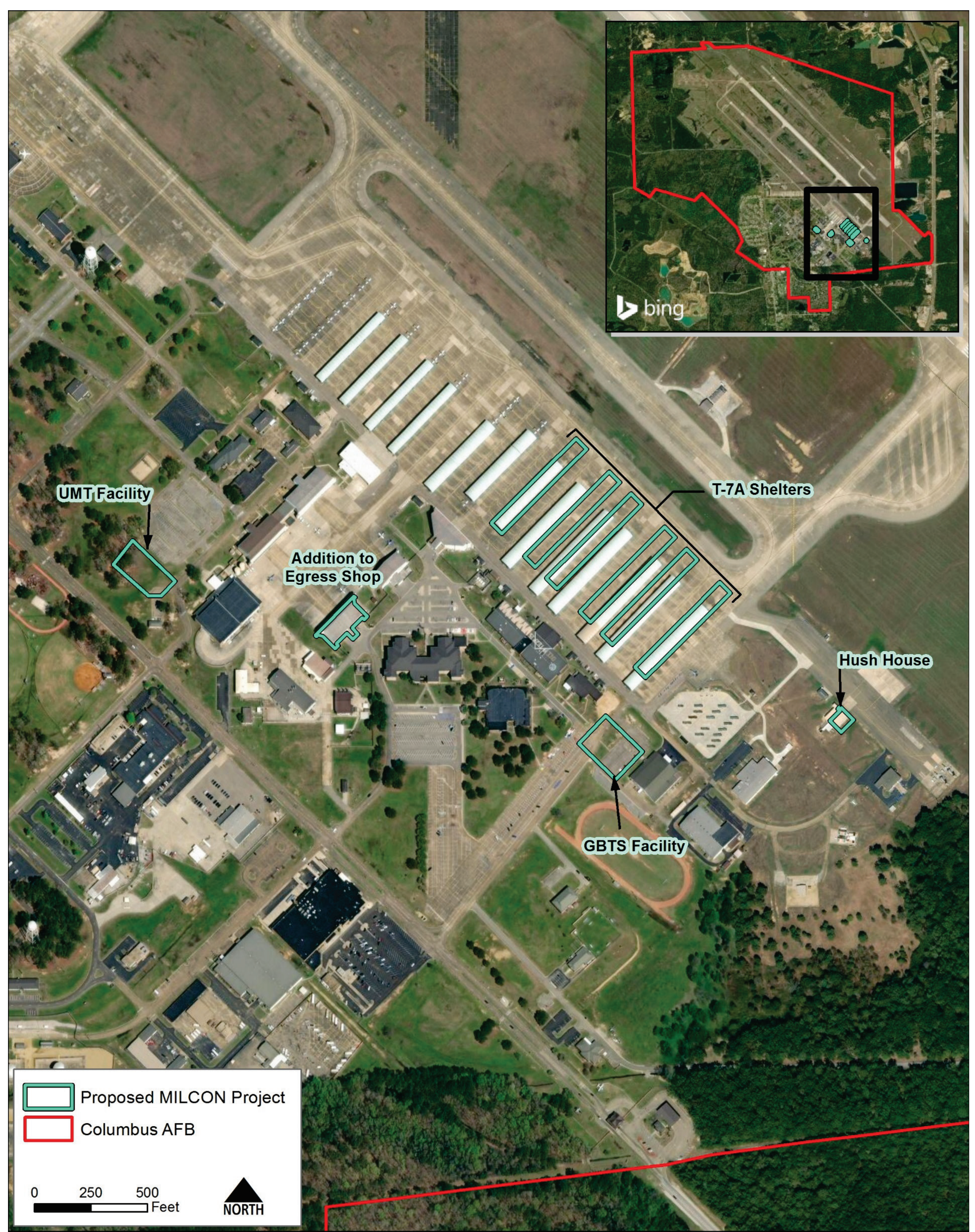
The number of aircraft, aircraft operations, and nighttime operations is evaluated as part of the Proposed Action and alternatives.

Personnel and Dependents

- Increase of 43 personnel and 82 dependents for 125 additional persons during the aircraft transition (2028 and 2029).
- Decrease of 31 personnel and 59 dependents for 90 fewer persons after 2029 (compared to current levels).

Construction

- Ground Based Training System (GBTS) Facility
- Unit Maintenance Trainer (UMT) Facility
- Hush House
- 61 T-7A Shelters
- Addition to Egress Shop
- Jet Blast Deflectors
- Nine facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization projects.



Locations of Major Construction Projects



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

T-7A RECAPITALIZATION AT COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

