

Buying a Home Near Infrastructure

What to Know When Living Near Airport, Train or Freeway

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WEIGHING THE PROS AND CONS

Living near a major road or transit hub can make commuting easier and increase accessibility to work, shopping and entertainment. Some buyers even seek out these locations for the convenience and savings, as homes close to infrastructure are often more affordable than those in quieter areas.

However, the drawbacks can be significant. Noise pollution from planes, trains or constant traffic may affect your daily comfort. Air quality may be lower near highways, and the increased activity can lead to safety concerns or reduced privacy.

Infrastructure also impacts how you use your property. For example, building a backyard retreat may not be as enjoyable

next to a busy overpass or transit line. And while resale values can grow near new transit centers, properties too close to noisy or unsightly infrastructure may take longer to sell.

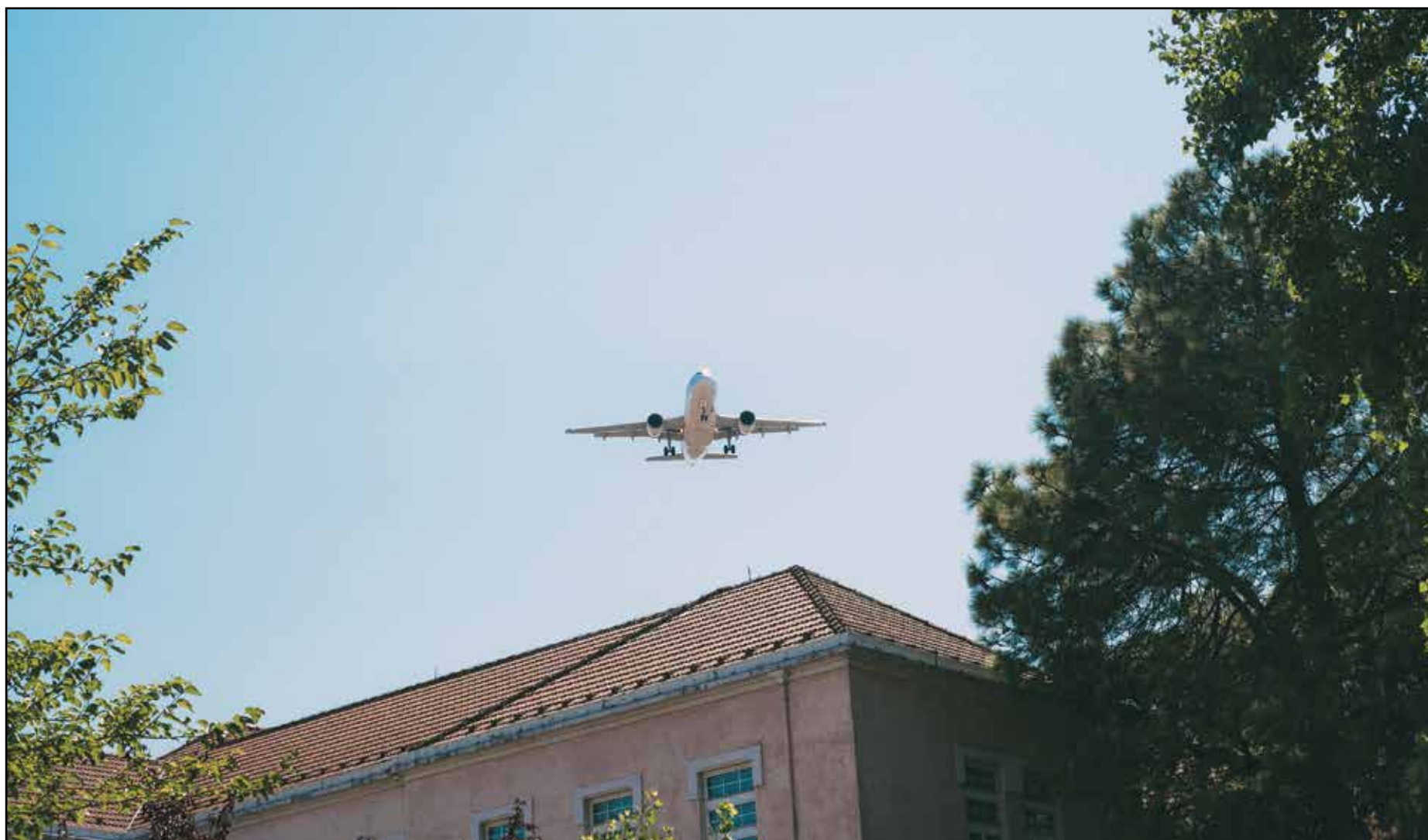
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property at different times of day. Morning rush hour or late-night freight trains may paint a different picture than a quiet afternoon tour. Use online tools to check noise maps or search nearby traffic reports and zoning information.

Ask your agent or local planning office about any upcoming construction or infrastructure changes. A road expansion, rail upgrade or airport runway addition could dramatically change the area's character in a few years.

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HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

Research Future Projects Before You Buy

Before committing to a property, check with city planning departments to see if infrastructure projects — like highways or rail expansions — are planned nearby. These changes can influence your quality of life and property value.

Eminent Domain: Eminent domain is the government’s right to take private property for public use, with compensation. It’s commonly used for building roads, railways or utilities and can affect nearby property values and usage.

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