

AIRPORT WOES of Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)

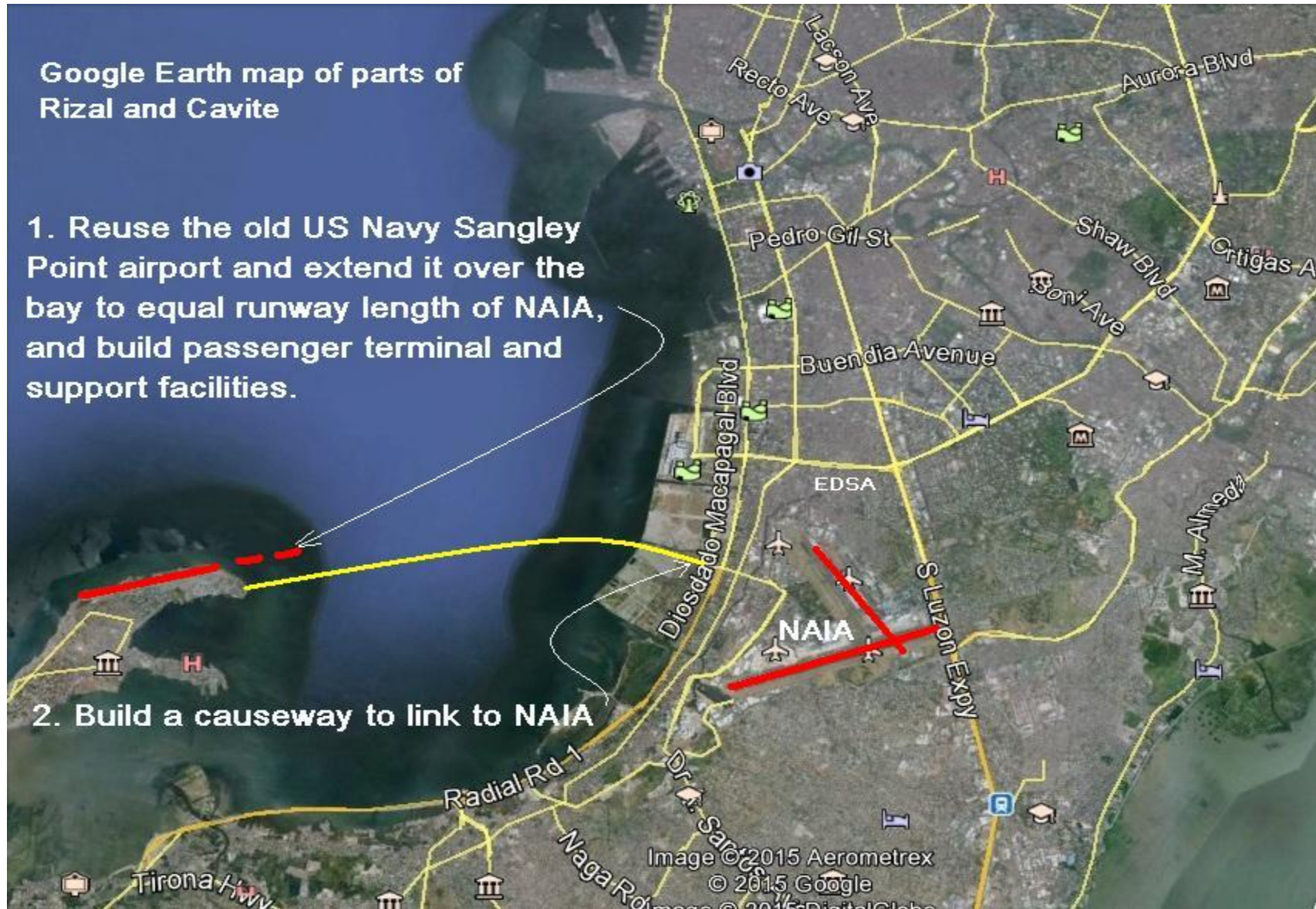


1. NAIA airport has only two runways. The main and auxiliary. See RED lines. They intersect each other. There is no more space to extend or build more.
 2. There are four passenger terminals NAIA 1, 2, 3 & 4. See their violet-outlines. NAIA 1 is the old original international terminal rebuilt years ago. Since 2 years back it is undergoing a major facelift, and is much better now. It is still the international airport and most foreign airlines use it.
 3. NAIA 2 is PAL's exclusive terminal. It is relatively new and modern..
 4. NAIA 3 is huge and also relatively new and modern, with a storied past. Started by Erap (or Ramos?), it underwent starts and stops, accidents, court injunctions, etc. For that past 2-3 years, it has been operational for all of Cebu Pacific's domestic and international flights, and some of PAL's domestic flights. Starting this year, some international airlines such as Korean, (and many middle East flights) use it. It can stand up to international standards, with support facilities, parking structures. And across the road are hotels, malls, a casino, etc. The present trouble is traffic. The road in front is a skyway abuilding. NAIA 4 is the old domestic airport now used by turbo props and smaller airlines. Some flights from NAIA 3 that do not dock at Gates or Jetways have passengers enplane and deplane on the tarmac and are bused to the passenger terminal.
 5. There is no exclusive road or mass transit linking all terminals. See the heavy yellow lines for roadways. Needless to say traffic is horrible.
- So what are the solutions to increase air travel to the Philippines without choking off NAIA? There is a proposal to use Clark Airport in Pampanga as an alternate NAIA after upgrading the Expressways to get there, but that is very expensive, will take too long a time, and is too far. Alternative on next page.

Google Earth map of parts of Rizal and Cavite

1. Reuse the old US Navy Sangley Point airport and extend it over the bay to equal runway length of NAIA, and build passenger terminal and support facilities.

2. Build a causeway to link to NAIA



Other International airports in the country are Cebu (Mactan), Clark, Zamboanga, Davao, Bacolod (Silay), Laoag, and perhaps a few others. As far as I know, there indeed are international carriers who fly regularly from the first four.