

Encino Neighborhood Council Motion In Support of the
Proposed Redesign of RNAV Procedures For Van Nuys Airport (VNY)

August 19, 2021

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) fully endorses and supports moving forward with the Proposed Redesign of RNAV Flight Procedures for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) presented at the August 9, 2021, virtual community briefing by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The proposed redesign, in step with the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) Report Recommendation #2, mimicking pre-NextGen historic flight paths departing from VNY as closely as possible. The ENC previously supported the Task Force resolution in its entirety by filing a formal Community Impact Statement (CIS) in 2020. We respectfully ask the Los Angeles City Council, LAWA, and the FAA to proceed and implement the proposal as expeditiously as feasibly possible.

Whereas,

- In 2018 the FAA modified VNY departure procedures, resulting in a significant southerly shift of flight paths onto “new communities” located miles away from VNY that had never before been impacted by VNY operations. The change also was executed without appropriate supporting environment studies, sufficient public notice of the planned change, and was counter to long-communicated FAA policy of not moving noise onto new communities.
- The flight path changes resulted in annual VNY noise complaints increasing from hundreds, to hundreds of thousands.
- In response to community concerns, the Task Force, Los Angeles City Council, VNY Citizens Advisory Council, and the ENC all passed motions requesting LAWA work with the FAA to revert the Metroplex flight procedures to patterns that more closely mirrored the historic flight paths successfully used for decades with minimal community concern.
- LAWA and the FAA have now developed a solution that reflects the historic flight paths.
- The FAA stated that the proposed solution is the best technically and operationally feasible option to address the change requests put forth by the Task Force.
- The next step calls for Los Angeles City officials to give the FAA their approval for an in-depth technical and environmental evaluation of the proposal via an 18 to 24-month process that will include multiple checkpoints along the way for public review, comment, and potential design modifications; no flight path changes having been authorized, finalized, or implemented at this time.

Therefore, the Encino Neighborhood Council,

- Supports the FAA moving the process forward to further refine and evaluate the “Proposed Redesign of RNAV Flight Procedures for Van Nuys Airport” as presented during the virtual community briefing on August 9, 2021.
- Requests our Los Angeles City officials recommend the FAA immediately proceed with the conceptual procedure development per the approval process outlined in their presentation.
- Urges the FAA to move as expeditiously as possible on a path toward implementation.

- Commends LAWA and the FAA for working collaboratively to conceptualize a solution that is responsive to the requests of the Encino Neighborhood Council, VNY Citizens Advisory Council, LA City Council, Southern San Fernando Valley Airport Noise Task Force, and thousands of San Fernando Valley residents.

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