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Robert E. Henry
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Federal Aviation Administration
Western Service Center
1601 E. Valley Road
Renton, WA 98057

Re: Request for additional information and extension of public comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the FAA’s Southern California Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (SoCal Metroplex)

Dear Mr. Henry:

We write to follow up regarding the recently released Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed new air traffic procedures in Southern California. It appears from our review to date that the proposed project includes 155 different procedure changes, including 36 new RNAV STARs (satellite-based arrival procedures), 41 new RNAV SIDs (satellite-based departure procedures), and 13 revised conventional SIDs (ground-based departure procedures). Given the extensive quantity of complex technical information in and outside of the Draft EA, as well as the need to assess the specific areas of change, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requests that the FAA extend the public comment period an additional 60 days to allow more time to review and comment on the Draft EA and the additional information released on June 10, 2015.

LAWA also requests that the FAA provide additional information including model input files and output files, assumptions regarding implementation of procedures, and actual noise modeling data results. LAW A appreciates that FAA has begun to share additional information, such as graphics that depict existing flight tracks, the proposed procedures, and other information overlaid on aerial photos, on the Southern California Metroplex website. We look forward to receiving the remainder of it, as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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