



September 30, 2008

RE: Notice of Availability and Public Meeting on a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Van Nuys Airport Noisier Aircraft Phaseout Project

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential impacts associated with the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Noisier Aircraft Phaseout project and seeks the public's input regarding this Draft EIR.

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LAWA proposes to establish a maximum noise level for all aircraft arriving at and departing from VNY. VNY is generally located between Roscoe Blvd. and Sherman Way, and between Balboa Blvd. and Woodley Ave.; in the San Fernando Valley; Lat/Long: 34-12-35.3000N / 118-29-23.9000W, 34-12.588333N / 118-29.398333W, 34.2098056 / -118.4899722.

The proposed project that is the subject of this Draft EIR is an ordinance that would gradually phase out aircraft that generate noise in excess of the established level of 77 dBA, beginning with the noisiest aircraft and periodically lowering the maximum noise level. Certain military, medical, and emergency operations would not be subject to the project's aircraft noise limits. It also includes exemptions for aircraft that are permanently departing VNY, historic aircraft first flown before 1950, historic military aircraft first flown on or after January 1, 1950, and maintenance-related flight operations. The latter two exemptions would expire in 2016.

The project proposes no physical development or change in land use, only operational modifications at the existing facility. Aircraft unable to comply with the noise restrictions would most likely divert to one of the following airports: Bob Hope (BUR), Los Angeles International (LAX), Camarillo (CMA), Chino (CNO), and William J. Fox Airfield (WJF).

The redistribution of air traffic and its resulting potential for environmental effects are addressed in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR concludes the project would not result in significant project-level impacts at VNY, but would result in significant project-level and/or cumulative air quality impacts at CMA and WJF.

The Draft EIR will be available for viewing beginning on October 2, 2008, and may be viewed on the LAWA website at www.lawa.org/vny/vnyEnvironment.cfm, or at the following locations:

VNY Airport Administration Office 16461 Sherman Way, #210, Van Nuys, CA 91406	Northwest Library 3323 W Victory Blvd Burbank, CA 91505	Camarillo Public Library 3100 Ponderosa Dr Camarillo, CA 93010
San Bernardino County Library 13180 Central Ave Chino, CA 91710	Lancaster Public Library 601 W Lancaster Blvd Lancaster, CA 93534	Los Angeles Public Library 8946 Sepulveda Eastway Los Angeles, CA 90045



Comments on the DEIR must be received by 5:00 PM on November 17, 2008, at the following address:

Ms. Karen Hoo
Environmental Planning
Los Angeles World Airports
7301 World Way West, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Comments may also be emailed via a link on the project website.

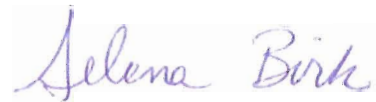
LAWA is scheduled to hold a Public Meeting for the EIR on Tuesday October 7, 2008 to describe the proposed project and the EIR process, and to receive comments on the EIR. The Public Meeting will be held from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the following location:

Van Nuys FlyAway,
Upstairs Conference Room
7610 Woodley Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406

The public meeting is open to all interested parties. Free parking for the meeting will be available in the short-term parking lot in front of the FlyAway. The meeting will be in a "workshop" format so that you can attend any time during the three hour session. LAWA representatives and consultants will be available to answer questions you and other attendees may have on the Draft EIR and the EIR process and to solicit your input on the Draft EIR. Forms will be provided at the meeting for use in submitting written input on the Draft EIR; the forms may be completed and handed in at the meeting or mailed to the previously listed address by 5:00 PM, Monday, November 3, 2008.

If you have any questions or would like to view the administrative file, please contact Karen Hoo at (310) 646-3853 X 1003.

Sincerely,



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Van Nuys Airport