December 16, 2013

Cynthia Guidry, P.E.
One World Way
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Attention: Lisa Trifiletti

Dear Mrs. Guidry,

I am submitting this letter in response to your request to consult with Stakeholders on the West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project, Executive Director’s Review – Case Number 002-013LAXSP.

On October 17, 2013 the Stakeholder Liaison’s Office (SLO) received a request to initiate consultation on the West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project with stakeholders as a requirement of the LAX Specific Plan (Sec. 7.F.2.). With the request, the SLO received a copy of the Specific Plan (Sec. 7.F.2.), a Project Description and the Site Plan. Per the LAX Specific Plan, LAX Plan Compliance Review process, upon receipt of a request for consultation, documents were then made available online to stakeholders receiving a mailer/notification to solicit comments on the proposed project. The SLO’s transmittal of the project description and site plan did not solicit review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report under the California Quality Environmental Act (CEQA). CEQA compliance is being done concurrent, but separate to the LAX Plan Compliance process. The public review period officially began October 11, 2013 and ended on December 2, 2013. The review period gave the public the opportunity to provide comments, and identify concerns that may be considered by the Executive Director when making a recommendation for approval on the proposed project. This report gives a summary of the comments received by the SLO during the public review period.

The SLO, via the United States Postal Service (USPS) notified over 11,000 stakeholders living within a 500 foot radius of the project site and stakeholders who have registered online at www.ourlax.org of the proposed project through a mailer. The mailer served as notification for the Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and LAX Plan Compliance Review for the proposed project (Attachment A). The SLO made every effort to ensure addresses were current by contracting with a data cleaning
service, also required by the USPS, to validate addresses and ensure non-valid addresses were removed from the database prior to mailing.

A total of two (2) comments were received through LAX Plan Compliance review request. One comment, from the County of Los Angeles, Regional Planning Commission, Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) determined that the proposed project is an implementation of the LAX Master Plan and it is not a type of land use action that requires ALUC review. The second comment was in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report and not the LAX Plan Compliance review for the proposed project. The comment was submitted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Region noting National Floodplain management building requirements. The comments received did not support nor object to the proposed project.

Attached to this report is a copy of the mailer (Attachment A) and comments (Attachment B) received during the public review period. If you have questions and/or need additional information, please do not hesitate in contacting the Stakeholder Liaison’s Office at (800)919-3766 or (424) 646-5185.

Sincerely,

Brenda Martinez-Sidhom
Stakeholder Liaison’s Office
Attachment A
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
and LAX PLAN COMPLIANCE REVIEW
for the West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project

THE FOLLOWING IS A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT EIR FOR THE WEST AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AREA PROJECT AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX) AND NOTIFICATION OF A RELATED PUBLIC WORKSHOP. THIS IS ALSO A NOTICE OF LAX PLAN COMPLIANCE REVIEW.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has prepared a Draft EIR for the West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project (proposed Project), within the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The proposed Project is located in the southwestern portion of LAX, on approximately 84 acres immediately south of World Way West between Taxiway AA and Pershing Drive. The proposed Project would provide facilities and areas for aircraft maintenance and maintenance hangars, as well as parking areas for aircraft and employees. The intent of the proposed Project is to consolidate, relocate, and modernize some of the existing aircraft maintenance facilities at LAX consistent with the LAX Master Plan. The proposed Project would be able to accommodate up to 10 Airplane Design Group (ADG) VI aircraft (Airbus A380s and Boeing 747-8s), or a mix of smaller aircraft on the site. The proposed Project would include: (1) apron area for remain overnight/remain all day (RON/RAD) aircraft parking that would also include a blast fence that would accommodate low power engine run ups for ADG VI aircraft and other aircraft, as well as the westerly extension of Taxiway B and the extension of Taxiway C (as Taxilane C) that would provide access to the apron area; (2) 290,000 square feet of aircraft maintenance hangars including maintenance shop and supporting office space within the hangars, as well as up to 300 employee parking spaces accessed via World Way West; and, (3) ancillary (supplemental) facilities (such as areas for ground service equipment [GSE] and maintenance areas/facilities, aircraft wash racks, RON/RAD kits that provide ground power hook-ups, GSE charging stations, preconditioned air, and potable water, necessary utilities and infrastructure, and a detention/infiltration basin to treat stormwater runoff as well as other on-site water quality improvements, such as wash rack recycling system, oil-water separator, use of porous pavement or media filters, etc.). It is anticipated that a temporary concrete batch plant would be installed on the site under an existing permit and utilized for construction of the proposed Project. Existing construction staging and associated equipment currently at the Project site would either be phased out or relocated if necessary to other staging areas already in use at LAX. The proposed Project would not increase passenger or gate capacity and would not increase flights and/or aircraft operations at LAX.

SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT: Implementation of the proposed Project is expected to result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to air quality during construction activities. These impacts are short-term and temporary and would not occur during operation of the proposed Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The Draft EIR is being released for public review beginning Thursday, October 17, 2013, and it will be available for review at LAW A and at the public libraries listed below.

- LAWA Administrative Offices, One World Way, Suite 218, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- El Segundo Library, 111 West Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245
- Inglewood Library, 101 West Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA 90301
- Culver City Library, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230

The document will also be available for review at LAWA’s website, www.ourlax.org. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways: (1) written comments submitted at the public workshop (details below); (2) written comments submitted online at www.ourlax.org; or (3) written comments submitted to the following address:

Los Angeles World Airports, Capital Programming and Planning
Environmental & Land Use Planning – Attention: Lisa Trifletti, Director
One World Way, Suite 218, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Comments must be received by LAWA no later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday, December 2, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP: A public workshop will be held by LAWA during the public circulation period to provide interested parties the opportunity to review and inquire about the Draft EIR in a workshop setting. No decisions on the project will be made at the public workshop. The public workshop and parking facilities are wheelchair-accessible. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided, if requested a minimum of 72-hours prior to the public workshop, by calling the LAX Stakeholder Liaison Office at (800) 919-3766. The workshop will be held as follows:

When: Tuesday, November 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Flight Path Learning Center, 6661 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90045
LAX PLAN COMPLIANCE REVIEW: Prior to issuing any grading, building or use of land permit for the proposed Project, the Los Angeles City Council must grant an LAX Plan Compliance approval pursuant to the LAX Specific Plan. This approval will be based on recommendations from LAWA’s Executive Director and the Board of Airport Commissioners. The Executive Director’s recommendation will be provided in a written report, which will include the results of LAWA’s consultation with the LAX Master Plan Stakeholder Liaison. This public review period provides an opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments and identify concerns that will be considered by the Executive Director in making this recommendation. Your comments to the LAX Stakeholder Liaison can be submitted via email to LAXStakeholderLiaison@lawa.org, online at www.oki lax.org, or to the following address:

Los Angeles World Airports, Stakeholder Liaison Office (SLO)
Attention: Brenda Martinez-Sidhom
One World Way, Suite 219, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Comments must be received by the Stakeholder Liaison no later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday, December 2, 2013.

For further information or questions regarding the Draft EIR, contact Lisa Trifletti, Director of Environmental & Land Use Planning, at (424) 646-5186. To reach the Stakeholder Liaison, contact Brenda Martinez-Sidhom at (800) 919-3766.

Si necesita asistencia en Español, por favor comuníquese con Evelyn Y. Quintanilla al (424) 646-5188.
Attachment B
November 20, 2013

Brenda Martinez-Sidhom, Stakeholder Liaison
Los Angeles World Airports, Stakeholder Liaison Office (SLO)
One World Way, Suite 219
Los Angeles, CA 90045

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND LAX PLAN COMPLIANCE REVIEW FOR THE WEST AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AREA PROJECT

Dear Ms. Martinez-Sidhom:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Plan Compliance Review of the West Aircraft Maintenance Area project for the consolidation, relocation, and modernization of existing aircraft maintenance facilities at LAX. Staff of the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) has reviewed the documents you provided and has the following comments:

- In December 1991, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission in its capacity as the ALUC adopted the Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP) for the county's fifteen public use airports. For each airport the ALUC adopted planning boundaries, also known as the airport influence area (AIA), within which certain proposed local actions must be submitted to the ALUC for review. Staff has determined that the subject property is located within the AIA for LAX.

- The proposed project is an implementation of the LAX Master Plan and is not a type of land use action which requires ALUC review as listed in Sections 1.5.1, 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 on pages 2-5 through 2-8 of the ALUC Review Procedures and therefore does not require review by the ALUC for an Airport Land Use Plan consistency determination.

If you have any questions, please contact David McDonald of my staff at (213) 974-6425 or by email at dmcDonald@planning.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Richard J. Bruckner
Director
Dept. of Regional Planning

Rosie O. Ruiz
Secretary of Commission

320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 Tel (213) 974-6409 or TDD (213) 617-2292 Website planning.lacounty.gov/aluc
Very truly yours,

Carmen Sainz, Supervising Regional Planner
Community Studies East

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November 5, 2013

Lisa Trifiletti, Director
Los Angeles World Airports, Capital Programming & Planning
Environmental & Land Use Planning
One World Way, Suite 218
Los Angeles, California 90045

Dear Ms. Trifiletti:

This is in response to your request for comments on Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and LAX Plan Compliance Review for the West Aircraft Maintenance Area Project in the City of Los Angeles.

Please review the current effective countywide Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the County of Los Angeles (Community Number 065043) and City of Los Angeles (Community Number 060137), Maps revised September 26, 2008. Please note that the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The minimum, basic NFIP floodplain management building requirements are described in Vol. 44 Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Sections 59 through 65.

A summary of these NFIP floodplain management building requirements are as follows:

- All buildings constructed within a riverine floodplain, (i.e., Flood Zones A, AO, AH, AE, and A1 through A30 as delineated on the FIRM), must be elevated so that the lowest floor is at or above the Base Flood Elevation level in accordance with the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map.

- If the area of construction is located within a Regulatory Floodway as delineated on the FIRM, any development must not increase base flood elevation levels. The term development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings, other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, and storage of equipment or materials. A hydrologic and hydraulic analysis must be performed prior to the start of development, and must demonstrate that the development would not cause any rise in base flood levels. No rise is permitted within regulatory floodways.
• All buildings constructed within a coastal high hazard area, (any of the “V” Flood Zones as delineated on the FIRM), must be elevated on pilings and columns, so that the lowest horizontal structural member, (excluding the pilings and columns), is elevated to or above the base flood elevation level. In addition, the posts and pilings foundation and the structure attached thereto, is anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effects of wind and water loads acting simultaneously on all building components.

• Upon completion of any development that changes existing Special Flood Hazard Areas, the NFIP directs all participating communities to submit the appropriate hydrologic and hydraulic data to FEMA for a FIRM revision. In accordance with 44 CFR, Section 65.3, as soon as practicable, but not later than six months after such data becomes available, a community shall notify FEMA of the changes by submitting technical data for a flood map revision. To obtain copies of FEMA’s Flood Map Revision Application Packages, please refer to the FEMA website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/forms.shtml.

Please Note:

Many NFIP participating communities have adopted floodplain management building requirements which are more restrictive than the minimum federal standards described in 44 CFR. Please contact the local community’s floodplain manager for more information on local floodplain management building requirements. The Los Angeles floodplain manager can be reached by calling Gary L. Moore, City Engineer, at (213) 485-4935. The Los Angeles County floodplain manager can be reached by calling George De La O, Senior Civil Engineer, at (626) 458-7155.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Michael Hornick of the Mitigation staff at (510) 627-7260.

Sincerely,

Gregor Blackburn, CFM, Branch Chief
Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch
cc:
Brenda Martinez-Sidhom, LAWA, Stakeholders Liaison Office
Gary L. Moore, City Engineer, City of Los Angeles
George De La O, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works Department
Garret Tam Sing/Salomon Miranda, State of California, Department of Water Resources, Southern District
Michael Hornick, NFIP Planner, DHS/FEMA Region IX
Alessandro Amaglio, Environmental Officer, DHS/FEMA Region IX