



# Van Nuys Airport

Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council  
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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Community Plan Update/Overview
- Southwest Valley Community Plans Area
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  - Guiding Principles
- Van Nuys Airport
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# Southwest Valley Community Plans Update Program Overview

# General Plan Elements



Framework



LAND USE  
(35 Community Plans)



AIR QUALITY



CONSERVATION



HEALTH



SAFETY



MOBILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE  
SYSTEMS



OPEN SPACE



PUBLIC  
FACILITIES &  
SERVICES



NOISE



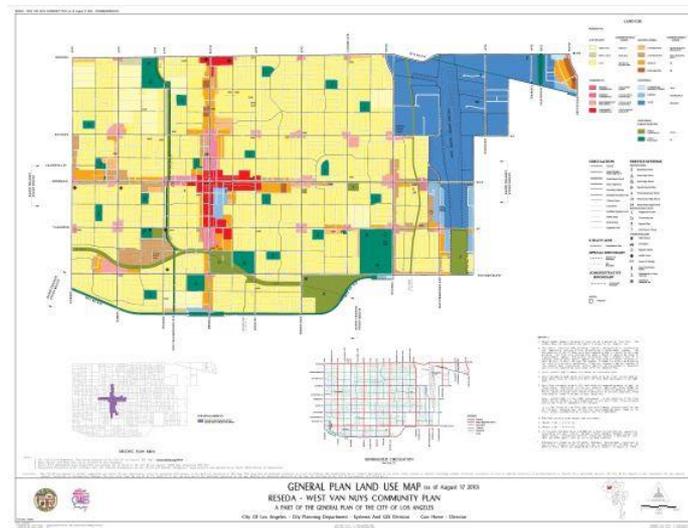
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# Components of a Community Plan

1. Policy Plan Text
2. General Plan Land Use Map
3. Zoning Map
4. Overlays

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## RESEDA - WEST VAN NUYS Community Plan

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#### COMMUNITY MAPS

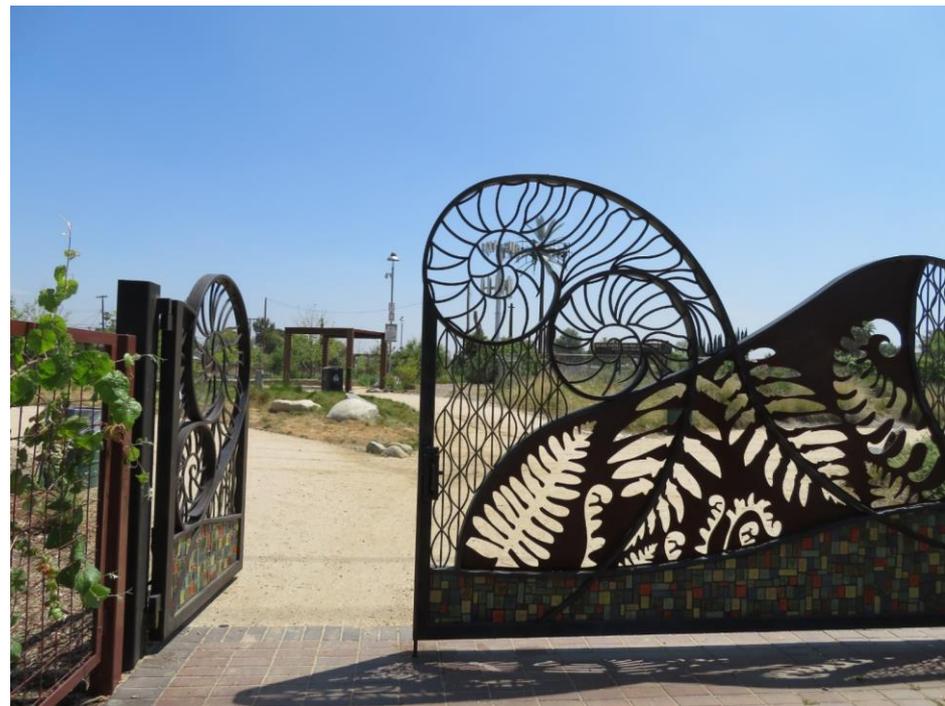
#### COMMUNITY PLAN

- I. Introduction
- II. Function of the Community Plan
- III. Land Use Policies and Programs
- IV. Coordination Opportunities for Public Agencies
- V. Urban Design

[www.cityplanning.org/PLN](http://www.cityplanning.org/PLN) (General Plans)  
A Part of the General Plan - City of Los Angeles

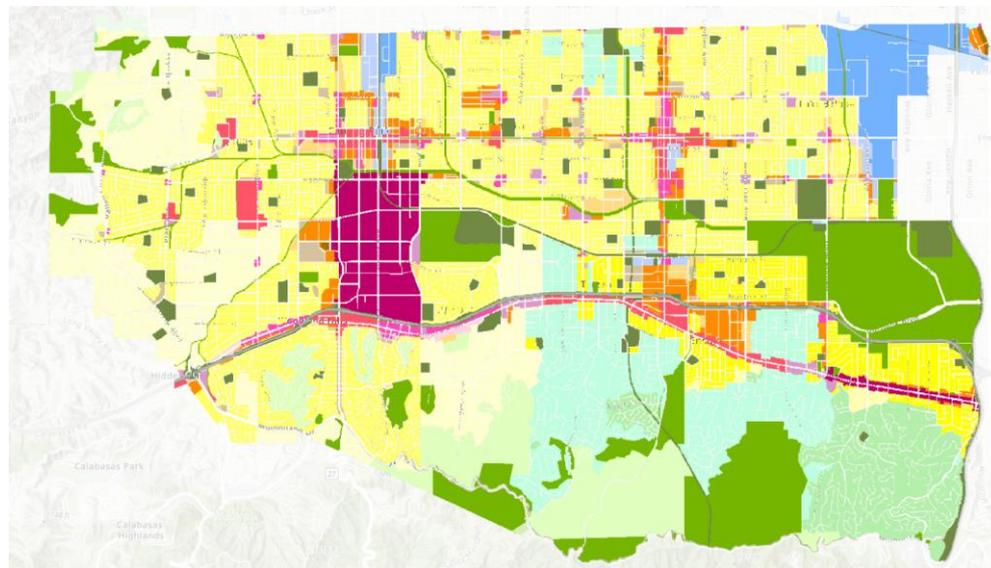
# Community Plan Text

- The Community Plan Text contains the written priorities of the Community Plan Area in the following forms
  - Guiding Principles
  - Goals
  - Policies
  - Programs
- The Community Plan Text will also be the vehicle of the future Community Benefits System and any other community-specific planning tools



# General Plan Land Use Map

- Community Plans provide guidance and shape the environment through General Plan Land Use Designations (GPLUs)
- GPLUs determine where uses are permitted
  - o Commercial
  - o Multi-family Residential
  - o Low Residential
  - o Industrial
  - o Open Space & Public Facilities
- GPLUs also determine where ranges of densities and intensities are allowed



**Draft GPLU Map Available**

# Zoning Map

- The Zoning Map is the implementation tool of the Community Plan
- Zones are nested under General Plan Land Use Designations (GPLUs) and dictate specific allowances on a property
- The Southwest Valley Community Plan will be utilizing the **New Zoning Code**
- The New Zoning Code is a modular system that aims to provide a more transparent and predictable planning process



# Overlays

- An overlay is an additional layer of planning control applied to properties in a clearly defined geographic area. Overlays function as tailored zoning districts, each with its own specialized set of regulations.
- Overlays implement the City's General Plan and Community Plans through neighborhood specific policy objectives, supplementing the underlying base zoning.
- Examples: Airport Plan, Community Design Overlays, Specific Plans, CPIOs, HPOZs, Streetscape Plans.

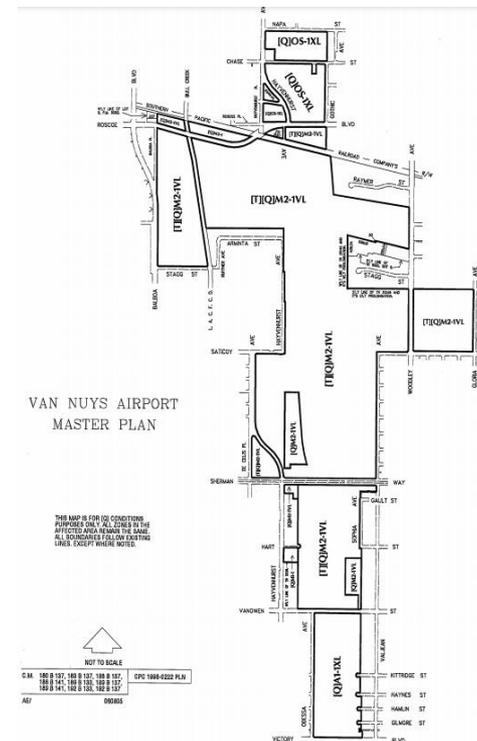
## RESEDA CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMUNITY DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT (CDO)

### *Design Guidelines & Standards*

Approved by the City Planning Commission on September 23, 2004.  
Boundary Ordinance No. 176,557 effective May 2, 2005.  
Permanent [Q] Conditions Ordinance No. 176,558

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# Plan Process Timeline

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## Listen

Conduct background research, data collection, field visits, land use surveys and gather initial input

### Launch of Community Plan Updates

### Community Workshops and Neighborhood Council Meetings

Introduced the planning process and collected issues and opportunities from each community

### Roundtable Discussions

Topics included Adjacency to Single Family Neighborhoods, Equine Neighborhoods, and Hillside Neighborhoods



## Share

Identify planning concepts along with plan goals and explore zoning tools

### Concepts Workshops and Neighborhood Council Meetings

Introduced planning concepts, goals and policies, and possible zoning tools

### Community Based Outreach

From September 2017 to Present

Attended Farmer's Markets, Street Fairs, and Other Community Events



## Consult

Refine the plan concepts, select new General Plan Land Use Designations (GPLUs), build new zoning, and begin the Draft EIR process

### CEQA: Release Notice of Preparation and hold Environmental Scoping Meeting

### Release of Draft GPLU Map

Webinar to release draft land use map, emerging vision statements, and plan guiding principles

### Release of Draft Zoning Map

Implementation of new zoning code



## Finalize

Revise Draft GPLU Map, Draft Zoning Map, and Draft Policy Document

### Publish Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

DEIR public comment period

Respond to comments on the DEIR and prepare Final EIR



## Adopt

### Open Houses and Public Hearings

Adoption process starts with a City Planning Commission Hearing, followed by Planning Land Use Management (PLUM)/City Council Public Hearings

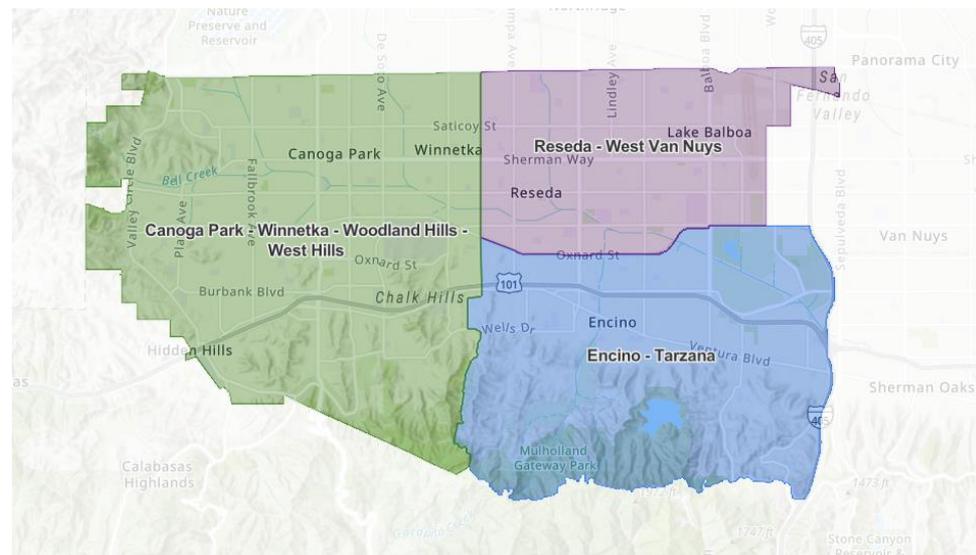
# Outreach Summary

- Overall Engagement
  - o Approximately **2,000 people** engaged through the Community Plan Process thus far
  - o **65 Events** (either hosted by the SWV community plan team or through other organizations)



# Geographical Context of the Southwest Valley

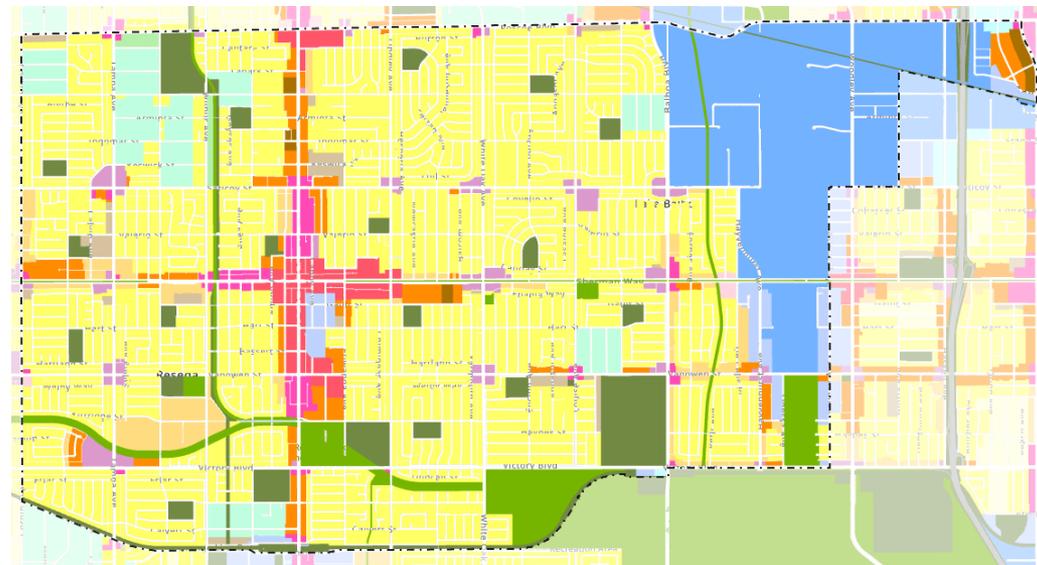
- Bounded by Roscoe Blvd to the North, City of LA limits to the West, the Santa Monica Mountains to the South, and generally the 405 Freeway to the East
- All 3 Community Plan Areas contain the LA River
- Significant Features of the SWV
  - Orange Line
  - Warner Center (Specific Plan)
  - Van Nuys Airport
  - Ventura Boulevard (Specific Plan)



# Reseda - West Van Nuys

## Geographical Location

- The existing Plan Area is bound by:
  - Roscoe Blvd. to the north,
  - Sepulveda Blvd. and Valjean Ave. to the east,
  - Orange Line Busway to the south,
  - Corbin Ave. to the west



# Emerging Vision Statement

*Building upon its historic roots as ranch land and thriving post-war housing development, the Reseda - West Van Nuys Community Plan Update envisions improved pedestrian spaces and walkability, better access to transit and open spaces, and a mix of quality housing and employment options and opportunities for all residents and visitors.*



# Guiding Principles



Accommodate anticipated growth in a strategic, inclusive, equitable, and sustainable manner



Promote a thriving and inclusive local economy within the Reseda Central Business District



Support and enhance the quality of life within residential neighborhoods



Foster a healthy and natural built environment that sustains people, wildlife, and ecosystems



Grow and support key employment hubs



Support the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area, Reseda Park, and the Los Angeles River by fostering creative placemaking to strengthen the community



Raise Design Expectations



Create more complete and walkable neighborhoods

Leverage the existing Orange Line Busway and Bike Path and planned improvements to foster connections between and within neighborhoods; close gaps in existing infrastructure and create friendlier streets and sidewalks



# Strategies



## Grow and support key employment hubs

- Maintain the Van Nuys Airport as a major employment hub of the San Fernando Valley and encourage appropriate land use compatibility between Airport uses and the surrounding residential community.

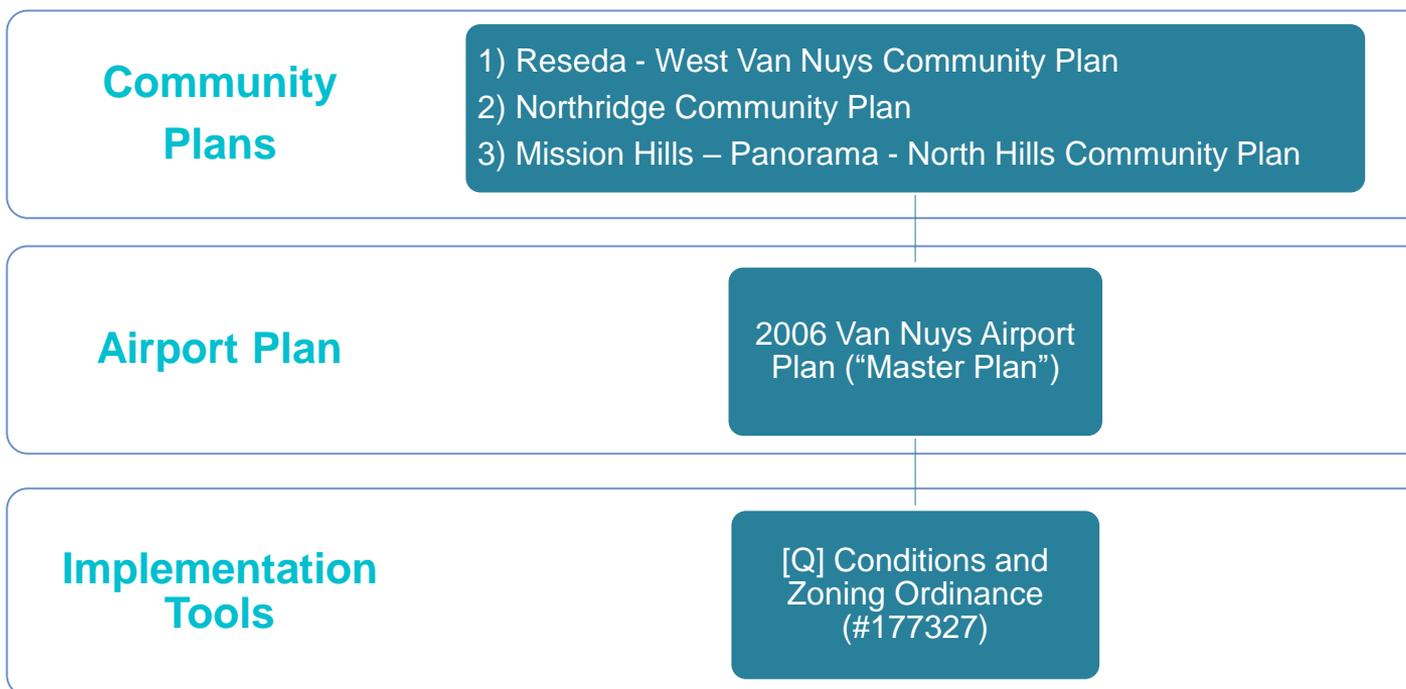


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# Van Nuys Airport

Current Plans and Community Plan Update

# Current VNY Regulating Plans and Tools



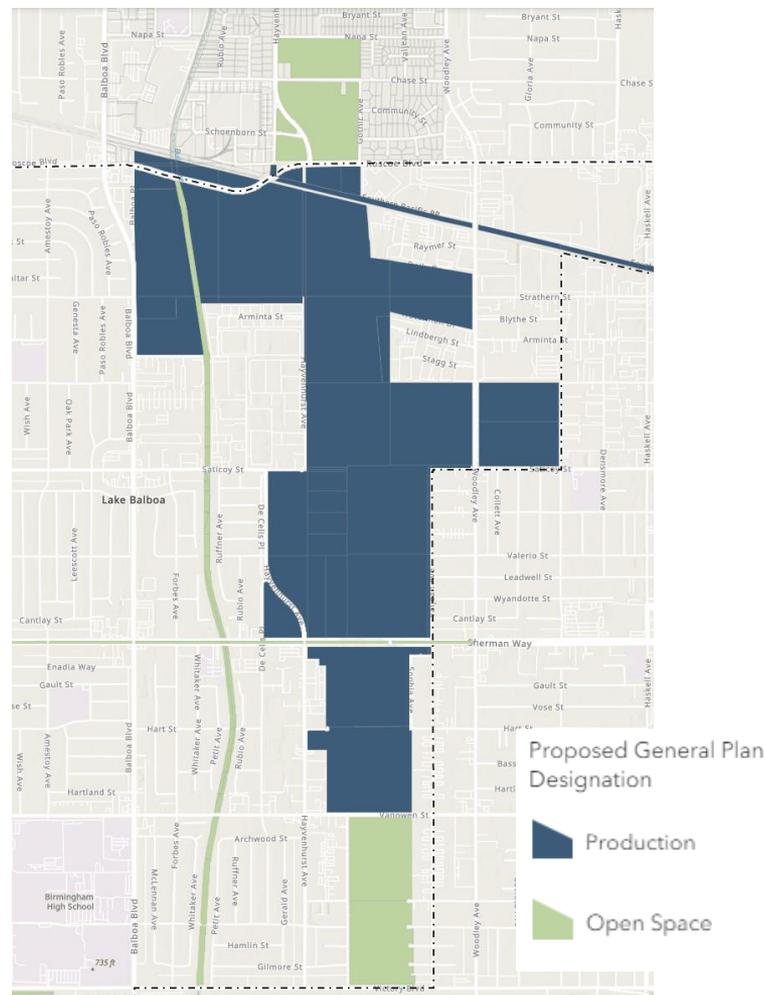


# Proposed General Plan Land Use Designation for VNY: Production

The proposed land use designations for different areas in the Southwest Valley Plan Area can be viewed on the StoryMap website at: [www.planning4la.org/swvalleyplans](http://www.planning4la.org/swvalleyplans).

The 'Production Designation' preserves and sustains industrial activity in certain areas while serving as a regional jobs base. Uses include a range of industrial and evolving and innovative industries. The current uses at VNY are permitted in the Production Land Use Designation.

Site layout and development in these areas are flexible to accommodate goods movement, loading, and distribution needs.



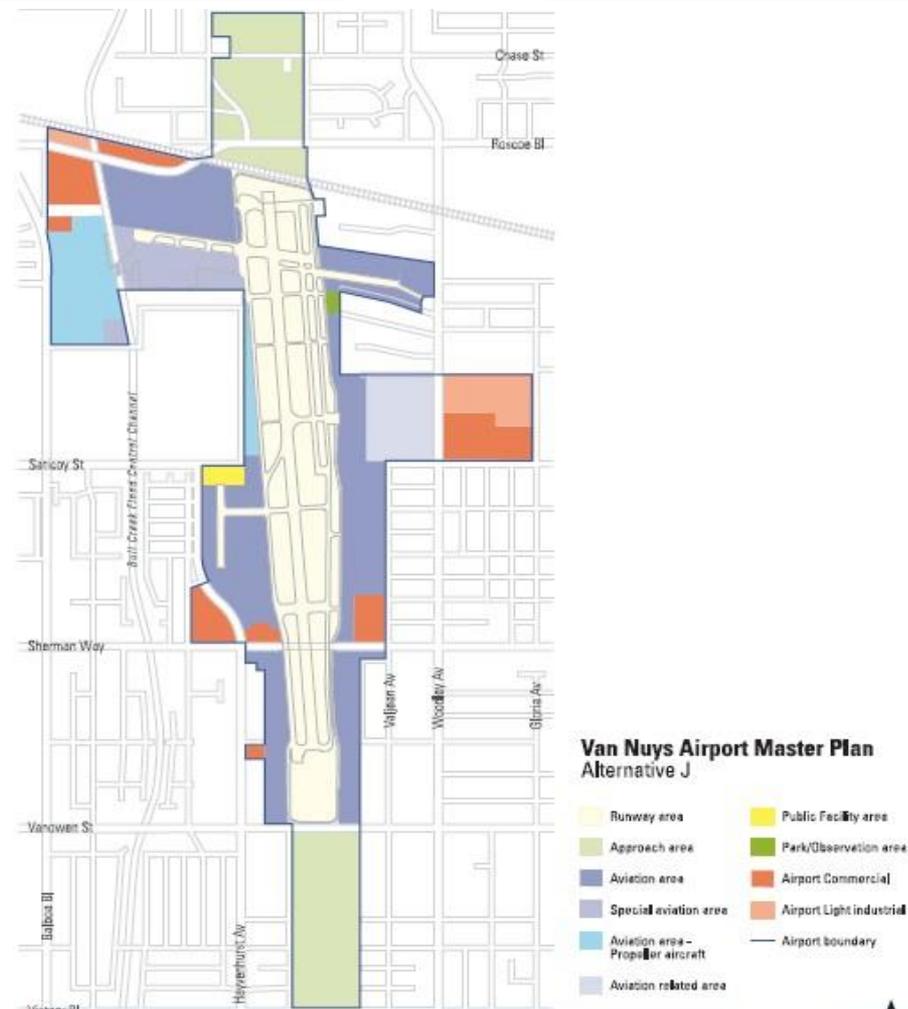
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# Van Nuys Airport Plan



# VNY Airport Plan

- Adopted by City Council in 2006.
- Provides comprehensive long-term guide for airport development and use of the airport as a general aviation center.
- Encourages the orderly development of on-airport land uses, circulation, and services.
- Increases compatibility between the airport and surrounding communities.
- Includes ten major policy topics with implementation Programs to support realization of Policies.
- Land Use Plan illustrates the arrangement of land use designations.



# VNY Airport Plan Implementation Entities

## Department of City Planning

- Manages the Airport Plan.
- Obtains inter-departmental comments for proposed projects.
- Reviews and conditionally approves development projects prior to building permit.

## LAWA (Property Owner)

- As property owner, LAWA is guided by Airport Plan.
- Policies and standards apply to VNY property.
- Acts as Lead Agency for CEQA review.
- Complies with LAWA Design & Construction Handbook.
- Complies with FAA/Federal regulations.
- Complies with allowed land uses.

# VNY Airport Plan – LAWA Projects and Programs

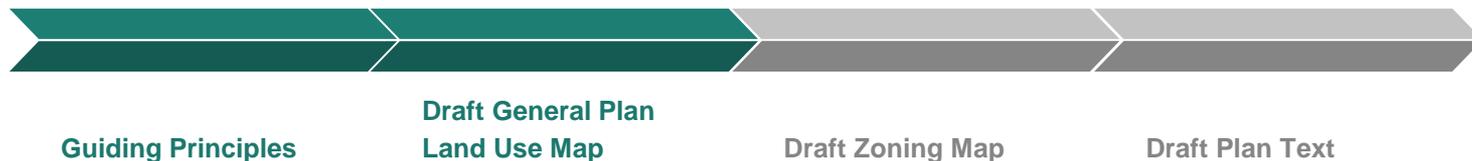
- **Constructed VNY Public Observation Area & Park.**
- **Enacted Plans:**
  - Sustainability Action Plan.
  - VNY Streetscape and Landscape Plan.
  - VNY Airport Wildlife Hazard Management Plan.
- **Enforce Public Safety and Noise measures through VNY Airport Rules & Regulations.**
- **Completed & Ongoing Noise Programs:**
  - Residential Soundproofing Program.
  - Pilot's Guide and Noise Management Information.
  - Mandatory Noise Abatement & Curfew Reg.
  - Phase Out of Stage 2 Aircraft.
  - Voluntary Quiet Jet Departure, No Early Turn, Helicopter Route and Altitude Deviation, Fly Friendly Awards and Quieter Nights Programs.
  - Maintain Noise Complaint Tracking System.

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# Next Steps

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# Next Steps: Community Plans Update



- Review and make changes to the Land Use Map based on community/stakeholder feedback
- Begin working on New Zoning Code Implementation milestone
- Zoning Webinar/Open House to follow for community feedback
- Review materials at [www.planning4la.org/swvalleyplans](http://www.planning4la.org/swvalleyplans)

# Next Steps: Van Nuys Airport

- New Zoning Tools available through Department of City Planning.
- Continued coordination between LAWA and Department of City Planning regarding translation of existing VNY Airport Plan into an Overlay that can operate within the New Zoning Code System.

# Contact Information

- Join the Southwest Valley Community Plans Mailing Lists:  
[www.planning4la.org/about/email-sign-up](http://www.planning4la.org/about/email-sign-up)
- Contact us via email:  
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