

# LAX Part 161 Study



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### Westerly Operations



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April 27, 2006 (6:30 a.m. to Midnight)

Pink Tracks – Arrivals Blue Tracks - Departures

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#### Los Angeles World Airports Over Ocean Operations



April 27, 2006 (Midnight to 6:30 a.m.)

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## **Easterly Operations**



Los Angeles World Airports

February 27, 2006 (6 a.m. to Midnight)

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## LAX Part 161 Study

- Originated under the LAX Roundtable Work Plan (added to the Settlement Agreements, MMRP, and the CBA)
- Goal is to prohibit the east departure at night when LAX is in Over Ocean-Operations or when it remains in Westerly Operations during the nighttime hours.
  - Does not affect Easterly Operations
  - Exemptions for Military, Medical/Mercy Flights and Government (Law enforcement, Fire/rescue operations, other emergency)
- This is known as the **Proposed Restriction (PR)**



#### Example of Targeted Departures June 4, 2005, Midnight to 6:30 a.m. Due to 9Kt Winds from East





#### **Current Situation**

- LAX had 80 non-conforming east departures in 2005 between midnight and 6:30 a.m.
- Non-conforming east departures are sporadic and unpredictable
- Non-conforming east departures disturb thousands of people and generate numerous complaints



#### Legal Basis of a Part 161 Study

- Federal Law, Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA)
- Federal Aviation Regulations Part 161 (14 CFR Part 161)
- A Part 161 Study is required to enact any local noise and access restriction(s)



#### What is a Part 161 Study

A Part 161 Study is a technical and legal study to be submitted to the FAA justifying a waiver from the federal preemption of local noise and access restrictions at an airport

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#### Part 161 Study Process

- Element 1
  - Collect and analyze data
  - Explain the environmental and economic impacts of the Proposed Restriction
  - Prepare the required reports and application materials
- Element 2
  - Notify the public, airport stakeholders and the FAA
  - Allow sufficient time for comment on the Proposed Restriction
- Element 3
  - Submit the Proposed Restriction and supporting documentation to the FAA for review and approval

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#### Part 161 is a Difficult Process

- FAA has approved no Part 161 Studies
- LAWA must prove the Benefits of the PR exceed the Costs
- Probability of FAA approval of LAX Part 161 is low
- Approved Part 161 Study is not binding on FAA



## Part 161 Findings

ANCA and the Part 161 Regulation require LAWA to collect substantial evidence to prove that the *Proposed Restriction* meets the following requirements:

- 1. Reasonable, non-arbitrary and nondiscriminatory
- 2. Undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce
- 3. Maintain safe and efficient use of navigable airspace
- 4. No conflict with existing federal statutes or regulation
- 5. No undue burden on the national aviation system
- 6. Opportunity for public comment



#### Where Are We Now?

- Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. (HMMH), Study Kicked-off June 8, 2005
- Technical consulting team is performing the required analyses, forecasting, and modeling for the Study
- Part 161 legal team is working on the required legal analyses and findings



#### Short Term Study Milestones

- LAX weight penalty analysis completed by June
- The 2008 baseline and 2013 projected fleet mix forecast by July
- The 2008 baseline and 2013 forecast noise contours by August
- LAX ground simulation analysis by July



### **Major Project Milestones**

- Complete required analyses of the Proposed Restriction (PR) (June 2007)
- Prepare/distribute Notice of PR (October 2007)
- Prepare applications and reports for submittal to the FAA (November 2007)
- Develop text of the PR (December 2007)
- Complete Public Outreach Program (June 2008)



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#### Questions

#### History of Noise Footprint World Airports

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