

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to securing an independent consultant to address concerns and community impacts relative to flight patterns at the Van Nuys and Hollywood-Burbank Airports.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz – Krekorian – Ryu – Buscaino):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the City Attorney, to report relative to the feasibility of securing an independent consultant to address issues, concerns, and community impacts of flight patterns at the Van Nuys and Hollywood-Burbank Airports, and to perform the following tasks:

- a. Identify potential mitigation measures and/or alternative flight paths and dispersals.
- b. Conduct outreach, education, and consensus building among impacted communities.
- c. Develop a consensus among the aforementioned airport partners and a concerted advocacy strategy to mitigate the noise, safety, and environmental impacts associated with the NextGen initiative's new flight paths.
- d. Advocate for the dispersal of NextGen departure paths from the Van Nuys and Hollywood-Burbank Airports, alternative departure paths to mitigate noise issues, alternative operational mitigations to reduce noise, and the implementation of specific federal guidelines and practices as approved in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018 related to aircraft noise, health, and environmental impacts, local land-use considerations, and related matters.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On May 8, 2019, Council considered Motion (Koretz – Krekorian – Ryu – Biscaino) relative to the feasibility of securing an independent consultant to address concerns and community impacts relative to flight patterns at the Van Nuys and Hollywood-Burbank Airports. Motion states in 2017, the FAA began implementing new flight paths and departure procedures at Southern California airports as a part of its NextGen initiative to utilize new air traffic technology and procedures. New departing flight paths out of the Van Nuys Airport and Hollywood-Burbank Airport were implemented that relied on satellite-based routing technology, concentrating air traffic over communities in the San Fernando Valley region. The FAA further amended flight paths at the Van Nuys Airport after an increase in noise complaints in the neighborhoods surrounding the airport. The newly amended flight paths directed planes further south over Encino, Sherman Oaks, and other nearby residential neighborhoods, prompting a surge in complaints from these communities.

Motion movers go on to state that Council has adopted multiple resolutions and motions urging the FAA to further consider the health and environmental impacts of its NextGen initiative, engage in discussions with affected communities, and examine alternative flight paths and procedures. Motion movers believe that this is a complicated issue affecting a diverse swath of community members and stakeholders in the City and requires an expert who can effectively build consensus around potential solutions to mitigate the impacts of air traffic in the San Fernando Valley region. They recommended that the CLA and CAO report relative to hiring an independent consultant to address these issues. Council referred Motion to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 15, 2019, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee discussed this matter with LAWA staff. The Department representative stated several meetings of community stakeholders and representatives of the airports have been held. It is anticipated that recommendations for addressing community concerns will be finalized in January, 2020. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| BONIN: | YES |
| KREKORIAN: | ABSENT |

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