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Mr. Bradley Mims
Deputy Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington DC 20591

Re: Status of IFP Gateway request for VNY RNAV Departures

Dear Mr. Mims:

I am reaching out to share my concerns about the status of requests submitted by Los Angeles World Airports in October 2020 to amend all three RNAV departure procedures (HARYS, ROSCE and WLKKR) for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) using the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Information Gateway.

As you may be aware, my staff has been working closely with FAA staff over the last several years regarding changes to VNY departure procedures brought about by the implementation of the Southern California Metroplex project. These changes resulted in an unprecedented number of noise concerns from communities in the San Fernando Valley, specifically communities in the hillsides that had not previously been exposed to noise from departures at VNY.

In the fall of 2021, LAWA asked the FAA to move forward with the flight procedure revision process based on input from the community and a determination that changes to the departure procedures were feasible by the FAA. Since then, LAWA has been working to obtain updates on the progress of these procedure changes. In January 2022, FAA noted that the Flight Procedures Team's Final Review was complete, and the next step would be commencement of the environmental process. On May 10, 2022, the FAA indicated that the publication of the revised departure procedures remains on track for January 2024; however, the FAA would be waiting until April 2023 before moving forward with the environmental review process.

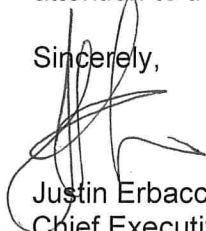
LAWA is very concerned that this effort will apparently be at a standstill for over a year without any indication as to what type of environmental review will be required and how long that environmental review will take. We understand there are competing requests across the country for procedure changes, but such a delay is unacceptable for communities who are affected by these flights each day. We respectfully request that a determination be made on the type of environmental review that will be required and a timeline for expediting that environmental review so that the new procedures can be implemented as quickly as possible. LAWA looks forward to obtaining an updated schedule that will address these concerns.



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I would like to thank FAA for the support they have provided throughout this process and look forward to continued progress on the implementation of these IFP Gateway requests. Addressing noise issues continues to be a high priority for LAWA and I appreciate your attention to this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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