December 10, 2018

The Honorable Daniel K. Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20591

Re: Proposed Amendment to OROSZ and SLAPP Area Navigation Departure Procedures at Hollywood Burbank Airport — Request for Consideration of Dispersal Headings/Other Lateral Track Variations to Address Community Noise Concerns

Dear Administrator Elwell:

The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") recently solicited public comments on proposed amendments to the OROSZ and SLAPP area navigation departure ("RNAV") procedures at Bob Hope Airport (commonly known as Hollywood Burbank Airport) ("Airport"). The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority ("Authority"), owner and operator of the Airport, respectfully submits this letter pursuant to Section 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ("Act") to request that you consider the feasibility of dispersal headings or other lateral track variations to address community noise concerns.

Earlier this year, in response to a significant increase in noise complaints, the Authority retained the firm Landrum & Brown, Inc. ("L&B") to prepare a flight path analysis and report on the impact of the FAA’s implementation of NextGen in the Southern California Metroplex. L&B presented its findings to the Authority’s Operations & Development Committee at an evening meeting on October 18, 2018. There was exceptionally high public attendance — hundreds of people were accommodated in the meeting room and an overflow space had to be provided. Dozens of public speakers, most of whom are residents of the Studio City and Sherman Oaks neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles, expressed concerns about increased aircraft noise experienced since the FAA’s March 2017 NextGen implementation in the Southern California Metroplex.
As such, the Authority has consulted with the affected community and makes this request that the proposed OROSZ and SLAPP RNAV amendments not be approved until the FAA analyzes the feasibility of dispersal headings or other lateral track variations to address community noise concerns. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Zareh Sinanyan
President

cc: FAA Operations Support Group, C/O Public Comments
    The Honorable Adam Schiff, Member of Congress, California District 28
    The Honorable Brad Sherman, Member of Congress, California District 30
    The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
    The Honorable Paul Kerkorian, Council Member, City of Los Angeles
    The Honorable Emily Gable-Luddy, Mayor, City of Burbank
    Commission Members, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority