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## **BOB HOPE AIRPORT HOSTS PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR AIRPORT NOISE EXPOSURE MAP UPDATE**

BURBANK, Calif., March 9, 2012 — The public is invited to attend a free community workshop on the federal noise study being conducted by the Bob Hope Airport, to be held on Thursday, March 22. This is an update to the Airport's Noise Exposure Map document completed in 1998. This document evaluates current and future aircraft noise impacts on communities near airports. Funding for the noise study is provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Airport Authority.

“The workshops are designed to allow members of the community to express their opinions and concerns, provide input, and learn more about the process of noise compatibility planning surrounding the Bob Hope Airport,” said Mark Hardyment, Director of Noise and Environmental Programs for the Airport.

The noise study, referred to as a “Part 150” study after the section of the federal code under which it is authorized, will analyze the aircraft-generated noise situation at Bob Hope Airport for 2012 and the forecast conditions for 2017. One of the primary purposes for conducting the six-month study is to continue to gain access to federal funding assistance for the Airport's ongoing residential sound insulation program, which so far has insulated more than 2,049 residences and four local schools.

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The Noise Exposure Map Update is being sponsored by the Airport with technical assistance provided by the airport consulting firm of Coffman Associates, Inc. The consultants are responsible for the technical analysis. At each step in the process, they will prepare working papers documenting their analysis and findings. This information will be made available for public review and comment via public workshops and the Bob Hope Airport website.

The March 22 workshop will be conducted in an open house format and will include a variety of displays that explain and summarize the federal Part 150 process, the project schedule, inventory of existing conditions, aviation forecasts, and technical details related to the development of the Noise Exposure Map documentation. Airport executives and their consultants will be available to explain any technical details and respond to questions and queries. Comment forms will be available at the workshop.

The next phase of the study will compile and present information on the updated noise exposure contour maps and associated noise impacts for Bob Hope Airport.

In addition to two public workshops, the Airport Authority staff and consultants have reached out to a broad base of stakeholders to form a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) to provide input and feedback to the study process and technical study material. The SAC is comprised of local residents, homeowner association members, local planning agencies, airport users, and representatives from the aviation and business communities, as well as state and federal agencies.

Project materials are available on the Bob Hope Airport website ([www.bobhopeairport.com](http://www.bobhopeairport.com)), including downloadable project documentation and meeting notices. The workshop will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bob Hope Airport Terminal Skyroom, which is located at 2627 N. Hollywood Way in Burbank. Parking is available in the Short Term Parking structure across from the front of the terminal building, and will be validated.

The Bob Hope Airport Terminal Skyroom is an accessible facility. For special accommodations at any meeting associated with this project, please contact the Airport Authority at (818) 840-8840 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. TDD is (818) 565-1355.