



August 26, 2019

Ms. Raquel Girvin  
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Re: VNY RNAV Procedures

Dear Ms. Girvin:

Thank you for your letter of August 16, 2019 responding to my June 27 and July 19, 2019 correspondence on behalf of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority ("Authority"). As you are aware, communities in the vicinity of the Bob Hope Airport ("BUR") (commonly known as Hollywood Burbank Airport) and the Van Nuys Airport ("VNY") have expressed concerns that the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") has proposed new area navigation departure procedures for VNY and has set an August 29, 2019 comment deadline. These concerns appear to be motivated, at least partially, by a belief that a change in VNY departure procedures will impact existing and any future BUR departure procedures.

This letter is to confirm several understandings of the Authority Commission. First, my colleagues and I have the understanding that the FAA is not currently considering new departure procedures for VNY and that your agency will not do so until receipt of a formal request from the City of Los Angeles. Second, it is our understanding that, if such a request is made, the FAA will begin a 12-18 month evaluation process that includes design of the new VNY departure procedures followed by development and operational preparations, flight testing, and coding. Third, it is our understanding that completion of such a process is a prerequisite for implementation of any new VNY departure procedures. In other words, it is our understanding that any changes to the VNY departure procedures would not be a simple overnight switch. Lastly, it is our understanding that changes to VNY departure procedures would not affect existing or future BUR departure procedures. We would appreciate it if you would confirm the accuracy of these understandings or correct any points about which we are mistaken so that we are able to present accurate information to the public.

If in fact the FAA has proposed new VNY departure procedures and has set an August 29<sup>th</sup> comment deadline, then this letter also is to set forth the Authority's position on that proposal. Specifically, in order to allow the FAA to complete its environmental assessment of BUR

departure procedures, the Authority recommends deferral of any VNY departure procedure changes that would affect existing or future BUR departure procedures.

Thank you for considering this letter and for providing additional clarification on these issues.

Sincerely,



Ray Adams  
President

cc: The Honorable Emily Gabel-Luddy, Mayor, City of Burbank  
The Honorable Ara Najarian, Mayor, City of Glendale  
The Honorable Terry Tomek, Mayor, City of Pasadena  
Commissioners, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority