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Dear Mr. Torpey

I am writing to express our organization's and community's deep concern regarding the status of the IFP Gateway request submitted by Los Angeles World Airports in October 2020 to amend three RNAV departure procedures (HARYS, ROSCOE, AND WLKCR) for Van Nuys Airport (VNY). In a recent meeting on July 21, 2023 with Raquel Girvin, Western-Pacific Region Regional Administrator, we were informed of a further 11-month delay for the publication date of the revised RNAV procedures from the expected January 2024 date to December 2024.

As you may be aware, LAWA and the FAA have been working closely together since 2020 to redesign RNAV departure procedures in response to "Recommendation 2" from the Southern San Fernando Valley Task Force (SSFVTF). The changes brought about by the Southern California Metroplex project have resulted in an unprecedented number of noise concerns from communities in the San Fernando Valley, particularly those residing in the hillside communities who were not previously exposed to departure noise from VNY to the extent that they are today.

In the fall of 2021, LAWA requested the FAA to move forward with the flight procedure revision process based on extensive input from the community and a determination by the FAA that changes to the departure procedures were feasible. Since then, we have been in contact with and have received numerous updates on the progress of these procedure changes. In January 2022, the 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 environmental review process would not start until the following year (April 2023), but reassured LAWA that the publication of the revised departure procedures would remain on track for January 2024 as planned. In June 2022, LAWA expressed concern regarding the delay to the start of the environmental review process and encouraged the FAA to consider moving the timeline up. We were encouraged by the notification in September 2022 that the environmental review process would be expedited as requested and that the January 2024 publication remained on schedule. Further, on March 1 of 2023, we received an email from the Community Engagement Officer at the



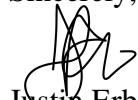
Western Pacific Region's office confirming that the environmental review process, started in late 2022, was well underway and on target for publication in January 2024.

As you can understand, finding out in July that environmental review is not complete after nearly a year and that the publication has now been delayed from January to December 2024 has raised serious concerns within our organization and our community. We cannot stress enough how unacceptable this delay is for the communities who are affected by these flights each day. We understand the complexity of environmental review and regulatory processes, but given the significant impact on the affected communities, we urge the FAA to explore all available avenues to keep to the original January 2024 publication timeline.

LAWA is fully committed to working collaboratively with the FAA to find a resolution that respects the regulatory requirements while also addressing the concerns of the communities we serve. We value our partnership and are ready to support any efforts to expedite the process and achieve a timely resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We eagerly await your response and hope for a constructive dialogue to ensure the timely publication of the revised RNAV departure procedures.

Sincerely,



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