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Chief Executive Officer

Dear Ms. Girvin:

Thank you for your December 10, 2020 letter in response to requests submitted by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Information Gateway, that the FAA amend VNY departure procedures, expedite the review process and consider implementing interim procedures to provide immediate noise relief to affected communities.

LAWA is pleased to learn that the FAA's initial review and feasibility study of the three IFP Information Gateway Requests were completed and found the requests to be feasible. While we find the general outline of the next steps in the review process helpful, we would like to request more clarification as to the overall time period involved in completing this process. We would appreciate receiving more detailed information on each phase of the process, the activity and need for each phase, and the duration of each phase. We believe all stakeholders would benefit from the FAA's transparency in providing a complete understanding of each step in this process and the time required.

LAWA understands that the COVID-19 public health emergency has changed the way we conduct our normal work, but believes the transition to web-based meetings/discussions still allows working groups to meet to move this process forward. We also would like to understand better why this process cannot be expedited, as LAWA and FAA staff have already engaged in many discussions regarding possible ways to address this change in departure flight paths since LAWA first reached out to FAA on this issue nearly two years ago. Many stakeholders also have been briefed and involved in these discussions, which should help expedite the process.

Finally, LAWA is disappointed to hear that the FAA will not implement any interim procedures to provide more immediate noise relief to affected communities due to pending changes to national policy. Since we have not been made aware of this pending policy change and its potential impacts on our requests, we would like to learn more from the FAA about this policy and the timeframe involved for obtaining approval. If this timeframe is extended, would the FAA retain the ability to implement any procedures, such as the Diverse Vector Area, in the interim? LAWA is hopeful that the



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FAA can continue to find ways to temporarily address this issue while the IFP Information Gateway process moves ahead. In the future, we also would appreciate the FAA notifying LAWA of any pending changes significantly affecting aircraft procedures policy that are being considered at the national level.

LAWA looks forward to obtaining the requested clarifications and additional information so we can move forward quickly and ensure that all options are considered to resolve this noise issue.

We would like to request a meeting with you and your team to further discuss this issue.

Sincerely,



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