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**LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS AND  
COUNCILMEMBER NITHYA RAMAN ANNOUNCE  
REVISED DEPARTURE PROCEDURES TO  
IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SAN  
FERNANDO VALLEY RESIDENTS**



**LOS ANGELES** — Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and Councilmember Nithya Raman (Los Angeles 4th District) are pleased to announce the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) publication of revised and redesigned departure procedures for Van Nuys Airport (VNY). This update, scheduled to take effect on February 20, 2025, marks a significant step forward in partnering with the community to alleviate noise effects by securing modified flight paths.

The redesign stems from recommendations made by the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force in 2020. Following this guidance, LAWA submitted a formal request to the FAA to amend all three southerly area navigation (RNAV) departure procedures for VNY. Over the past four years, LAWA has worked closely with the FAA and local elected officials to ensure that these changes align with community needs and safety standards.

“After years of collaboration and effort, we are excited to see this process come to fruition,” said Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman, 4th District. “These revised procedures are expected to restore flight paths closer to their original alignment, providing relief to our hillside communities in Sherman Oaks and Encino. I appreciate the collaboration of the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force and LAWA leadership for helping us meet our goal.”

The updated procedures include modifications to waypoint locations to reduce the southward shift of flight paths that occurred as a result of the FAA's 2017 Metroplex implementation — a prior redesign of Southern California airspace aimed at increasing safety, efficiencies and improving access to airports. This adjustment addresses noise concerns raised by residents in Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City and other hillside communities near VNY.

“The changes in FAA flight procedures at Van Nuys Airport represent a successful partnership between LAWA, the FAA and local stakeholders,” said John Ackerman, CEO, Los Angeles World Airports. “LAWA appreciates the thoughtful engagement of our community throughout this process. This adjustment is an example of the positive results that can come from working together to solve problems while maintaining the highest standards of safety and operational efficiency.”

Data collection and ongoing dialogue with the community will be crucial to ensure that noise concerns continue to be addressed proactively. This milestone highlights LAWA's commitment to balancing the needs of airport operations with the quality of life for its neighbors.

For more information about the revised procedures, click [here](#).

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#### **ABOUT VAN NUYS AIRPORT (VNY)**

VNY is one of two airports owned and operated by [Los Angeles World Airports \(LAWA\)](#), a self-supporting branch of the City of Los Angeles, governed by a seven-member Board of Airport Commissioners who are appointed by the mayor and approved by the Los Angeles City Council.

VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. For more information, visit [iflyvny.com](http://iflyvny.com), like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/VNYOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/VNYOfficial), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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# Redesign of RNAV Departure Procedures at Van Nuys Airport



## Overview

In 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented Metroplex Area Navigation (RNAV) procedures at Van Nuys Airport (VNY), which resulted in changes to flight paths, affecting surrounding communities. Since then, collaborative resolution efforts have been underway to address concerns regarding the change in flight paths.

### 2017-2018

**Metroplex Implementation:** The FAA's initial publication of the Metroplex RNAV procedures contradicted the ideal waypoint established in the Metroplex Environmental Assessment (EA).

**Noise Impacts:** Communities in Encino, Sherman Oaks, and Studio City reported a sharp rise in noise issues due to the southward shift of flight paths. The number of individuals submitting monthly noise comments rose from 15-20 to a peak of 500.

### 2020

**Task Force Recommendations:** Over the course of eight meetings, the Task Force developed 16 recommendations to address VNY and Burbank Airport noise issues, which were submitted to the FAA by LAWA, including the revision of RNAV flight procedures to return the flight paths to existing paths before the Metroplex implementation.

**FAA Response:** The FAA initiated a feasibility study to address the concerns of the Task Force and ordered the convening of a "Full Work Group," including representatives of the FAA, LAWA, and other stakeholders. The FAA declined to implement interim procedures, despite LAWA's encouragement to ease concerns over noise and flight paths.

### 2022

**June, LAWA Requests Higher Prioritization:** LAWA CEO sent another letter to the FAA regarding the environmental review to ensure the integrity of the January 2024 RNAV Redesign publication date

**August, FAA Response:** The FAA responded to LAWA CEO's letter, ensuring that a more expeditious handling is not available in line with the Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process.

**August, LAWA CEO Update to LA City Council:** LAWA CEO issued a letter to City Council leadership indicating the efforts to implement RNAV Flight Path Redesign procedures with urgency, and shared the FAA's communications.

**September, Priority Environmental Review Process:** The FAA assured LAWA that their flight procedures team had finalized the proposed flight path redesigns, and the Environmental Team would begin its work to finalize the amendments as soon as possible.

### 2024

**July, LAWA CEO Update to Board of Airport Commissioners:** LAWA CEO shared details regarding the FAA's expected publication date of 12/26/24 for revised RNAV departure procedures.

December, Publication of Revised RNAV Procedures Postponed: Due to mandatory maintenance and logistic procedures as part of the FAA's flight inspection approval process, the publication of the Revised RNAV Departure Procedures was pushed to February 20th, 2025.

### 2019

**LAWA's dialogue with the FAA:** In response to community feedback, LAWA continuously engaged with the FAA through 2019 to determine possible alternative departure procedures. As a result of these efforts, the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) was established.

### 2021

**Full Work Group Meeting:** LAWA participated in the FAA Full Work Group meeting to discuss notional procedures and changes to waypoint locations.

**October, Request for Redesign:** LAWA asked the FAA to move forward with the flight procedure redesign process that was recommended by the Task Force and discussed at the Full Work Group meeting, resulting in a proposed publication date of 2024.

### 2023

**August, LAWA Responds to Delay:** Following an additional 11-month delay notification from the FAA, LAWA CEO sent a letter to the FAA expressing deep concern over the delay in the publication date, set for December 2024.

**September, FAA Response Re: Delay:** FAA provided a follow-up response to LAWA regarding the detailed and obligatory review process of the proposed VNY departures redesign, citing operational safety and efficiency qualifications not addressed in the initial RNAV departure procedure amendments.

### 2025

**February 20th, Expected FAA publication date of revised RNAV Flight Procedures.** Updated procedures are expected to include modifications to waypoint locations to reduce the southward shift of flight paths as a result of the FAA's Metroplex implementation, improving the quality of life for local residents.

# Visual Representation of Revised RNAV Departure Procedures at Van Nuys Airport



May 1-14  
2014 Conventional

May 1-14  
2019 RNAV

February 20, 2025  
FAA Proposed Notional Departure Procedures\*

Following the implementation of the Revised Departure Procedures, LAWA will conduct a thorough analysis to measure effectiveness of the new procedures. For more information on the RNAV Departure Procedures, please go to [www.lawa.org/lawa-environment/noise-management/van-nuys](http://www.lawa.org/lawa-environment/noise-management/van-nuys).

\* WP1 and WP3 may differ from final FAA publication on February 20, 2025. The dark blue lines, and their width, are for reference only and are not intended to depict a flight corridor or boundary.