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Hollywood Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport Hold Third Joint Noise Task Force Meeting

BURBANK, Calif., November 6, 2019 – The Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) – a group formed to collaboratively address community concerns regarding aircraft noise resulting from planes departing from Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR). The Task Force’s objective is to hear community and industry experts’ proposals and provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with recommendations on aircraft departure operations.

Meeting Highlights

- Studio City for Quiet Skies, a community group representing Studio City and adjacent neighborhoods, presented three proposals to establish immediate and long-term changes to flight departure operations.
- Representation for Benedict Hills Estates HOA outlined the FAA settlement agreement and how community proposed solutions work into the terms of the agreement.
- Advocates for Viable Airport Solutions, comprising of citizens from Bel-Air, Sherman Oaks, and Encino, recommended the inclusion of more industry voices to address community concerns over aircraft operations.
- Sherman Oaks and Encino for Quiet Skies provided recommendations for shifting departure routes north to avoid Santa Monica Mountains and noted lower helicopter options in these neighborhoods.
- The FAA answered some questions posed at previous Task Force meetings regarding community outreach and environmental impact review for Metroplex. The FAA will present a full response at the next Task Force meeting on December 4.
- HMMH, a third-party environmental and transportation analysis firm, addressed the Task Force’s questions regarding climate, topography, and flight paths.
- Task Force members asked the presenters, FAA, and HMMH clarifying questions.

“We appreciate everyone’s willingness to work together in a respectful and collaborative way.” said Eugene M. Reindel, Vice President, Director of Aviation Services of HMMH. “Our work is just beginning, and my team will continue to evaluate proposals presented by community members and Task Force members. We look forward to providing information and data analysis results for Task Force members to evaluate as they submit recommendations to the FAA.”

The official bylaws document and agenda items from this meeting can be found on the [BUR website](#) or on [VNY website](#). The fourth Task Force meeting will be held on December 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport.

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