# VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL Tuesday, March 3, 2020

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Wayne Williams. Members present: Gerald Silver, Kathy Delle Donne, Mel Roberts, Robert Rodine, John Parker, Marykate Harris, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus and Eric Robinson.

Absent: Jason Price, Cindy Goodfellow, Harold Lee, Leonel Fuentes, Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, Laurence Rabe and Araz Parseghian.

The minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

### I. STAFF REPORTS:

## A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:

Ms. Margheritis stated that in January 2020, VNY conducted 21,570 aircraft operations; this represents a 24.19% increase in operations as compared to January 2019. VNY's total operations for CY 2020 operations totals are currently up by 24.19% as compared to YTD 2019 totals. Jet Operations were down by 5% compared to January 2019 totals. Ms. Margheritis noted that the decline in operations was likely attributed to weather experienced during the first part of CY 2019 and the five month closure of Runway 16L. Ms. Margheritis clarified that those two factors are no longer present and that the operation numbers for January 2020 is within range of "normal" numbers at VNY.

Ms. Margheritis gave an update on the Metroplex/SFV Task Force: The Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (TF) held its sixth meeting on February 19, 2020. The meeting was attended by nearly 250 people. Highlights of the meeting were:

- Federal representatives gave a presentation on noise mitigation and proposed legislation to overturn the Airport Noise and Capacity Act.
- HMMH made a presentation which included the following:
  - Federal regulations pertaining to curfew and other airport restrictions.
  - Responses to several TF members' questions.
  - Aircraft operations data analysis on the "southerly shift" at BUR and VNY. This included an FAA aircraft control procedural analysis.
  - An assessment of all the community groups' proposals.
  - An assessment of FAA proposed procedures, including hypothetical flight procedure changes and effects.
  - HMMH plans to compile and consolidate recommendations from Task Force members.
  - A recommendation for TF members to include the issue or problem they want addressed with each recommendation so that the FAA may consider alternatives.
- The next and final TF meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at the Burbank Marriott Hotel.

Ms. Margheritis also noted that at the February 6, 2020 Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) meeting, the BOAC received a Metroplex update from Samantha Bricker, who

oversees the LAWA Environmental Programs Group. Ms. Bricker's update included an overview of the January 15, 2020 TF meeting and:

- An overview of the primary noise issues at VNY going back to April 2017 when the FAA
  first published the Metroplex RNAV procedures for VNY. Ms. Bricker went over the
  history of the FATKO waypoint and provided a briefing on LAWA's No Early Turn Policy.
  - Highlighted to the BOAC that the primary reason for the major rise in noise complaints was the location of the PPRRY Waypoint, which had shifted traffic to the south. Her update included how LAWA has engaged with the FAA on Metroplex and the PPRRY Waypoint. Ms. Bricker provided an overview of the successful VNY Noise Management programs.
- Briefed that HMMH presented a summary of the TF purpose and accomplishments to date, and are transitioning from data collection to developing recommendations for the FAA.
- The TF received written responses to their submitted questions from the FAA, airports and HMMH; TF members asked verbal questions of the FAA, some to which the FAA noted they could not respond due to litigation.
- Four community groups gave presentations: Burbank for Quiet Skies, Parents of LA Unified School District, Save Coldwater Canyon, and Valley Village Homeowners Association.
- Ms. Bricker's presentation also covered the CACs recommendation regarding VNY and Stakeholder Views and Recommendations. The presentation is available on the LAWA.org website under the BOAC thumbnail.

## B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations

Mr. Moreno updated the council on the Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Moreno stated that work area 9 will be completed by the weekend, which will complete the construction activity for the project. Mr. Moreno noted that the Taxiway Bravo Project was completed on time without any major incidents or accidents on the airfield.

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Capital Improvement Project. Phase two of the project is underway and the contractors will be breaking ground March 9, 2020. The project is divided into 13 working areas and is scheduled for completion in June 2021. All updates for the project can be found on the LAWA website.

Ms. Margheritis stated that both the Taxiway Alpha and Bravo Projects are capital projects that are being funded through the FAAs Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Taxiway Bravo was a 26.3 million dollar project, which was a significant investment to the infrastructure at VNY. Taxiway Alpha is estimated at approximately 35 million dollars. Ms. Margheritis noted that through the AIP funds, FAA has invested significantly in VNY and that all public airports compete for these funds. Ms. Margheritis stated that AIP funds typically cover 90% of the cost of a project and airport sponsors cover the remaining 10%.

## C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations

Ms. Sanchez notified the Chair that Mr. Oeland was unable to attend the meeting due to voting activities. Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to Job Shadow Day at VNY. Ms. Sanchez stated that 78 of the 100 anticipated students were in attendance. Both students and mentors were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn about aviation careers.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to Aviation Career Day and Aviation Careers Education programs at VNY.

Ms. Sanchez introduced Jonah Glickman, the new Field Deputy for Council President Martinez.

Ms. Sanchez announced that she and Mr. Moreno would be attending the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist

Ms. Margheritis gave a report on behalf of Mr. Krugler. She provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for February 2020. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (noise reports attached).

Ms. Margheritis stated that this information can also be found on the LAWA website at <a href="https://www.iFlyVNY.com">www.iFlyVNY.com</a> in the Noise Management section.

# E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Lt. Lau addressed the council as it relates to airport security and commended LAWA staff and the community for their continued support. Lt. Lau reported there was nothing significant to report since the last CAC meeting on February 4, 2020.

### II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY

A. Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the following BOAC meeting(s): The February 6, 2020 BOAC Meeting had three items pertaining to VNY on the consent calendar: The first item was for a resolution to award a three year contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc., to cover roof repair services and materials for LAX and VNY. The second item was for a resolution for a first amendment for a contract with NAPA Auto Parts, to extend the term through July 2021 and to increase the contract authority. This will cover procurement of automotive and heavy-duty equipment parts and accessories for LAX and VNY. The third item was for a resolution for a Travel Authority for the attendance to the Noise Symposium. There were also two items on the regular calendar which included: A resolution regarding a contract with KONE Inc. which was deferred to the following February 20, 2020 BOAC meeting. A resolution requesting Board authorization to pay outstanding invoices to Doty Bros. Equipment Company in the amount of \$271,035 whose contract expired on September 12, 2019 and who provided utility repair and installation services at LAX and VNY.

The February 20, 2020 BOAC Meeting had one item under the consent calendar: A resolution to award a 3 year contract to Downstream Services, Inc., to cover sewer cleaning and inspection services at LAX and VNY. The regular calendar also had one item for a resolution for a 2 year contract with KONE Inc., for a pilot program to provide full

service maintenance, repair and related services for elevators, escalators and moving walkways at LAX and VNY.

The next regular BOAC meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at LAX; the BOAC will get an update on the Metroplex, highlighting information from the TF meeting that took place on February 19, 2020. The BOAC will also receive an update on a New Noise Program for quieter nights at VNY.

### III. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION/ACTION

# A. Recommendation to the San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force regarding moving PPRRY Waypoint – Discussion/Action

Mr. Materna conducted a presentation titled "Recommendation to the San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force" (attached).

Mr. Materna read the proposed motion, Recommendation to the San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force regarding moving PPRRY Waypoint (attached).

Mr. Silver asked for clarification of the proposed motion.

Mr. Silver seconded the proposed motion submitted by Mr. Materna.

The Chair opened item III A. Recommendation to the San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force regarding moving PPRRY Waypoint for public comment.

The following community members spoke during the public comment period:

Mr. Jim Esterle, Resident

Mr. Bob Bramen, Resident

Mr. John Vernagus, Resident

Ms. Linda Clarke, Resident

Ms. Fran Potaski, Resident

The Chair opened the motion for council discussion.

Mr. Rodine stated that noise transfer is forbidden under federal law not FAA policy.

Mr. Materna stated that it is only an FAA policy and there is no law.

Mr. Rodine addressed Mr. Materna as it relates to noise transfer litigation and the number of residents in the impact area as stated in his motion.

Mr. Materna offered some clarification he received at the Noise Symposium in regards to noise transfer.

Ms. Petrus addressed the council as it relates to numbers and types of residents in the impacted areas in the San Fernando Valley. Ms. Petrus stated that the noise is currently fanned out to all communities.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to Roberts Rules and the motion on the table.

Mr. Parker gave clarification on the proper procedure for a motion.

- Mr. Robinson addressed the council as it relates to aircraft noise and elevation.
- Mr. Robinson noted that the number of complaints and complainants has increased.
- Mr. Rodine addressed the council as it relates to operations at Teterboro Airport.
- Mr. Materna addressed the council as it relates to the FATKO waypoint and current VNY flight departure procedures.

Ms. Margheritis stated that LAWA does share the concerns of the community and offered clarification on the FATKO waypoint. Ms. Margheritis stated that the FAA addressed FATKO because of air traffic control operational challenges and because LAWA brought to FAAs attention the increase of early turns.

Mr. Williams commended Mr. Materna's work and stated his approval for the motion. Mr. Williams noted that the FAA may not respond to the motion or implement any changes for some time.

- Mr. Silver asked to cut off debate and called for the vote of the motion.
- Mr. Parker seconded Mr. Silver's request.

The Chair called for a rollcall vote on the Recommendation to the San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force regarding moving the PPRRY Waypoint motion submitted by Mr. Materna.

The council approved the motion (attached) recommended by Mr. Materna with a rollcall vote of seven "affirmative" votes (Mr. Silver, Ms. Delle Donne, Mr. Parker, Ms. Harris, Mr. Materna, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Robinson); two "no" votes (Mr. Rodine, Ms. Petrus); and one "abstention" (Mr. Williams).

## IV. OLD BUSINESS - DISCUSSION/ACTION

No items were discussed.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period (item V.)

No items were discussed.

### VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Williams thanked the council, staff and the members of the public for their attendance.

Mr. Williams reminded the public that the CAC is an advisory council.

### VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Membership - Cindy Goodfellow, Chairperson

No items were discussed.

### VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

No items were discussed.

## IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Materna thanked LAWA for sending him to the Noise Symposium.

Mr. Materna requested a place on next month's agenda to give the council a briefing of his time at the Symposium.

Mr. Roberts commended Mr. Williams on running the meeting.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Materna for his presentation.

Mr. Rodine thanked the public for their conduct at the meeting.

Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Materna for his presentation. Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Williams, the community and staff.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to his request to the City Attorney's office regarding conflict of interest laws as they pertain to the VNY CAC.

## X. ADJOURNMENT:

8:57 p.m.