

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

A virtual meeting of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Jason Price. Members present: Wayne Williams, Kathy Delle Donne, Robert Rodine, Thomas Materna, Lisa Petrus, Marykate Harris, Ryan Sanders, Eric Robinson, Leonel Fuentes, Eliot Cohen, Heren Molina and Sharon Bronson.

Absent: Kimberly Chan, John Parker, Araz Parseghian and Wendy Saunders.

The minutes from the June 7, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

**I. STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:**

Ms. Margheritis welcomed CAC members and announced that CAC secretary Lynda Herrera is leaving Los Angeles World Airports for a promotional opportunity at the library.

Lynda Herrera gave a heartfelt goodbye to CAC members and staff.

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on VNY staff, patrons and stakeholders stating that we continue to monitor LA County's health orders. The City of Los Angeles requires face masks in all City facilities regardless of vaccination status per the Mayor's Safer in LA City Order. Face masks are still required in all transportation facilities.

Ms. Margheritis announced that we have returned to in person events at the airport. In late June we attended the Condor Squadron's Annual Fundraiser and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Condor Squadron is a group of aviation enthusiast dedicated to honoring the memory of those that have served our country.

Ms. Margheritis announced that Terry Mestas has been named the new Chief Development Officer. With more than three decades of experience Ms. Mestas will oversee LAWA's development projects including the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), the Terminal Development Improvement Program and more.

Ms. Margheritis reported that earlier in the day LAWA unveiled the first train car that will be part of the automated people mover (APM). In other news Ms. Margheritis noted that LAWA recently released the 2021 Sustainability Report available online at [lawa.org](http://lawa.org) and notes what LAWA is doing to achieve carbon neutrality.

At the July 7 Board of Airport Commissioners meeting a sustainability report was given. Rob Freeman and Kathryn Pantoja will provide highlights from the meeting. The most significant occurrence is that the Board voted to waive Van Nuys Airport's AvGas fuel delivery fee of .11 cents per gallon on any unleaded fuel delivered July 7 thru April 2024 when the current fuel delivery permit agreement expires. The waiver of the fee will help reduce the cost of unleaded AvGas which is now available and The Park and Signature Flight Support. LAWA staff will meet with The Park and Signature Flight Support to see how we can work together to encourage the use of unleaded fuel. As a reminder, supplemental certification is required before a pilot can use the Swift product on any aircraft. This fuel cannot be used on any high-performance piston aircraft. Ms. Margheritis shared that the

first unleaded fuel was sold on July 5 and the industry continues to work hard to find a replacement fuel that can be used on all piston aircraft.

Ms. Margheritis announced this month's shout out goes to Sun Air Jets for their partnership with 4Air, the first and only rating system focused on comprehensive sustainability in private aviation, for verification of its programs to offset carbon emissions. The commitment reinforces Sun Air Jets' dedication to reducing its overall environmental impacts.

Ms. Margheritis shared that it has been a very busy summer for LAWA. LAX saw an average of 93,200 passengers in the first 10 days of July which is about 74% compared to the same time in July of 2019. VNY had 21,295 operations in June 2022 which represents a decrease of 23% compared to June of 2021. VNY overall operations are down 13.5% year to date from June 2021 to June 2022. Based on the VNY noise operating system, VNY had 5,707 jet operations down 2% from June 2021 and down 7% compared to last year. Globally, for the first half of 2022 business aviation is up 22% for the same period last year. In the U.S. business aviation is up 20%.

**B. Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:**

Mr. Moreno addressed the council as it relates to the Capital Improvement Project. Crews continue to work on the last phase of the 16L/34R runway project including the stripping of the infield areas. Runway 16L is expected to be in service this weekend, August 6. Starting Monday, August 8 runway 16R/34L will close nightly between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. M-F for maintenance and preparation for slurry sealing. The slurry seal will take place during two continuous 56-hour closures on Monday, August 22 and Monday, August 29 followed by another week of nightly closures. Construction is expected to be completed by September 15. Additional updates can be found at iflyvny.com.

**C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:**

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to the Aviation Careers Education (ACE) weeklong program which took place July 19 - 21, 2022. She congratulated Aymee Cruz on a successful program and shared major highlights from the program including visits to Southwest Airlines, the California Science Center, Aircare International Flight Attendant School, Fire Station 114, Corsair Aviation and The Park VNY. Ms. Sanchez thanked Congressman Cardenas' Office, Ryan Sanders, Lt. Boisselle and Airport Manager Paul Herrera for sharing their talents with the ACE students.

Ms. Sanchez also shared that LAWA sponsored a successful pancake breakfast at the Mid Valley YMCA on Friday, June 24.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, VNY will be participating in VICA's Officeholders luncheon at the Burbank Marriott Hotel.

Ms. Sanchez also congratulated The Park VNY and Signature Flight Support on selling their first unleaded AvGas.

Ms. Sanchez expressed gratitude to Lynda for her hard work at VNY and congratulated her on her new position, adding that she appreciates the patience and support of the CAC members as she takes over the secretarial duties noting that together the transition will be as seamless as possible.

Ms. Sanchez also noted that VNY and LAX Public and Community Relations will be joining forces and be based at LAX but will be at VNY as needed.

#### **D. Environmental Management Report**

Mr. Robert Freeman addressed the CAC as it relates to the sustainability report given to the Board of Airport Commissioners on July 7. The Safety and Security Committee is reconvening adding sustainability to its name. These meetings will be held quarterly and include tenants, LAWA airport police, operations staff and now environmental staff. The meetings center around how LAWA can support tenant operations in pursuit of the goals to reduce impacts from airport operations. Particularly centered around air quality, water conservation, waste management and zero waste, energy conservation, carbon neutrality, sustainable and unleaded fuel.

Mr. Freeman reiterated the milestone made with the offering of unleaded AvGas at VNY.

Mr. Freeman noted that recycled water is used at the golf course airport but will report at a future meeting if it is used at other sites on the airport.

Ms. Kathryn Pantoja reported on the request LAWA made to the Federal Aviation Administration in October of 2021 to move ahead with the process of redesigning the departure procedures where the aircraft are flying further south over the hillside communities. In May, LAWA requested an update and the FAA responded that they remain on track for a January 2024 publication date which is when the new procedure would be implemented. They also noted that the environmental review process would begin in April 2023. In June, LAWA CEO subsequently sent a letter to the FAA encouraging the FAA to expedite the process.

Ms. Pantoja provided an update on the Quieter Nights Program for the first quarter of 2022, which was already shared with the CAC.

Ms. Pantoja announced that eighteen aircraft operators were recognized as Friendly Flyer Award winners for 2021.

Ms. Pantoja noted that Ryan Page is on vacation and provided monthly statistics on noise comments, and the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Jet Departure programs for May and June. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental reports (attached).

Updates and information can also be found on the LAWA website at [www.iFlyVNY.com](http://www.iFlyVNY.com) under the Noise Management Section.

#### **E. Sgt. Beacom, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police:**

Sgt. Beacom addressed the council as it relates to security, homelessness in and around VNY.

If there are any concerns members can reach out to airport police at [vnyapd@lawa.org](mailto:vnyapd@lawa.org).

## **II. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

Since the last CAC meeting in June, there were two BOAC meetings both held in person.

The regular scheduled meeting for Thursday, June 16th and June 23rd were cancelled.

There was a special meeting held on Thursday, July 7th, where an update on VNY sustainability efforts were given and the item mentioned earlier to approve the .11 cents fee waiver for unleaded fuel delivery and a seven-year agreement to Colliers International Real Estate Services to provide property management services at both LAX and VNY.

The regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 21st had one item a resolution to enter into a 63-month lease with Kenton Koszdin dba Kenton Koszdin Law Offices to lease office space at Aviation Plaza.

Next BOAC meeting is scheduled to be in person on Thursday, August 4 at 10 a.m. It will be broadcast live. Public comment must be in person.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period (Item III.)

The following community member spoke during the public comment period:

Barry, Resident

Shawn Robinson, Resident

Penny, Resident

Mr. David Rankell, Resident

Community members submitted written comments are attached.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **A. G-100UL Update – General Aviation Modifications, Inc. (GAMI) – Presentation**

Mr. George Braly conducted a presentation titled “G-100UL Update”.

The Chair thanked Mr. Braly for his presentation.

Mr. Materna addressed Mr. Braly as it relates to how the CAC can assist in his efforts.

Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Braly for his efforts.

Mr. Robinson expressed his appreciation for Mr. Braly’s dedication.

Mr. Williams made a motion to have the CAC Chair send a letter addressed to the Secretary of Transportation and the FAA supporting G-100UL.

The motion was seconded by Lisa Petrus.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. 2022 Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium**

Ms. Heren Molina presented to the council information from the 2022 Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium.

**C. 2022 SFVCOG Mobility Workshop**

Vice-Chair Wayne Williams provided a briefing on the 2022 SFVCOG Mobility Workshop.

**D. LAWA IFP Gateway Request to FAA – Motion**

Mr. Materna presented the following motion:

*“Whereas, in 2020, the CAC recommended to the BOAC that the three amended RNAV procedures proposed for VNY be submitted for review by FAA using the IFP Gateway process.*

*LAWA submitted the proposed procedures for IFP Gateway review in fall 2021.*

*In January 2022 the FAA indicated that the final technical review phase had determined the amended procedures to be feasible, and that the next step was an environmental review.*

*In May 2022 the FAA advised LAWA that the environmental review phase would not commence until April 2023, resulting in a 16-month period with no activity to move these changes to fruition.*

*This timeline raises serious questions as to the FAA’s ability to meet their previously announced implementation of the procedures by January 2024.*

*In that regard, on June 9, 2022, Justin Erbacci, CEO of LAWA wrote the FAA as to LAWAs concerns about meeting the January 2024 target date and requesting clarification on the type of environmental review required and that the timeline for initiating the review be accelerated.*

*Therefore, the CAC fully concurs with LAWAs requests of the FAA and hereby endorses the FAA take all necessary actions to implement the amended procedures on or prior to January 2024.”*

The motion passed with a roll call vote of nine "affirmative" votes, one no vote and two abstentions. (K. Delle Donne, H. Molina, E. Cohen, R. Sanders, M. Harris, T. Materna, E. Robinson, W. Williams, and S. Bronson); one “no” vote (R. Rodine) and two abstentions (S. Bronson and J. Price).

**E. Determination to Continue Holding CAC Meetings via Teleconference and/or**

**Videoconference:** Under Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)(3). Discussion/Action

Mr. Rodine presented a motion *“Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council finds that holding Council meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of the members. Pursuant to AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), the Council finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Council and Council members to meet safely in person. As such, the Board should continue holding Council meetings via teleconference and/or videoconference.”*

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams called for the vote.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of nine "affirmative" votes, one no vote and two abstentions. (K. Delle Donne, H. Molina, R. Rodine, R. Sanders, M. Harris, T. Materna, E. Robinson, W. Williams, and S. Bronson); one "no" vote (L. Fuentes) and one abstention (Price).

The Chair announced there will be a special meeting to be held on July 30th.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

No items were discussed.

**VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

No items were discussed.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Membership**

No items were discussed.

**VIII. EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA**

No items were discussed.

**IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Sanders wanted to reiterate some of the staff reports. The Park at VNY has unleaded fuel now and made their first sale and most importantly their tenants are being educated on unleaded fuel. He also commended LAWA staff for the ACE Academy and noted that one student was able to get a letter of recommendation for the Naval Academy from the Congressman's Office and reached out to Ryan for information on flight schools. The Park was pleased to host the students last week.

Ms. Sanchez added that another student also reached out to the Congressman's office for a letter of recommendation and connected with Mr. Rodine to answer questions regarding military service. Another student is looking to obtain an internship with LAWA.

Mr. Williams announced the passing of LA Dodger Announcer Vin Scully.

Ms. Harris thanked Heren for her presentation regarding the Noise Symposium and requested more presentations like the one today.

Mr. Materna said he was thrilled with the actions the council has recently taken. Urged public participation.

Ms. Petrus thanked Ms. Molina and Mr. Brawly for their presentations.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

9:13 p.m.