Van Nuys Airport
Quieter Nights Program
Statistical Update and Summary
Q1 2023

May 2023
Quieter Nights Background

• LAWA implemented the VNY Quieter Nights Program (QNP) in March 2020 to provide relief to residents affected by the change in flight paths due to the FAA’s SoCal Metroplex Project.
  • Voluntary program intended to reduce nighttime jet operations.
  • Encourages jet aircraft operators to avoid arrivals and departures at VNY between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. whenever possible, unless the aircraft are involved in military, law enforcement, emergency, fire or air ambulance/life flight operations.
  • Because QNP is voluntary there are no “violations” or enforcement mechanisms.
  • LAWA’s role is to continue to spread awareness and importance of QNP and encourage participation.
Jet operations at VNY have increased steadily since 2020, exceeding prior years (new "norm")
+19.8% in 2021 vs. 2019
+8.8% in Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2019

Similar increases seen at nearly all GA airports across the country (higher demand for chartered business jets)

Despite new “norm,” nighttime jet operations as a percentage of total jet operations are below 2019 levels despite the overall increased demand for chartered jets.

Staff believes this is due to the QNP rollout and continued efforts since 2020 launch
Annual Comparison

With increased total jet operations (new “norm”), average nighttime operations similarly increased in Q1 2023 vs. 2019

Nighttime jet operations in Q1 2023 would have averaged 14.4 per night instead of the current 12.8 if we remained at the 7.7% seen in 2019 versus the current 6.8% of total jet operations. Staff believes this lower percentage is holding due to the QNP.