## Western-Pacific Region Regional Administrator's Office

## **VNY-BUR Safety Initiative**

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# Q&As

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#### • How is the FAA able to safely lower the traffic pattern altitude?

- Traffic pattern altitudes can vary based on local airport environment.
- VNY east side traffic pattern altitude is currently 1,000 ft. AGL.
- The FAA completed a safety review of this planned evaluation and did not identify additional hazards from reducing the pattern altitudes.
- What effect will these evaluations have on helicopter operations?
  - There are no planned changes to the helicopter routes at VNY.





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- Why can't aircraft arriving at Burbank fly higher to provide more distance between the planes?
  - Maintaining a standard rate of descent with a stabilized approach is crucial for larger aircraft landing on Runway 8/26 at BUR due to safety concerns.
  - A steeper rate of descent may not allow for safety margins necessary for landing on the relatively short Runway 8/26 at BUR.
- Will you inform the community when these evaluations are implemented?
  - FAA will post on the Community Engagement Website <a href="https://www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/community\_engagement/vny">https://www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/community\_engagement/vny</a>
  - LAWA will post a link to FAA's information on their website <u>https://noiseportal.lawa.org/vny</u>



### Questions



