

June 27, 2019



The Honorable Daniel K. Elwell  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington D.C. 20951

Re: Resolution of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission  
Recommending Adjustments to Flight Takeoff Patterns

Dear Administrator Elwell:

I write on behalf of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (“Authority”), owner/operator of the Bob Hope Airport, commonly known as Hollywood Burbank Airport (“Airport”). As you may be aware, for the past eighteen months the Authority has received a continuous and voluminous amount of complaints from area residents regarding overflight noise.

The Authority is in receipt of your March 27, 2019 response to the Authority’s request under Section 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 for consideration of the feasibility of dispersal headings or other lateral track variations to address community noise concerns. We are also in receipt of correspondence from Congressional Representatives regarding the same noise issue.

The Authority acknowledges the fact that your office is addressing a multitude of matters. Although we certainly do not minimize those matters, we feel it is important to reiterate our position that minimizing quality of life impacts from overflights should remain a priority.

Attached, please find an Authority Commission resolution recommending adjustments to the takeoff patterns from the Airport. The Commission unanimously adopted this resolution, and the Mayors of the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena have each concurred with it.

Your consideration of these recommendations is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ray Adams  
Vice President

attach.

cc: The Honorable Diane Feinstein, Senator, United States Senate  
The Honorable Kamala Harris, Senator, United States Senate  
The Honorable Adam Schiff, Member of Congress  
The Honorable Brad Sherman, Member of Congress  
The Honorable Emily Gabel-Luddy, Mayor, City of Burbank  
The Honorable Ara Najarian, Mayor, City of Glendale  
The Honorable Terry Tornek, Mayor, City of Pasadena  
Mr. Kirk Schaffer, Associate Administrator, Airports, FAA  
Ms. Teri Bristol, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA  
Ms. Raquel Girvin, Regional Administrator, Western-Pacific Region, FAA  
Mr. Mark McClardy, Director, Western-Pacific Region, Airports, FAA  
Mr. Dave Cushing, Manager, Los Angeles Airports District Office, FAA  
Commissioners, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

**RESOLUTION NO. 483**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
HOLLYWOOD BURBANK AIRPORT TAKEOFF FLIGHT PATTERN ADJUSTMENTS**

The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (“Authority”) owns and operates the Hollywood Burbank Airport (“Airport”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s mission is to provide state-of-the-art regional airport facilities and related services which are efficient, safe, convenient, and user-friendly, while being a good neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the Authority strives to be a good neighbor to all surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has worked diligently with passenger airlines to obtain compliance with a voluntary curfew on scheduled takeoffs and arrivals between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. local time; and

WHEREAS, the Authority spent nearly \$7,000,000 and nine years in an unsuccessful effort to obtain Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) approval of a Part 161 Application seeking to convert the voluntary curfew into a mandatory restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Authority additionally has spent millions of dollars in noise mitigation and abatement activities; and

WHEREAS, documented changes in takeoff flight patterns have concentrated flights over neighborhoods south of the Ventura freeway; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 a consultant retained by the Authority studied these takeoff flight pattern changes and identified several possible contributing factors including the FAA’s NextGen Transportation System, steadily rising summer temperatures since 2012, and an increased number of aircraft in Southern California’s airspace; and

WHEREAS, federal law (49 U.S.C. § 40103) provides that the “United States Government has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States” and requires the FAA to “prescribe air traffic regulations on the flight of aircraft.”

NOW, THEREFORE, in an effort to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods south of the Ventura Freeway, the Authority Commission recommends as follows:

1. That the FAA implement alternative dispersal headings and optimize ascent for flights departing the Airport in order to achieve an equitable distribution of impacts on affected communities.

2. That the FAA implement the maximum feasible time interval between flights departing the Airport as conditions will allow.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.



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Ray Adams, Vice President  
Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority


Attest:



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Ross Selvidge, Ph.D, Secretary

Concurrence:



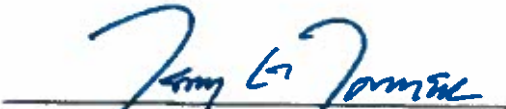
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Emily Gabel-Luddy, Mayor  
City of Burbank



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Ara Najarian, Mayor  
City of Glendale



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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )

I, Frank Miller, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Commissioners of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority ("Authority") as a result of the following vote taken at the Authority's regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2019:

AYES:           Commissioners Adams, Brown, Gharpetian, Tomek,  
                          Devine, Madison, Wiggins and Selvidge

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

  
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Frank R. Miller  
Assistant Secretary