



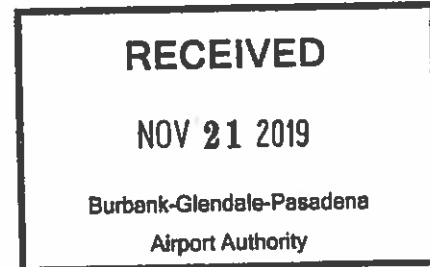
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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your letter dated August 26, 2019, inquiring whether the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has proposed new Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). In your letter, you ask for confirmation of four understandings held by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission. Below are the FAA responses.

Item 1: "...the understanding that the FAA is not currently considering new departure procedures for VNY and that your agency will not do so until receipt of a formal request from the City of Los Angeles."

FAA Response: The FAA is not considering new departure procedures for VNY. However, other entities besides the City of Los Angeles may request a new SID at VNY. According to FAA Order 8260.46G, SIDs may be requested by specific Air Traffic Control facilities, the military services, or other proponents to enhance operations.

Item 2: "...if such a request is made, the FAA will begin a 12-18 month evaluation process that includes design of the new VNY departure procedures followed by development and operational preparations, flight testing, and coding."

FAA Response: That is the general process; however, there is not a regulated timeline. Many factors are evaluated when developing new procedures. These factors include, but are not limited to: Industry Review, Select Official Notification, Environmental Review, Criteria Requirements, and Community Engagement.

Item 3: "...that completion of such a process is a prerequisite for implementation of any new VNY departure procedures."

FAA Response: Correct.

Item 4: "...that changes to VNY departure procedures would not affect existing or future BUR departure procedures."

FAA Response: Any proposed change to VNY departure procedures will not affect BUR procedures, because aircraft departing VNY and BUR airports will continue to be vectored as soon as the aircraft reach minimum vectoring altitude and the aircraft are safely separated from other aircraft in the airspace."

All proposed changes are reviewed by the FAA, and conflicts with other airports are considered. The impacts are assessed and, at that point, the project could be dropped or coordination would begin with affected aviation organizations, air traffic facilities, and the airport owner or sponsor.

While the FAA is not considering new departure procedures for VNY, there are six currently-used SIDs that have been amended and are awaiting publication on December 5, 2019. The amendments are only editorial and were made to clarify the procedures for pilots.

In addition, there are two currently-used SIDs with proposed amendments. These amendments are also only editorial, clarifying a note in each. The proposed publication date is May 21, 2020.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,



for  
Raquel Girvin  
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