



Statement from Hollywood Burbank Airport On National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Comment

January 28, 2026

The safety of our guests, staff, tenants and all stakeholders while they are at Hollywood Burbank Airport is our top priority.

Once our passengers are in planes that are taxiing and in flight (arriving or departing), safety is top priority for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Safety issues related to passengers, crews and aircraft while they occupy airspace are under the jurisdiction of the FAA.

As the FAA has stated* in response to yesterday's NTSB comment about "safety hotspots", work to help alleviate the risks at Hollywood Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport has been underway since immediately after the midair collision near Reagan Washington National Airport in January of 2025.

Here is a news release, made available to the public April 22, 2025, outlining the FAA's extensive efforts to curtail circumstances that may lead to future incidents:

<https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/rotorcraft-safety-roundtable-media-readout>

Hollywood Burbank Airport values its working partnership with the FAA and has great respect for the critical role they and other agencies have in ensuring a safe experience for all travelers.

*January 27, 2026, statement from Office of Communications, FAA

The FAA acted immediately to improve safety following the tragic midair collision, both at DCA and around the country. In February 2025, we began using innovative AI tools to identify similar hotspots with high volumes of mixed helicopter and airplane traffic and implement appropriate mitigations.

One of our primary focus areas was Van Nuys Airport and nearby Hollywood Burbank Airport in the Los Angeles area. Based on our safety analysis, the FAA lowered the Van Nuys traffic pattern by 200 feet during an evaluation in 2025 to see if that would reduce conflicts with aircraft landing at Burbank.

Preliminary data indicated the change resulted in a reduction of Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) alerts for Burbank arrivals and we permanently lowered the Van Nuys traffic pattern effective Jan. 5, 2026.

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