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About Van Nuys Airport (VNY)

- Busiest General Aviation Airport in the U.S.
- 730-acres in total area
- 69,553 jet operations (2022)
- 2 runways, 8,000 feet and 4,000 feet
- 200 businesses are located at VNY
- 4 major fixed-base operators: Castle & Cooke Aviation, Clay Lacy Aviation, Jet Aviation, and Signature Flight Support
- 19 flight schools on campus
- \$2 billion in annual economic activity
- 10,000 jobs are directly supported by airport activity
- FAA-staffed tower operates 6 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. daily



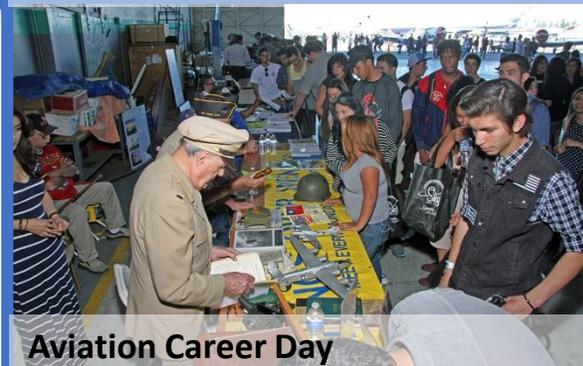
Commitment to Community and Education



Aviation Career Education



Gault Elementary Holiday Celebration



Aviation Career Day



Team LAWA Volunteer Events



Aviation Career Day

Commitment to Sustainability

Sustainability at VNY

- 29,889 solar panels installed generating 11.96 MW
- 100+ electric vehicle charging stations
- 2,378 gallons of new, unleaded UL94 prop-plane fuel sold in 2022
- 453,384 gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel delivered in 2022
- 48% of vehicle fleet is alternative fuel or electric
- 12,714 metric tons of carbon dioxide offsets



VNY Noise Initiatives

VNY Flight Departure Procedures Redesign

- Since 2021 LAWA has been working with the community, City Council offices, and the FAA on the redesign of departure procedures as recommended by the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force.
- In 2022, the FAA confirmed that the Proposed Redesign of VNY Departure Procedures have been finalized by the flight procedures team and sent to the environmental team for their review.
- LAWA will continue to coordinate with the FAA to obtain updates on the next steps of the redesign process which are scheduled to be published January 2024.

Quieter Nights Program

- To reduce nighttime aircraft operations at VNY, LAWA created the voluntary Quieter Nights Program.
- Program is separate and in addition to the existing mandatory nighttime noise curfew currently in effect at VNY.
- Encourages jet aircraft operators to avoid flights between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- This program is included in the VNY Friendly Flyer Awards Program, which publicly acknowledges jet aircraft operators who do an exemplary job following all VNY noise abatement policies and programs.



Report Back – Council Motion 22-1125

Requested LAWA to:

- Report back with the City Attorney’s office on actions the City can take to address the increase of scheduled charter operations at VNY, including analysis of regulations of this practice and recommendations.
- Work with legislative partners to address community concerns.

Charter Flight Operations

- VNY is a general aviation airport that does not hold a commercial airport certificate under **Part 139 – Certification of Airports** of the federal regulations
- Under federal regulations, a “scheduled passenger-carrying operations of an air carrier operating aircraft configured for more than 9 passenger seats” may only be conducted at a certificated commercial airport.
- Unscheduled passenger-carrying operations may be conducted at a non-certificated airport, as long as such operations are conducted using aircraft configured for 30 or fewer seats.
- The way “scheduled” and “unscheduled” operations are defined in the federal regulations has generated significant confusion and challenges among airport sponsors as to whether certain commercial-like operations are allowed, or how they may be accommodated.



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Charter Flight Operations

- LAWA has an obligation under its FAA grant assurances to accommodate lawful operations while ensuring the safety, operational efficiency, and financial self-sustainability of VNY.
- LAWA must also ensure that all operations at VNY are being conducted in conformity with applicable law and regulations.
- VNY is authorized by FAA to operate non-commercial flights. Some scheduled charter operations currently operating at VNY are in a gray area in relation to their ability to operate under the regulations.
- To help us better understand our legal rights, more information is required from certain operators that currently are operating in this gray area.
- A communication has been sent to three operators requesting more detailed information regarding their operations. Responses due back March 1, 2023.
- Upon receipt, LAWA Counsel will determine LAWA's ability to manage these scheduled charter operations.
- LAWA suggests it report back to this Committee once this legal analysis has been completed.

