

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
DRAFT FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE
VAN NUYS AIRPORT PHASEOUT OF NOISIER AIRCRAFT
FILE No. AD 016-07**

DATE: November 1, 2007

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

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Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a department of the City of Los Angeles, plans to prepare a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Van Nuys Airport Phaseout of Noisier Aircraft project. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, LAWA has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the project's proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors that would be potentially affected by the project have been determined by LAWA to be limited to aircraft noise.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)

PROJECT LOCATION: Van Nuys Airport (VNY) is located in the northwestern portion of the City of Los Angeles, in the San Fernando Valley, and is generally bounded by Roscoe Boulevard to the north, Vanowen Street to the south, Balboa Boulevard to the west, and Woodley Avenue to the east. See general vicinity map below, Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: LAWA proposes to establish a maximum noise level for all aircraft arriving at and departing from Van Nuys Airport (VNY). This would be accomplished by gradually phasing out aircraft that generate noise in excess of the established level of 77 dBA (per FAA Advisory Circular 36-3), beginning with the noisiest aircraft and periodically lowering the maximum noise level. The project proposes no physical development or change in land use, only operational modifications at the existing facility. The reduction in air traffic at VNY would likely increase air traffic at other existing airports in the region; this redistribution of air traffic and its resulting potential for environmental effects related to aircraft noise will be addressed in the Focused EIR.

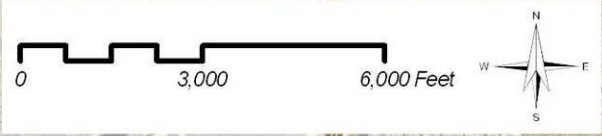
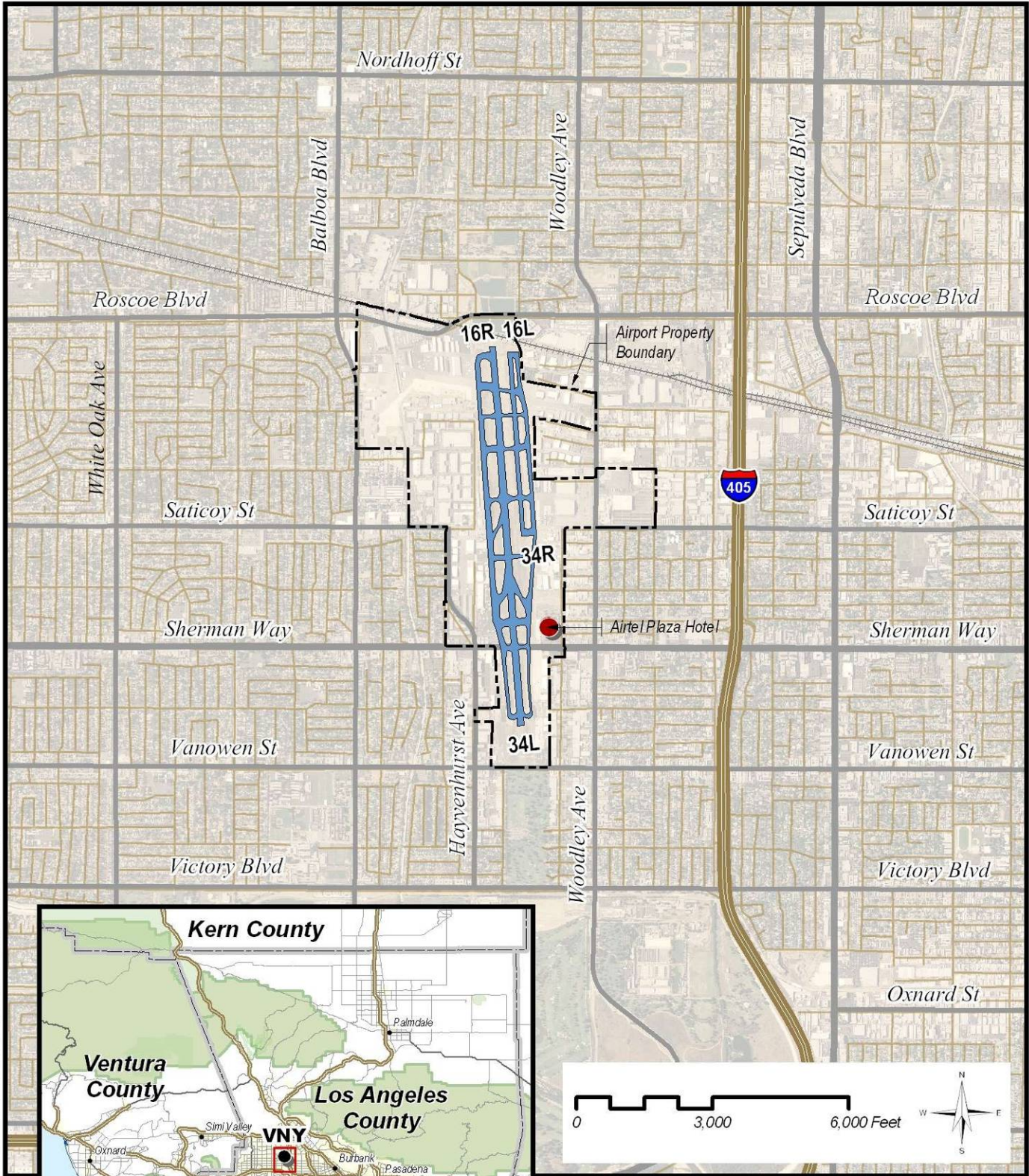
The Focused EIR will provide an analysis of the potential aircraft noise effects associated with the proposed project, as well as a discussion of those environmental resources determined not to be significant. The Focused EIR will consider alternatives to the proposed project, including a No Project Alternative, and another alternative or other alternatives deemed to be feasible.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, this NOP will be circulated for a 30-day review period. LAWA welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information that must be included in the Draft Focused EIR, including input from agencies on matters related to each of their areas of responsibility. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2007** and addressed to:

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SCOPING MEETING: LAWA is scheduled to hold a Public Scoping Meeting for the EIR on November 15, 2007 to describe the proposed project and the CEQA environmental process, and to receive public and agency input on the information to be included in the EIR. The Public Scoping Meeting will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at:

Van Nuys Airtel Plaza Hotel
7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys
California 91406



Van Nuys Airport Regional Project Location

Basemap: United States Department of Agriculture Geospatial Data Gateway, United States Geological Survey (USGS), Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)