

North Westdale News

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SANTA MONICA AIRPORT NEWS UPDATE: Runway Safety Areas

Dear North Westdale Neighbors,

For some years now, the City of Santa Monica has been trying to get the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to address runway safety concerns by approving the installation of Runway Safety Areas at the Santa Monica Airport. The City – with the urging of nearby residents -- had presented to the FAA a simple, relatively inexpensive, and easy-to-implement proposal to address the installation of Runway Safety Areas to the existing runway.

Now, years later, the FAA is proposing a different plan that neighboring residents and elected officials are skeptical of. The Friends of Sunset Park (neighborhood association west of the airport) went as far as submitting a position paper opposing the FAA's proposal and urging the City Council to stick with the City's original proposal.

Some of the concerns include that the FAA's proposal does NOT fully address safety at both ends of the runway, or could even make the runway more dangerous should an aircraft undershoot the runway. Many believe that the proposal from the FAA is an attempt to further stall addressing runway safety issues so that they can continue to accommodate some of the larger, faster jet aircraft currently utilizing the airport.

This month, the Santa Monica Airport Commission will review the runway safety area proposal. After which, the Santa Monica City Council will continue consideration. YOU -- AS AN AIRPORT NEIGHBOR -- ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE

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Special Edition

Santa Monica
Airport
Commission
Meeting

Monday,
March 26
7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica
City Hall
1685 Main St.
Santa Monica

Under discussion:
Runway safety
proposals

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If you have questions or would like to volunteer and get more involved with the neighborhood association, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpartners.com.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) serves the community bounded by the 405 Freeway to the east, National Blvd to the south, Centinela Ave/Bundy Drive (Centinela north of Ocean Park and Bundy south of Ocean Park) to the west, and the Santa Monica Freeway to the north, representing approximately 1,000 homes. All residents, both home owners and renters, are members.

There is an annual voluntary donation of \$10 per household. NWN strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>

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AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF ANY AIRPORT RELATED DECISIONS.

Please join us at the upcoming:

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 26th, 2007 – at 7:30 pm

Santa Monica City Hall

1685 Main Street

Santa Monica, CA

To find out more about news relating to Santa Monica Airport contact

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