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Mr. Frank Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 28, 2016. You asked me whether the FAA's Southern California Metroplex project would result in an increase in aircraft operations at Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR). You also asked if demolition of the existing terminal would allow commercial aircraft heavier than 12,500 pounds to take off to the east.

As described in the Final Environmental Assessment for the Southern California Metroplex Project, the purpose of the Project is to optimize aircraft arrival and departure procedures at 21 study airports, including six major airports – one of which is BUR. The Project would improve the predictability and segregation of routes, as well as increase flexibility in providing air traffic services. Implementation of the Project would not increase the number of aircraft operations at the Study Airports. Furthermore, the Proposed Action does not involve ground disturbance or physical construction of any facilities.

The FAA's 1996 Record of Decision for BUR's Replacement Passenger Terminal Project states: "The replacement passenger terminal building will not affect the runway use patterns or the level of aircraft operations at the airport." The restriction that prevents aircraft heavier than 12,500 pounds from departing to the east is not due to the proximity of the existing terminal. Rather, it is due to the FAA's required separation standards between aircraft and the Verdugo Mountains. Therefore, the restriction would remain if the existing terminal was removed.

Thank you for this opportunity to answer your inquiry. If you have any questions, please contact me or Tamara A. Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator, at (310) 725-3550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen A. Martin".

Glen A. Martin
Regional Administrator