

# Van Nuys Airport Vision Study Briefing





# Agenda



**Welcome & Introductions**



**VNY Vision Study**



**Next Steps – Community  
Outreach Schedule**



**Questions**

# VNY History

- **1928** - Metropolitan Airport established by a small group of citizens
- **1942** - U.S. government purchases and converts to a military base
- **1949** - U.S. War Assets Administration quitclaimed the airport to the City of Los Angeles.
- **1957** - Final name change to Van Nuys Airport
- **Currently** - VNY serves the community, travelers and tourists. Services based at VNYs include fire, police, air ambulance, search and rescue



# VNY Today

- **\$2B** in annual economic activity\*
- **10,000** jobs are directly supported by airport activity\*
- **200** businesses are located at VNY
- **730** acres in total area
- **19** flight schools operate at VNY



*\* RFP is currently on RAMPLA for an updated economic impact study*

# VNY Vision Study

An Airport Land Use Compatibility Study

**vi•sion** *n.* **1** the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom

**The Vision Study is an initial step to collect information and feedback from the community to evaluate the airport's land use designations for improved compatibility with the surrounding community.** The Vision Study will develop a report that will incorporate new technology that further embraces sustainability, enhances airport facilities, strengthens VNY as a regional jobs base, and increases access and diversity in aviation.

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# VNY Vision Study

## Airport Plan & Vision Study

The **VNY Airport Plan** was adopted in 2006 as a 20-year plan by the Los Angeles City Council to guide land use development at the airport. As 2026 approaches, LAWA, as the owner, is engaging with surrounding communities, stakeholders, and technical experts to create a comprehensive vision for the next 20 years that supports the community and the continued operation of VNY as a general aviation airport through a **Vision Study**

# Vision Study Process



Potential Improvements and Opportunities were identified through technical analysis



Four Preliminary Concepts and Five Concept Alternatives Studied



Preliminary Alternatives (A, B, and C) developed and shown at April 2023 Open House



Community Input Received on 3 Preliminary Alternatives



Community Feedback Used to develop current Combined Vision



Additional Listening Sessions and Community Outreach

# Community Outreach

- **Hosted** three open Houses for neighbors and stakeholders
- **Listened** to the Community: Questionnaire received over 650 community comments
- **Launched** an Airport Tenant Survey
- **Collaborated** with the Citizens' Advisory Council Ad-Hoc Committee (Eight meetings since Feb 2023)
- **Engaged** with industry stakeholders, local elected officials and government departments
- **Established** [Vision Study Webpage](http://www.iflyvny.com/vision-study) to provide information, updates, FAQs, and recordings of virtual open houses (www.iflyvny.com/vision-study)
- **Coordinated** with LAWA's Technical Advisory Team



## VAN NUYS AIRPORT VISION STUDY OPEN HOUSE

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) invites you to attend one of two interactive **Community Open Houses** to envision future land use at Van Nuys Airport, provide input and ask questions. Your involvement in this process is essential to achieve a balanced land use vision for Van Nuys Airport.

Please join us by registering for one of the two opportunities below. Visit [www.iflyvny.com/vision-study](http://www.iflyvny.com/vision-study) to learn more and stay involved.

### IN-PERSON EVENT

April 19, 2023  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Airtel Plaza Hotel  
Gulfstream Ballroom  
7277 Valjean Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
[VNYVisionStudy.aenathotel.com](http://VNYVisionStudy.aenathotel.com)



### VIRTUAL EVENT

April 22, 2023  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Virtual (via Zoom)  
[iflyvny.com/vision-study/events](http://iflyvny.com/vision-study/events)



Accessibility: This is an interactive and Collaborative Event. If you have any questions or need accommodations, please contact the project team at [community@lawa.com](mailto:community@lawa.com). We are not responsible for the accessibility of the event. We will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to the program, services, and activities. Alternative formats in large print, braille, audio, and other formats are available if you provide advance notice. For more information, contact the project team at [community@lawa.com](mailto:community@lawa.com).

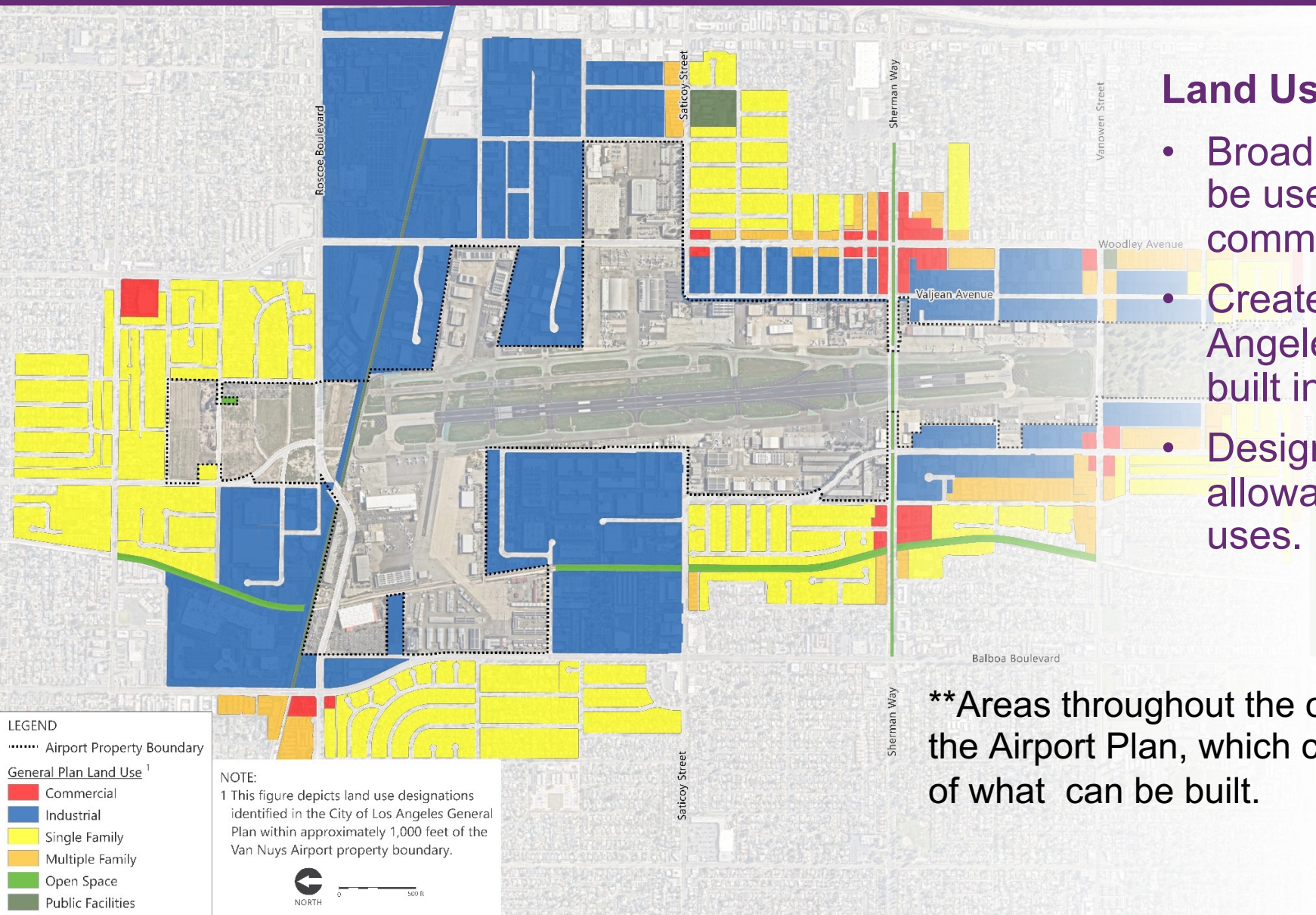




# Vision Collaboration



# Land Uses



## Land Uses Are:

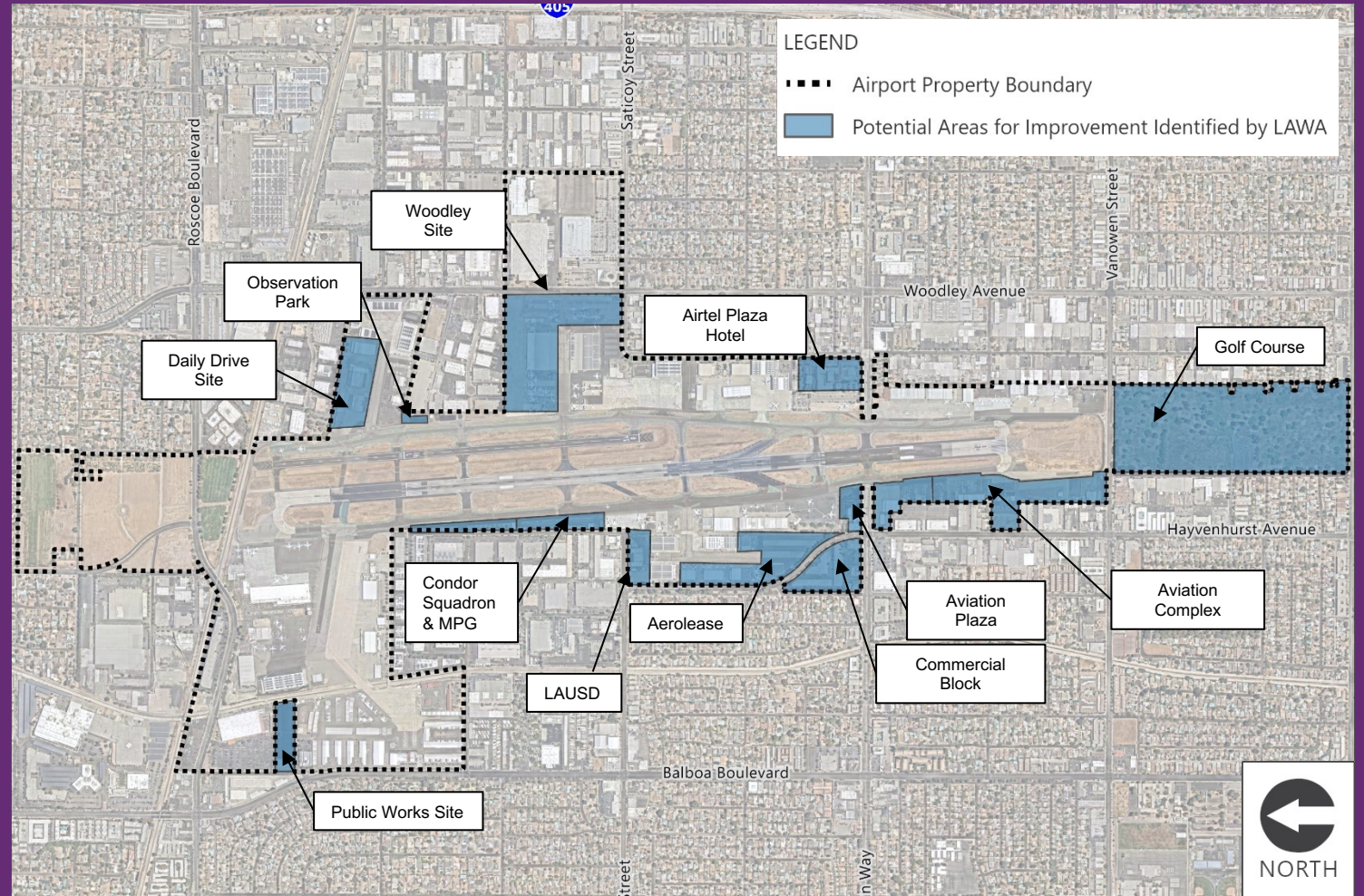
- Broad categories of how land is to be used (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial).
- Created by the City of Los Angeles and define what can be built in our communities.
- Designations that specify allowable uses and prohibited uses.

**\*\*Areas throughout the city have overlay zones, like the Airport Plan, which contain refined layers of what can be built.**

# Study Considerations

## Analysis and Discussion of:

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Community Concerns and Neighborhood Compatibility
- Potential Phasing of Future RFPs and Leasehold Availability
- Sustainable Opportunities
- Emerging Technologies and Urban Air Mobility
- Electrification Opportunities
- Modernization of Aging Airport Facilities



# Study Considerations

## 1. Considering land use designations.

- New observation park on west side of airport
- Incorporate “public works” site into west side of airport
- Convert aviation designation located off airfield to commercial
- Convert commercial with airfield access to aviation
- Convert commercial on Hart to aviation (eliminated after community feedback)
- Relocate aviation maintenance school to south end (eliminated after community feedback)















## 2. Prioritizing the revival of available parcels.

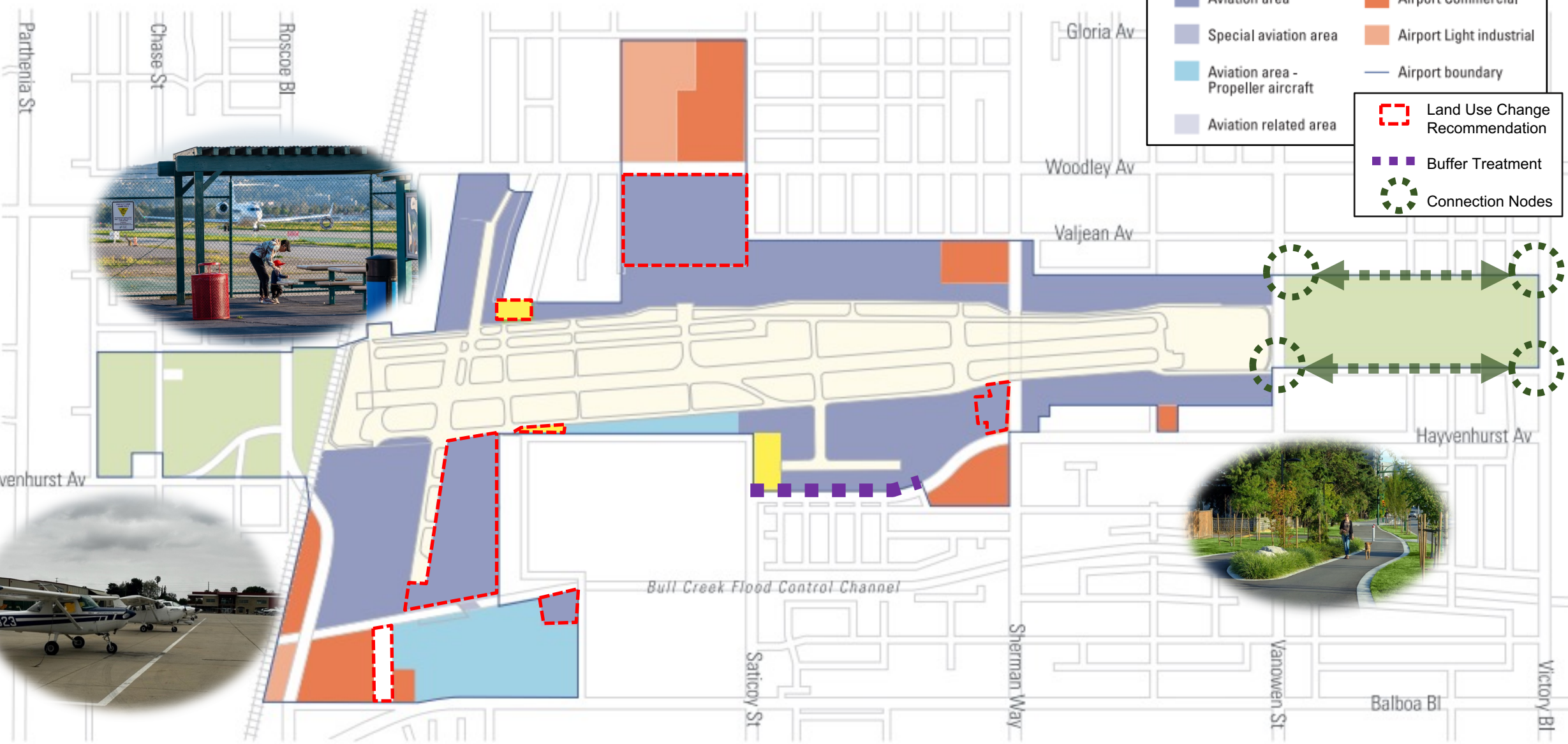
- Identify appropriate parcels to incorporate eVTOL
- Identify appropriate new locations for updated infrastructure

## 3. Consolidating land use categories.

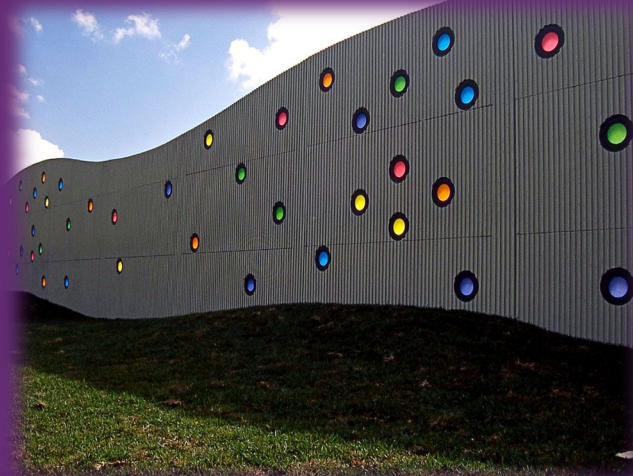
- Maintain Aviation-Propeller Only land use category

# Vision Collaboration

	Runway area		Public Facility area
	Approach area		Park/Observation area
	Aviation area		Airport Commercial
	Special aviation area		Airport Light industrial
	Aviation area - Propeller aircraft		Airport boundary
	Aviation related area		Land Use Change Recommendation
			Buffer Treatment
			Connection Nodes



# Opportunity: Buffer Treatment



*Example photos only, not to be considered final*

# Opportunity: Recreational Amenities



# Opportunity: sustainability



# Interactive Land Use Exercise

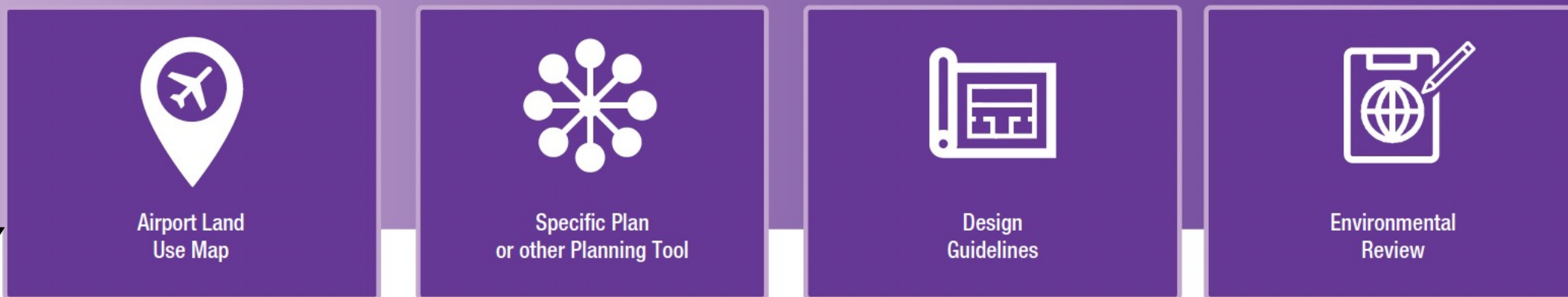




# Next Steps For Vision Study



## VISION STUDY IS THE FIRST STEP FOR FUTURE PLANNING...





# Thank You.

# Contact Us.

Via email:

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# Feedback – Share your Vision

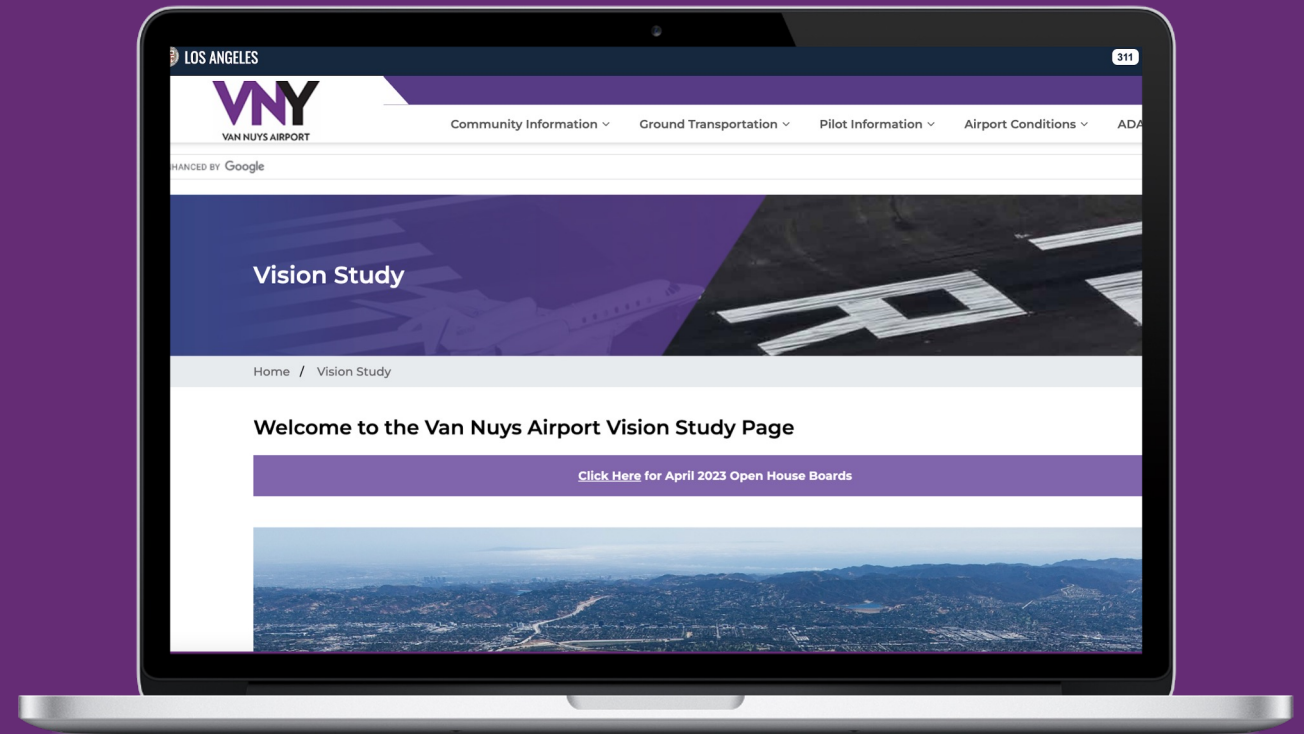
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**VNY Vision Study Survey Questions:**

The Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Vision Study is an initiative by LAWA to envision the future land uses at Van Nuys Airport while providing an opportunity for the community to participate. The goal of the Vision Study is to look at land uses that could improve overall compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood while identifying new opportunities for modernization and sustainability. Once completed, the Vision Study will be submitted to the Los Angeles City Planning Department for their consideration in future land use plans. The current Airport Plan, which dictates the land uses at VNY, was developed in 2006.

1. What do you like/Value most about VNY?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe VNY plays a critical role in the region's public safety efforts through medical organ flights, Children's Hospital flights, Super Scooper flights for wildfires, and critical first responder flights for law enforcement?
  - a. Yes
  - a. No opinion
  - b. No
3. In your opinion, do you think airfield operational efficiency and safety at Van Nuys Airport is important?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No Opinion
  - c. No
4. What other type of permitted uses would you like to see at the VNY airport?
  - a. Community Facilities
  - b. Museums and Cultural Centers
  - c. Sports and Recreational Centers
  - d. Jobs and Resource Center
  - e. Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Digital Survey

[iflyvny.com/vision-study](https://iflyvny.com/vision-study)