

City of West Hollywood Community “Hot Spot” Area

Narrative: The City of West Hollywood, with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Aero Bureau, contacted the PHPA to address concerns relating to an increase in helicopter related noise complaints from citizens within their community. Representatives from the PHPA, the City of West Hollywood, and the Aero Bureau of the LASD met on November 15th to discuss their concerns.

After a concentrated discussion focusing on the local airspace configuration and the Federal Aviation Regulations pertinent to helicopter operations, the crux of the City’s concerns were determined to be specific to coverage of high interest media events that occur within their city. The two areas depicted below represent the two neighborhoods within the City of West Hollywood that are most impacted by these operations.

Although the City of West Hollywood understands that commercial helicopter operators are obligated to fulfill their contractual flight services to media clients, it is their desire to work with our industry members to mitigate as much residual noise from their neighborhoods when possible.

The PHPA recommends the following insights be used by pilots when their aircraft are conducting operations near these West Hollywood “Hot Spots”:

1. All traffic transitioning West/East bound should report the “Blue Whale” ½ Mile South of Beverly Blvd. when their operations do not need to transition the foothills.
2. All aircraft providing services to media clients near these neighborhoods minimize their time over specific geographic targets, when safety and circumstances permit, and follow the guidelines of the “Fly Neighborly” program as recommended by the Helicopter Association International.

Pictorial:



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