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Mr. Denny Schneider  
Chair, LAX/Community Noise Roundtable  
c/o Los Angeles World Airports Noise Management  
1 World Way  
Los Angeles, CA 90009

Dear Chairman Schneider:

**Subject: LAX/Community Noise Roundtable Priorities & Responsibilities**

Thank you for your letters dated January 26, 2022, regarding JUUSE waypoint and January 26, 2022 regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) guidance for submitting flight procedure change requests and associated processes. We appreciate the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) taking the time to communicate its concerns. The FAA values the collaboration and efforts of the Roundtable and takes its input seriously.

Your letter identifies concerns with proposals discussed at the January 19, 2022 Roundtable meeting. The three proposals in question are the relocation of the JUUSE waypoint, the Option B proposal, and the LADYJ proposal.

As a follow up to the January 19th Roundtable meeting, the FAA and LAWA met on February 24th to address concerns voiced during the meeting with respect to the status of the Roundtable proposals and the process in which they are reviewed by the FAA. The FAA typically works with airport sponsors, such as LAWA, as partners in considering procedure changes or new procedures proposed for aircraft operations in and out of their airports as prescribed in FAA Order 7100.41A Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) PBN Implementation Process.

The FAA wants to ensure clarity and proper coordination for the process to propose changes to existing procedures or to propose new procedures. Therefore, after further evaluation, the following process has been determined to be the best path forward for existing as well as future proposals recommended by the Roundtable. If the Roundtable wishes to request a new procedure or change to an existing procedure, they should send a request in writing to the FAA. The FAA will conduct a preliminary assessment to determine viability, what the new procedure might look like, and what communities might be affected by this change. The FAA will let the Roundtable and LAWA know the results of the preliminary assessment. An Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Information Gateway request will not be required to conduct this preliminary assessment. If the FAA's preliminary assessment finds the request technically feasible and does not reveal

any immediate safety concerns, the FAA will pursue next steps beyond the preliminary assessment upon LAWA's request.

We also discussed your current proposals, as referenced in your letter, and following is the status for each:

- JUUSE Waypoint Proposal. The FAA is conducting a preliminary assessment of the proposal and will provide information on the viability of the JUUSE waypoint proposal, what the new procedure might look like, and what communities might be affected by this change. The FAA expects to complete this assessment and provide those results/findings to LAWA and the Roundtable by the May Roundtable meeting.
- Option B Proposal. The FAA is conducting a preliminary assessment of the proposal, which, by its nature, is very complex due to the numerous FAA facilities and air route traffic control centers that are involved. The FAA anticipates completing the assessment within the next few months and will provide those results/findings at that time to LAWA and the Roundtable, possibly as soon as the July Roundtable meeting.
- LADYJ Proposal. As LAWA recently informed you, the FAA is working on a preliminary assessment of the proposed change and will provide information on the viability of such a change, what the new departure might look like, and what communities might be affected by this change. The FAA expects to complete this assessment and provide those results/findings by the July Roundtable meeting.

The FAA is committed to working with LAWA and the Roundtable on these and other requests and to provide assistance or clarification when necessary. As noted above, if the FAA's preliminary assessment finds the requests technically feasible and does not reveal any immediate safety concerns the FAA will pursue next steps beyond the assessments upon LAWA's request.

Per your letter, we are prioritizing the submitted proposals as received, with JUUSE having highest priority, and subsequently Option B, then LADYJ. However, we would like to make clear that projects related to safety receive the highest priority.

We want to assure you that you have the FAA's commitment and our support to continue to provide technical assistance at your roundtable meetings. We would also like to confirm that the FAA will provide a similar update on the three requests at your next roundtable scheduled for March 16th. Also, in preparation for the upcoming and all future meetings, the FAA recommends that the FAA, LAWA, and the Roundtable have a preparation call at least one week prior to each Roundtable meeting. Michael M. Wilson, the community engagement officer, will be your point of contact for this and any future request. He may be contacted via email at [Michael.M.Wilson@faa.gov](mailto:Michael.M.Wilson@faa.gov). You may also reach him at my office at (424) 405-7000.

We appreciate and thank you for all of the work you do on behalf of the communities surrounding LAX and we look forward to a positive and collaborative working relationship among LAWA, the Roundtable, and the FAA.

The FAA's mission is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world. We will continually strive to improve the safety and efficiency of flight in this country. If we can be of further assistance, please contact my office at (424) 405-7000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raquel Girvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Raquel Girvin  
Regional Administrator