

**LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS
LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001
PROUD BIRD RESTAURANT
LOS ANGELES, CA**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Roundtable Members Present:

John McTaggart, Chairman, Mayor Pro Tem City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Kelly McDowell, Councilmember City of El Segundo
Mike Cassidy City of Hermosa Beach, Alternate
Angela Davison, Assemblyman Nakano's Office
Amy Ho, City of Monterey Park
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Rathar Duong, City of Montebello for Councilwoman Norma Lopez Lee
Denny Schneider, Westchester/PDR Council
David Kuntz, PANIC
Mark Tellier, FAA Western Pacific Region, Operations Branch
Roger Johnson, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE FORMATION COMMITTEE

Since the Roundtable has established several working subcommittees it was determined that there is no longer a need for a Formation Committee. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the Formation Committee is disbanded. Roger Johnson thanked the members of that committee for their efforts.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORKPLAN

Roger Johnson started by informing the Roundtable of problems LAWA has encountered with the LAX Noise Complaint Line (310-64-NOISE). Numerous people have been trying to phone in noise complaints and have been unable to get through to Airfield Ops. The problem with the new system has been caused by the system shutting itself off after 5 or 6 rings if no one answers the phone, and by the ability of LAWA personnel to manually override the system and shut it off. LAWA will be increasing the number of calls that can be received before it shuts off, and disable the ability to manually override the system. LAWA will also be negotiating buying the 64NOISE number from Pac Bell so we can upgrade the system from another vendor without losing the phone number. LAWA will also be looking into implementing a web based complaint form.

Roger Johnson discussed the problem with east departures during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 6:30 am. He stated that LAWA has started the procedure of initiating a formal Part 161 process, and that LAWA's Environmental Management Division has forwarded a draft scope of work for obtaining a consultant. The scope of work as submitted is in need of revisions. Once the scope of work is in the form that is ready to circulate, it will be shared with the Roundtable before it is released.

Mr. Doug Robins of Hermosa Beach made a comment regarding the Workplan and suggested that another column be added to show current status of the action items.

Roger Johnson also reported that he and the Director of Airports Operations have met with five of the airlines identified as making east departures during times of Over Ocean Operations (OOO) China Airlines, Quantas, Korean Airlines Singapore Air, and United and discussed the issue with them, but the airlines are reluctant to discontinue the procedure. LAWA will continue to monitor the situation to see if the meetings have had a meaningful impact. He also stated the City Attorney's Office has been sidetracked and has not been able to work on an ordinance that would require the airlines to file a report with LAWA divulging certain information whenever they make an east departure during OOO. Mr. Tellier of the FAA responded to a question regarding making it difficult for aircraft to do an east departure when the airport is not in east operations. He stated that the Control Tower can only do that for operational reasons only, and have no authority to do so for any other reasons. He also discussed numerous operational considerations and how this procedure relates to the national air traffic system.

Roger Johnson discussed the Workplan item regarding waiving easements as a requirement for sound insulation. This has been done for the City of Inglewood as part of a negotiated MOU and is available to the City of El Segundo and the County of Los Angeles. This policy will remain in place for all jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, without an MOU with LAWA. Kelly McDowell of El Segundo stated that the restrictions in the MOU are the same as the aviation easement and they have declined to enter into such an agreement.

REPORT FROM FAA REGARDING LAX 2500 FT. OVERFLIGHT MINI-ROUTE

Mark Tellier of the FAA gave a presentation regarding the new 2500 ft. LAX VFR overflight route. This route is scheduled to begin July 16th and is for VFR aircraft transitioning for arrival to Santa Monica, Torrance and Hawthorne Airports. This route is being established to replace an offshore route that was eliminated due to recent near collisions with jet aircraft departing LAX. The aircraft will be in radio contact with the LAX Tower, which will add a controller to handle these aircraft. Initially, this route will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily, but will probably be available full time sometime in the future. There are minimum weather requirements as well, the conditions must be VFR at surrounding airports, there must be a ceiling of at least 3000 ft. with visibility of at least 3 miles at LAX. Only one aircraft at a time will be allowed to use the transition route, so some airplanes will have to circle in a holding pattern until the route is available. The FAA estimates that the maximum number of aircraft that will use this route on a busy day will be 15 to 18.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Noise Subcommittee Chairman Roy Hefner gave the report for that committee, which met immediately prior to the Roundtable meeting. Mr. Kevin Lee of Monterey Park, a member of the Noise Subcommittee gave a presentation regarding a web-based noise complaint reporting system. Mr. Lee will be meeting with LAWA staff in the future regarding this issue. Kathryn Pantoja also gave a presentation regarding the functions & duties of the Noise Management Section of LAWA's Environmental Management Division. There was a motion that was unanimously passed that LAWA change its monthly noise report to include the following information: date, time, address, city, the nature of the complaint, operator of the aircraft, aircraft type, and findings (including direction). This motion was made to the full Roundtable, seconded and passed unanimously.

ROUNDTABLE MEMBER DISCUSSION

Chairman McTaggart raised the issue of the existing LAX Part 150 Study (Noise Control and Land Use Compatibility Study), a copy of which was handed out at the meeting. Per the requirements of the MOU with Inglewood, LAWA will be opening a new Part 150 study and a Part 161 study. There have been preliminary discussions with and the projects have been assigned to Environmental Management Division. The Roundtable believes that it should be a participant in these studies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Liz Garnholtz of El Segundo commented about a problem she had in June calling in a noise complaint.

The Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Proud Bird Restaurant.