



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Roundtable meeting was conducted via video conference using the Web Ex platform.

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chair, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion
Jeff Moskin, 1st Vice Chair, Raintree Condo & Townhouse Association
Richard Montgomery, 2nd Vice Chair, City of Manhattan Beach
Goran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Stacey Armato, City of Hermosa Beach
Albizaal Del Valle, City of Los Angeles – Council District 8
Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Yvonne Yiu, City of Monterey Park
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Blake Lamar, City of Rancho Palos Verdes Estates
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Martin Rubin, North Westdale Neighborhood Association
Jim Robilotta, 360 at Southbay HOA
JoAnn Williams, United Homeowners Association
John Arnold, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House Representative – 37th District
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

FAA

Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator
Sky Laron, Community Engagement Officer
John Nelson, District Manager

Airlines

Spirit Airlines – Carl Stallone
Alaska Airlines – Lynae Craig
LOT Polish Airlines – Kathy Nowak

LAWA and Consultant Staff

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Raha Azarmehr, Sound Insulation Program Manager, LAWA
René Spencer, Environmental Supervisor, LAWA
Esteban Moledo, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH
Mariano Sarrate, Scribe, HMMH

A quorum of the members was present.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:30 pm. The meeting was conducted similar to in-person meetings with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. The public was provided with a phone number to provide public comment. General public comment was invited as scheduled on the agenda item 3.

2. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Identification of Those Present

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

No members of the public requested an opportunity to provide comment.

4. Reappointment of At-Large Members for Another Two-Year Term (January 2021 to December 2022)

Secretary, David Chan, initiated the vote to reaffirm the following six community groups as voting members of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable for another two-year term:

- Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion
- North Westdale Neighborhood Association
- Raintree Condo & Townhouse Association
- Three Sixty at South Bay Homeowners Association
- United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
- United Homeowners Association

After a motion was made and seconded to approve all these six community groups with a single vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

5. Information on FAA's release of Neighborhood Environmental Survey findings and Public Comment Period

Roundtable Facilitator Gene Reindel briefly talked about the FAA's recent release of the Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES) results. The Public Comment Period will end on March 15, 2021, which is a couple days before the next regularly scheduled Roundtable meeting. The Facilitator recommended that the Roundtable submit comments as a body. He also encouraged the individual members to submit comments. Tamara Swann stated the FAA is willing to provide a briefing to the Roundtable at a future meeting.

In order to provide the FAA the opportunity to brief the Roundtable on the NES and for the Roundtable to submit comments prior to the closing of the 60-day comment period, Roundtable members approved rescheduling the March Roundtable meeting a week earlier

to March 10, 2021. Roundtable members also authorized the Chair to work with the Facilitator to draft and submit the comment letter on behalf of the Roundtable.

6. Report from LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee

Metroplex Ad Hoc Chair, Geoff Thompson, provided an update on the altitude trends for the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints located along the north downwind arrival route into LAX and the Committee's efforts in working with the FAA to keep aircraft at or above the minimum altitude for DAHJR, specifically between 1:00 and 5:00 am. It was noted that there has been no significant change since the last Roundtable meeting.

Roundtable Member Jeff Camp requested that the Roundtable prepare a follow-up letter to the FAA regarding a previous request for an explanation of the altitude trends and for this agenda item to include an action to submit such a letter.

1st Vice Chair Jeff Moskin suggested that the Roundtable consider asking the FAA to include Optimized Profile Descent as a way to reduce noise for the proposed alternative arrival route at LAX. The Chair requested that the Metroplex Ad Hoc Committee Chair consider discussing this suggestion at a future Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

7. Work Program B5: Status Update on Sound Insulation Programs

LAWA Representative Kathryn Pantoja introduced Raha Azarmehr, LAWA Sound Insulation Program Manager, to present an update on LAWA's Sound Insulation Programs. LAWA completed the Residential Sound Insulation Programs for Ontario and Van Nuys. Currently, there are two LAX programs ongoing, the Residential Sound Insulation Program and the School Sound Insulation Program. The Residential Sound Insulation Program provides insulation to eligible residences based on FAA criteria. LAWA and FAA provide funding to local jurisdictions to insulate eligible homes that lie within the 2020 Noise Exposure Map (NEM). The School Sound Insulation program provides insulation to eligible schools within the Lennox and Inglewood Unified school districts based on public law and federal guidelines. LAWA is working with the school districts to complete and closeout these sound insulation programs.

8. Briefing on Study regarding the Effects of Speed on Aircraft Noise

The Facilitator briefed the Roundtable regarding a recent MIT study that evaluated the effects of aircraft speed on noise. The presentation included the findings of the MIT analysis on aircraft noise sources, the operating conditions that affect takeoff and approach noise, and the conclusions of the MIT study.

Roundtable member discussion ensued noting that the use of OPD in addition to the Delayed Descent Approach (DDA), as presented with the MIT study results, may be helpful in reducing noise on arrival into LAX.

9. Roundtable 101 Educational Briefing

The Facilitator provided an educational briefing on the purpose and roles of airport/community roundtables, and the specifics of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, including membership, member responsibilities and expectations, meeting procedures, and resources available to Roundtable members.

10. Roundtable Member Discussion

Roundtable Member, Jacqueline Hamilton, updated the Roundtable on the legislation in development relating to aircraft noise. She stated that representative Karen Bass has submitted multiple letters to the FAA related to aircraft noise issues as discussed previously by the Roundtable and that multiple members of Congress are working on new legislation.

Roundtable member Goran Eriksson suggested that all future agenda items be listed as “information/action” to allow flexibility for the Roundtable to take action if needed.

The Chair reminded the Roundtable members of the UC Davis Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium that is occurring February 23-26, 2021.

The Chair asked LAWA Representative Kathryn Pantoja on the status of the noise monitoring replacement project. Kathryn stated that LAWA has selected a vendor and is currently in negotiations. The contract should be awarded in March 2021. It was asked if the new system will affect the historical data. Kathryn stated the historical data will not be affected and that future data acquisition will have similar properties as the current system, but the new system may have additional features and capabilities.

Carl Stallone from Spirit Airlines offered to provide a presentation to the Roundtable at a future meeting.

11. Review of Roundtable Action Items

Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.