



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2022

In conformity with Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)3 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
Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 4
Noah Fleishman, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Curt Bouton, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S House Representative – 37th District
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present

Alaska Airlines –Lynae Craig
AeroLogic Airlines – Maximilian Weilbach
Spirit Airlines – Larry Thomas
United Airlines – Glenn Morse (retired)

FAA Present

Regan Rasband, LA District General Manager
Faviola Garcia, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Patrick De La Cruz, 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 1:31 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 for public comment. General public comment was invited as scheduled on Agenda Item 3.

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

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

No requests for public comments during this agenda item.

4. Work Program Item C1 – Briefing on O’Hare Noise Compatibility

Joe Annunzio, Chair of the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), briefed the Roundtable on the details of the ONCC. Formally established in 1996, the ONCC oversees the noise programs of O’Hare airport, and consists of 62 members, mostly mayors and school boards (all elected officials). Noise programs include noise management, noise mitigation programs, and the implementation of noise monitoring systems. The ONCC operates under an intergovernmental agreement that is renewed every 5 years. ONCC officers are elected annually by the general membership. There are various committees within the ONCC. The details of each program were discussed. Like the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, the ONCC has a working relationship with community groups, airport operators, and the FAA to help implement noise mitigation policies.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. Several members inquired as to how the ONCC achieved successful implementation of mitigation programs with FAA cooperation.

5. Work Program Item B5 – Update on the new LAX Residential Sound Insulation Program

Roundtable Member, Kathryn Pantoja, briefed the Roundtable on the LAX Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP). There have been 21,000 dwelling units sound insulated to date. Local jurisdictions implement their own RSI programs, including County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, City of El Segundo, and City of Inglewood.

LAWA launched a new LAX RSIP in September 2022 to sound insulate homes in El Segundo (no longer implemented by the jurisdiction) and the City of Los Angeles that had not been mitigated in the previous program. The LAX 2020 NEM 65 CNEL contour is used to determine program eligibility. The eligibility, process and timeline of the program were discussed. Eligible applicants could see implemented mitigation within 2 years.

Brief Roundtable member discussion ensued.

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

Jeff Moskin, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, updated the Roundtable on the status of the ad hoc committee, which had not met prior to the regular meeting. At the FAA's request, the Roundtable Chair set up a Technical Working Group with Jeff Moskin leading this effort under the ad hoc committee. The Technical Working Group has not met due to scheduling issues with the identified members. Jeff indicated no change on the statistical trends of low altitude crossings for the north downwind arrivals.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. Henry Lo and Curt Bouton volunteered to join the Technical Working Group. Faviola Garcia of the FAA, assured the Roundtable the Technical Working Group meeting will take place the day after this regular meeting of the Roundtable. Carl Stallone of Spirit Airlines also volunteered to join the Technical Working Group.

7. Status Update on the Roundtable Facilitator Contract

The Roundtable Secretary updated the Roundtable on the status of the Roundtable facilitator contract. The existing contract with HMMH expires in at the end of the calendar year. Two proposals were received. HMMH was selected to continue providing LAX Roundtable facilitation services. The new contract should be in place by January of 2023.

8. Discussion on State of Emergency Order/Assembly Bill 361 affecting Roundtable Meeting Format & Schedule starting February 2023

The Facilitator briefed the Roundtable on the status of the State of Emergency Order that is affecting the Roundtable meeting format. The emergency order will be lifted near the end of February of 2023. Unless a change in legislation occurs, the virtual meeting format will have to sunset. The Brown act states that membership must meet in person and/or to provide the addresses of the location of members who are joining remotely and allow members of the public to join them at such location(s).

Roundtable member discussion ensued. Details of the Brown Act were questioned and the desire to have hybrid meetings after the emergency order is lifted was voiced. The secretary suggested reserving the meeting location at the new LAX Airport Police Facility for the time being in order to have a meeting location for the March 2023 meeting. The Roundtable approved through acclamation, with one member opposed, to tentatively reserve the LAX Airport Police Facility for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Roundtable member, Jacqueline Hamilton, requested LAWA facilitator to research the State Legislative person(s) and/or committee(s) responsible for proposing legislation to amend the Brown Act.

Discussion of this item will continue at the January 18, 2023 meeting.

9. Determination to Continue Holding Virtual Roundtable Meetings under Assembly Bill 361

The Roundtable approved through acclamation to continue meeting virtually, which requires two special meetings prior to the January 2023 regular meeting. The sole purpose of these special meetings is to make a determination every 30 days to meet virtually in accordance with AB 361.

10. Roundtable Member Discussion

Roundtable member, Kathryn Pantoja, notified the Roundtable of two new FAA-proposed flight procedures associated with the nighttime over ocean operations at LAX that were now available in the FAA IFP Gateway. The procedures are scheduled to be published in February of 2023. Member Romolini inquired about targets files on the IFP Gateway related to the proposed flight procedures. Targets files are posted on the IFP Gateway.

The Chair solicited the public for another round of comments. No public comments were submitted.

11. Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm. The special meetings required to continue meeting virtually are scheduled at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, and Wednesday, January 11, 2023, with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023 also at 1:30 pm and to be held virtually.