



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2021

In conformity with the 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
Goran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Olivia Valentine, City of Hawthorne
Stacey Armato, City of Hermosa Beach
Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Yvonne Yiu, City of Monterey Park
Blake Lamar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Advisory Committee
Jim Reed, 360 at South Bay Homeowners Association
Jeff Camp, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

FAA

Tamara Swann
Regan Rasband
Larri Frelow

Airlines

AeroLogic Airlines – Lukas Rozner
Alaska Airlines – Lynae Craig
Spirit Airlines – Carl Stallone
United Airlines – Alison Kehrer, Glenn Morse & Kevin Coon

LAWA and Consultant Staff

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Esteban Moledo, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA
René Spencer, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH
Doreen Stockdale, 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 1:36 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 agenda item 3.

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

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:38 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

A resident from mid-city area of City of Los Angeles said that the airplane noise she is hearing now is very disturbing and frequent. She wants to know if the Roundtable can do anything about the planes that fly near her home at about 3,000’.

A resident from West Adams said that the effort of the FAA relating to managing air traffic is taken without any consideration of the people on the ground, with aircraft continuing to fly well below the altitude of the waypoints all hours of the day.

A resident from Encino said he lives 5 miles from Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and thanked the FAA for planning to restore the traffic to historical paths at VNY. He expects that it may take some time to restore flight paths and was wondering, in the meantime, whether he qualifies for sound insulation.

A Calabasas resident said that the airplane noise is totally out of control and that he recently found out about the change in flight patterns associated with the LADYJ departure. He would like the LADYJ route abandoned as this route is most bothersome to him.

A resident from Downey said he is affected by air traffic noise as he works from home. He is against the North Downwind Option B proposal as it would increase traffic in his area. He would also like to know if someone could be on the Roundtable to advocate for his community.

A Thousand Oaks resident said since 2017 her whole way of life has changed because of the reroute into LAX. All she wants is for the routes to be changed back. She wants to know if anything can be done about it.

A resident from Mid-City said the North downwind flights are getting worse. He said that there is no time of the day where there isn’t a constant hum from planes. He wants to know what happened with the recent lawsuit associated with this north downwind route. He also wants to know if there is any development to relieve some of this impact on his neighborhood.

4. Work Program C1 – Briefing on Reagan National Airport (DCA) Community Working Group

Mike Rioux gave a briefing on the DCA Community Working Group (CWG) for the Washington DC area. The group, comprised of 28 representatives, was founded in 2015 and updated in 2016. The group currently meets quarterly. Three subcommittees were established to address specific noise issues affecting areas north and south of the airport and items relating to fly-quiet

activities. The process of submitting recommendations for noise reduction consists of the subcommittees submitting the items to the full working group, which brings the items to the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA), which can then submit the items to the FAA for consideration. CWG has made 22 recommendations to the FAA since 2015; however, none of the recommendations have been implemented.

CWG has requested that MWAA fund an expert to provide technical support to help the group.

Roundtable Chair Schneider asked if there is a website that includes reports and materials relating to the CWG. Mike said that everything is on the MWAA website.

Olivia Valentine asked what the next step is for the rejected proposals. Mike Rioux said that although they are disappointed, they are continuing the efforts. He added that some community members hired a technical consultant to assist with tweaking the procedures and made small progress on that front.

5. Update on the new LAX Residential Sound Insulation Program

Raha Azarmehr gave an update on the new residential sound insulation program (RSIP) for areas around LAX. This new program provides an opportunity to mitigate remaining homes that had not been insulated when the City of El Segundo closed its sound insulation program in 2018 and insulate homes of residents in the City of Los Angeles who had not participated in the prior program. The program will insulate approximately 1150 units in El Segundo and approximately 1240 units in the City of Los Angeles. LAWA is hoping to have the program implemented in the fourth quarter of 2022 and completed by 2028. The process to hire a company to implement this program is underway.

The Chair asked whether residents who gave up rights in the last program or had work done before would qualify. Raha said that if work was completed before, they will not be eligible. She said LAWA had not yet determined eligibility for cases where residents opted out of the last program.

When asked how long sound insulation materials were expected to last, Raha noted it should be “at least 20 years.”

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

Metroplex Ad Hoc Chair, Geoff Thompson, provided an update on the altitude trends for the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints on the north downwind arrival route and indicated that the percentages of aircraft meeting the minimum altitude at these two waypoints fluctuate slightly from month to month. He noted there was an increase in flight operations due to travel restrictions easing. He mentioned that the Roundtable received a preliminary response from the FAA indicating that they are looking into the feasibility of the North Downwind Option B proposal.

Tamara Swann of the FAA indicated that she has received opposition letters regarding the North Downwind Option B proposal and plans to refer the affected communities who authored the letters back to the Roundtable. Denny Schneider asked that she forward those opposition letters to the Roundtable.

Geoff noted that the CASTA Hybrid proposal was submitted to the FAA and that the Roundtable recently received the letter of acknowledgment. Ms. Swann explained that when proposals are received by the FAA, they are forwarded to the Operations Support Group (OSG) located in Seattle for review. Timi Romolini said that she wanted a definitive date of when that proposal was submitted to OSG. Ms. Swann said she would look into it and get back to the Roundtable.

Geoff suggested that the Roundtable send a follow-up letter to FAA regarding a previous request to relocate the JUUSE waypoint on the North Downwind Arrival Route. He indicated that this waypoint relocation request had been delayed due to the lawsuit. However, now that the lawsuit is complete, he suggested following up with the FAA on this request. Such a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by acclamation.

7. Aircraft Noise 101

The Facilitator suggested deferring this item to the next meeting due to the limited time remaining for today's meeting. The Roundtable Chair agreed with this suggestion.

8. Consideration of Supporting Proposed Legislation on Aircraft Noise Issues

The Roundtable Facilitator provided an overview of the proposed legislation that was recently reintroduced by the U.S. House of Representatives to the 117th Congress for consideration. Most of these bills were previously introduced in the 116th Congress but were not passed into law. The Facilitator suggested that the Roundtable submit a letter of support for 12 of the 14 bills. Discussion ensued. A member requested that the facilitator provide an update on H.R. 389 when new information becomes available. Another member asked to hold off on submitting a letter of support until more research is done on certain bills. As an alternative approach, the Facilitator proposed sending a letter of overall support and then submitting a follow-up letter in the future with suggested changes to certain bills as needed. Another member said that time was important and that the body shouldn't wait.

After discussion, the Roundtable approved, with no opposition and two abstentions, to write a letter to the House Subcommittee on Aviation supporting the proposed legislation.

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

The Facilitator explained that AB 361 was signed by the Governor on 9/16/21 and became effective on 9/20/21. Under AB 361, a legislative body or an advisory group that is subject to the Brown Act will need to make a determination every 30 days on whether or not to continue meeting virtually due to COVID. Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA, said that she reached out to the city attorney regarding this matter to find out whether the Roundtable can make the determination at every regular meeting, similar to what the SFO Roundtable has done, since the LAX Roundtable is not an official legislative body and does not meet every 30 days. The attorney is

looking into this matter. Meanwhile, the city attorney's guidance is to schedule a special meeting in order to make a determination every 30 days.

Since the Roundtable is considered to be an advisory group and not a legislative body, and is on a bi-monthly schedule, Jeff Camp made a motion for the Roundtable to make a determination to continue meeting virtually for the January 19th meeting until further notice. Jeff Moskin seconded the motion.

Following the discussion, the Roundtable approved, with one opposed and one abstention, to meet virtually at the January 2022 meeting and to include an agenda item on future meetings to determine whether to continue meeting virtually or not. This is in lieu of making a determination every 30 days to reconfirm the virtual meeting since this non-legislative body only meets every other month.

10. Roundtable Member Discussion

Roundtable Secretary, David Chan, informed the Roundtable that the UC Davis Noise Symposium will be held on May 1 – 3, 2022 at the UC Davis campus. At the next meeting, the body will need to choose one member to attend.

Member Goran Eriksson mentioned that the National League of Cities is working on policy recommendations pertaining to FAA environmental review and other matters relating to aircraft noise. He will share more information with the group as it becomes available.

Member Timi Romolini asked for the Roundtable to add an item to the agenda at the next meeting to provide a letter in support of the formation of a San Fernando Valley Roundtable. Ms. Pantoja informed members that a Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) at Van Nuys Airport has been in existence for many years to address issues. The Facilitator suggested that Ms. Romolini write a letter and submit it to the Chair to review and determine whether to place the item on an upcoming Roundtable meeting agenda.

11. Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 1:30 pm.