

LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2024

The Roundtable meeting was conducted virtually via video conference using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Roundtable Members Present

Jeff Moskin, 1st Vice Chair, Raintree Condo and Townhouse Association Richard Montgomery, 2nd Vice Chair, City of Manhattan Beach Robert Ackerman, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion Fred Puza, City of Culver City
Mike Detoy, City of Hermosa Beach
Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles – CD 10
Trey Grogan, City of Los Angeles – CD 11
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Keith Eich, San Gabriel Valley COG
Curt Bouton, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Brad Vanderhoof, West Hills Neighborhood Council
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present

Glenn Morse – United Airlines Carl Stallone – Spirit Airlines

FAA Present

Larri Frelow, FAA Community Engagement Officer Carlette Young, Supervisor Senior Advisor

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

Sandy Lee, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA
Dan Yeung, Karen Chebatoris, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH
Timothy Middleton, Scribe and Alternate Facilitator, HMMH

Guest Speakers

Jesse Richardson, Port of Oakland

A quorum of the members was present at 1:38 pm.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:36 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually with the Facilitator running the meeting with assistance from the 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs as needed. 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 p.m. The 2nd Vice Chair welcomed the attendees. A quorum was announced.

3. Comments from the Public

Pernell Jones, a resident of Inglewood, expressed his concern that homes in his neighborhood, which are within the flight path, are excluded from the sound insulation program.

David McClure, a resident of Redondo Beach, commented that, for about the last month, he has noticed aircraft flying over Redondo Beach. He provided his phone number for follow-up.

4. Election of Roundtable Chair and Vice Chairs

Gene Reindel, the Roundtable Facilitator opened the election process for Roundtable Chair and two Vice Chairs. The facilitator recommended that voting occurs via a motion, a second – and then hands raised for only 'no' or 'abstention' votes.

Denny Schneider was nominated and unanimously elected with no dissension or abstention votes for Chair of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable.

Jeff Moskin was nominated and unanimously elected with no dissension or abstention votes for 1st Vice Chair.

Richard Montgomery was nominated and unanimously elected with no dissension or abstention votes for 2nd Vice Chair.

5. Work Program Item C1 – OAK Presentation

Jesse Richardson, Airport Noise Abatement and Environmental Affairs Supervisor, from the Port of Oakland presented an overview of the structure and organization of the Oakland Airport – Community Noise Management Forum. The Forum was formed in 1998 as an advisory group to facilitate open channels of communication between the interested public and the Port of Oakland as the owner and operator of OAK. Mr. Richardson stated that a key pillar of the Forum is "no noise transference," which means the Forum would not recommend moving aircraft noise from one community to another. Mr. Richardson discussed the membership of the Forum, how OAK staff supports the Forum, and successes of the Forum, including successful community engagement and ongoing aircraft noise education.

6. Report from the Technical Working Group

Jeff Moskin provided a report on the progress of the Technical Working Group (TWG). The TWG is looking into having the FAA potentially coordinate Southern California TRACON with Albuquerque Center to assist with the altitude issues for aircraft arriving on the LAX north downwind flight path.

The TWG is exploring the potential of aligning the north downwind route to overfly the Santa Monica Freeway / San Bernadino Freeway (I-10) corridor. The TWG also continues to make efforts to ask FAA to keep aircraft at 6,000' altitude as long as they can.

Roundtable member discussion ensued.

7. Aircraft Noise Educational Series

Gene Reindel (HMMH) delivered a presentation from the ongoing aircraft noise educational series focused on the fundamentals of aircraft noise mitigation measures. He reviewed the FAA guidance and goals associated with noise mitigation programs. Mitigation measures include land acquisition, noise easement purchases, sound insulation, and noise barriers. Eligibility guidelines for active programs were presented.

8. Work Program Item B5 - LAX RSIP

Jacob Haik, LAWA representative, provided a briefing on the status of the LAX Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP). Over \$800M has been spent to date by LAWA and the FAA to insulate over 21,000 dwelling units. LAWA launched the RSIP to insulate homes in El Segundo and a "second chance" program to insulate homes in the City of Los Angeles that were not treated in the prior program. Mr. Haik discussed program outreach and awareness; and provided details for homeowners to determine their eligibility for the program. Mr. Haik also provided an update on the RSIP progress including the estimated timeline and program pace to complete homes currently eligible.

Roundtable member discussion ensued.

9. Roundtable Member Discussion

Herny Lo raised a discussion on acoustic measurements and noise monitors and asked if LAWA can set up noise measuring equipment if requested. Jacob Haik responded that portable monitors have been deployed in the past and there are no current plans to deploy additional monitors; but can look into that possibility.

10. Review of Roundtable Formal Action Items

The facilitator reviewed the single action item with the Roundtable which was the election of the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair. No other action items.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.