



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE
Flight Track Data And Noise Subcommittees
Recap of Meeting
September 17, 2003

1. Call to order

Noise Subcommittee Chairman Roy Hefner at 6:30 p.m. Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Review/Consideration and Comment on the Aircraft Noise Elements of the LAX Master Plan Alternative D and the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS

Comments on The Draft Recap of the August 27 Joint Subcommittee Meeting

- Subcommittees acted to incorporate the concerns of Danna Cope that the noise contours are adjusted to remove unusual aircraft operations as a result of changes to runway use during construction activities
- The Subcommittees acted to recommend the elimination of the requirement for aviation easements on sound insulation projects.

General comments Regarding Thresholds of Significance:

- Where are the noise monitors located that would provide information on single noise events?
- The Thresholds of Significance values appear to be high for sleep interference
- Check the information on www.lhh.org/noise/facts
- Note the references contained in the footnotes on Page 4-11 of the Supplemental EIR
- There are differences in information provided by the Federal Interagency Committee on Aircraft Noise (FICAN) information and the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Note the different forms of noise/sleep descriptions – disturbance/awakening/annoyance
- The ambient noise level of 62-66 dB CNEL for an urban setting seems high
- Need a chart of equivalent single event noise levels for different activities (See attachments)
- Note that different studies on classroom noise interference have two approaches. The first attempts to identify differences in learning ability in a noise impacted classroom vs. a classroom with no external noise impact. The second approach assumes that an outside noise that cause interferes with speech is unacceptable. This latter approach was used in the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS.

Specific Actions Taken by The Subcommittees:

1. The Subcommittees dispute the Thresholds of Significance of 94 and 81 dB used for sleep interference as being to high. Alternative values used by the WHO will be further discussed at the Subcommittees' meeting on October 8
2. There should be a commitment to the Threshold of Significance values as a result of the mitigations. This should be done as an oversight/performance based process
3. At the October 8 meeting the Subcommittees will discuss both impacts and mitigations. These had previously been scheduled as separate topics.

3. Subcommittee Members and Public Comments (provided above)

4. Adjournment

The next meeting of the joint Subcommittees will be at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2003 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.