



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of Regular Meeting
July 14, 2004

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Mike Cassidy, Vice Chairman Representing Hermosa Beach Councilman Sam Edgerton
Dwight Abbott, Palos Verdes Estates City Councilman
Mike Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rhorabacher
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Barry Davis, FAA
Michael DiGirolamo, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart at 7:05 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

2. Election of Roundtable Officers for Two Year Terms

Nomination and Election

- John McTaggart was nominated and elected to serve as Chair
- Mike Cassidy was nominated and elected to serve as Vice Chair

3. Election of Roundtable Noise and Flight Track Data Subcommittee Chairs

Nomination and Election

- Denny Schneider was nominated and elected to serve as the Chair of the Noise Subcommittee; Roy Hefner was nominated and elected to serve as the Vice Chair of the Noise Subcommittee
- Mike Cassidy was nominated and elected to serve as the Chair of the Flight Track Data Subcommittee

4. Status Report from The Flight Track Data Subcommittee – Mike Cassidy, Chair

Presentation - Draft Letter of Invitation for the FTDS October Meeting

Walter Gillfillan presented a draft letter that would be sent to stakeholders re: possible RNAV procedure for eastern departures in the Northern Sector (Work Program Items I.1 and I.2).

Action

The draft letter was approved subject to the LAWA staff and Chair establishing an appropriate mailing list.

Presentation - Work Program Item III.3 - Palos Verdes over flights by turboprop aircraft

Barry Davis from the FAA provided an informal response to questions posed by the FTDS at its June 9 meeting.

- The turbo-prop traffic crossing the PV Peninsula enroute to SNA can not exceed an altitude of 6,000 feet because of LGB traffic separation.
- TRACON does not allow the turbo-prop traffic outside of the Class B airspace. Councilman Dwight Abbott indicated that he has data with aircraft outside of Class B and will provide that information to Mr. Davis.

Action

Chairman Cassidy asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the August meeting of the FTDS.

5. Discussion/Approval of Letters to FAA Center of Excellence and Transportation Research Board

Presentation

Mr. Gillfillan presented a draft letter to the two organizations that would be a response to their call for suggested research topics. The topics listed in the draft are taken from the Roundtable's Work Program.

Action

The Roundtable approved the submittal of the letters subject to the following:

- In the second paragraph, last sentence, second from the last line, add the word "in" to readour interest in achieving our
- At the end of the first bullet, addduring "daytime" and noise sensitive hours
- Omit the third bullet
- Combine bullets 5,6 and 7
- Change the wording to read: "Provide additional mitigation options"

6. Status Report on The Roundtable's Work Program

Presentation

Mr. Gillfillan reviewed the changes to the Work Program that the Roundtable had directed to be made at its November 2003 meeting. Roundtable directed the following modifications to the draft:

- **Item I.1**, Over-Ocean Operations – Add to Current Status; LAWA staff to follow up with a second letter to airlines that have not responded
- **Item I.2**, No easement – Move this item to Additional Work Items, Item IV.11
- **Item II.1**, Early departure turns – Add to Current Status; October meeting with stakeholders re: possible RNAV procedure
- **Item II.3**, Low frequency noise – Add to Current Status; Completed, research recommended to the Center of Excellence and the Transportation Research Board

- **Item III.1**, El Segundo over flight – Description of Noise Issue; Remove “or departing to the north”; Add to Current Status; Schedule a presentation by the FAA, invite an El Segundo representative
- **Item III.2**, FAA participation – This item is completed. Obtain a copy of Walter White’s, FAA January 14, 2004 presentation
- **III.6**, FEDEX over flight – Add to Current Status; Request the status of FedEx’s new equipment substitution schedule
- **Item IV.2**, 60 CNEL for sound insulation eligibility - Add to Current Status; Referred to the Noise Subcommittee
- **Item IV.3**, Stage 4 noise certification – Completed

Action

The Roundtable directed that the changes be made and the revised Work Program be brought back to the Roundtable for adoption action. The Roundtable also directed that the Work Program Status Report be updated and placed on the September 2004 agenda.

7. Roundtable Member Discussion

- Is it possible that B-747 aircraft could fly a steeper glide slope?
- There seems to be an increase in aircraft noise over the Peninsula, but not from turbo-props.
- The stakeholders meeting with the FTDS regarding the turbo-prop over flight on the north side:
 - May need a larger venue such as the Proud Bird
 - Will need the graphics produced by the LAWA staff showing the flight track and land use information
 - Will need LAWA staff help in establishing a mailing address list.

8. Public Comments

- It is important in the letters to COE and TRB that both daytime and nighttime noise events are of concern
- Aircraft are crossing the Peninsula at low altitudes. It should be noted that there is high terrain that reduces the vertical separation between aircraft and residences.
- The limitation of the crossing altitude at the Seal Beach VOR for ONT and SNA bound departures from LAX is a key feature to the low turbo-prop over flights of the Peninsula

9. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Roundtable will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2004. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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