



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2016

Roundtable Members Present

Robert Ackerman, Westchester Neighbors Association
Carl Jacobson, Vice Chairman, City of El Segundo
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Dinesh Ghiya, City of La Habra Heights
Anthony Anderson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 8
Omar Pulido, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Martin Rubin, North Westdale Neighborhood Association
Jim Withrow, City of Inglewood
Terry Boyle, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Scott Tatro, LAWA

LAWA and Consultant Staff

David Chan, LAWA
René Spencer, LAWA
Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA
Steve Alverson, Roundtable Facilitator

A quorum of the members was present.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the meeting format. Mr. Alverson indicated that the Roundtable meetings are facilitated in order to stay on topic and on schedule. He added that there would be a period for public comments and the Chairman may entertain questions from the audience as time permits. He noted that Vice Chairman Jacobson would serve as the Acting Chair this evening since Chairman Schneider was not present.

2. Call to order

Acting Roundtable Chairman Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm PDT in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX.

3. Comments from the Public

Acting Chairman Jacobson opened the public comment period.

A Planning Commissioner from the City of Monterey Park expressed concern about increased overflights by low aircraft and requested the Roundtable include an agenda item at the July meeting for her to discuss the issue. Acting Chairman agreed to include the agenda item.

A member of the public indicated that the recent agenda and meeting recap were not posted on the Roundtable website. Mr. Chan apologized for the oversight.

Two residents of Los Angeles expressed interest in the sound insulation program and asked for an update. LAWA responded that the FAA recently approved new noise contour maps for LAX, so the boundary for the program has changed. Mr. Alverson noted that the July 13th meeting would include a status report on the LAX Soundproofing Program.

A 30-year resident who lives in the vicinity of Adams and Normandie mentioned that aircraft are lower, louder, and more frequent. Mr. Alverson suggested that the resident attend the special Roundtable meeting on June 8th, which will focus on the analysis of the north downwind arrival route that may pertain to his area.

There were no additional public comments, so Acting Chairman Jacobson closed the public comment period.

4. Consideration of Submitting a Follow-up Letter to FAA on So Cal Metroplex Project

Roundtable members discussed whether it would be appropriate to send a letter to the FAA regarding the SoCal Metroplex Project Environmental Assessment (EA) as the Roundtable has received no specific responses to the two letters it submitted on the project. FAA responses to the Roundtable's comments will, however, be included in the Final EA document. The Roundtable decided not to send a follow-up letter, but a representative from Congresswoman Karen Bass' office offered to send a follow-up letter to the FAA.

5. Concerns Regarding Aircraft Noise in La Habra Heights

La Habra Heights Alternate Representative Dinesh Ghiya expressed concern that since July 2015 the noise in his community is getting worse, noting that aircraft are lower and more frequent. He requested that LAWA conduct a study to see what has changed since then. LAWA representative Scott Tatro offered to take a look at the issue and report back to the Roundtable at its September meeting.

6. Roundtable Work Program Review

Mr. Alverson provided a quick overview of the status of each Work Program Item. He suggested a few items that the Roundtable may wish to consider closing, one new item the Roundtable may wish to open, and one item they may wish to mark inactive.

After Mr. Alverson reviewed the Work Program Items with recommended status changes (see list below), Member LaMar made a motion to approve the revised Work Program with the recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Member Ghiya and approved unanimously by the Roundtable. A priority of 9 (with 10 being highest priority) was assigned to the new Work Program Item A13 – North Downwind Arrival Study.

<u>Work Program Item</u>	<u>Status</u>
A5. Easterly Departures from Northern Runways Turning North	Closed
A6. Improperly Flown LOOP Departures	Closed
A11. Continuous Descent Approaches at Lower Altitudes	Closed
A13. North Downwind Arrival Study	Open
C5. LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS)	Inactive

The approved Work Program can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

7. ACRP 02-44 Helicopter Noise Modeling Guidance

Mr. Alverson provided an overview of the Airport Cooperative Research Program's (ACRP) Report 02-44 - Helicopter Noise Modeling Guidance Report. The report provided recommendations on how the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) could be modified to improve its helicopter noise modeling accuracy. The FAA is not bound by ACRP results and will decide whether or not to update the AEDT based on ACRP recommendations. ACRP conducts research on a broad range of aviation-related topics including aircraft noise.

The ACRP 02-44 Helicopter Noise Modeling Guidance presentation can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

8. Status Update on Roundtable Facilitator Contract

Mr. Chan noted that the current Roundtable Facilitator contract expires at the end of December 2016 and, therefore, LAWA is initiating the Roundtable Facilitator selection process, which includes issuing a request for proposals, reviewing the submitted written proposals, interviewing noise consulting firms, and awarding a contract to the best qualified firm. As was the case with the previous Roundtable Facilitator selection process, LAWA is inviting a member of the Roundtable to participate in the interview process. LAWA procurement policies require that the Roundtable member be an elected official or staff member of a municipality. After a brief discussion, Member Pulido from Council District 11 offered to serve on the Roundtable Facilitator Selection Committee.

Member Cope's motion to designate Member Pulido as the Roundtable's representative on LAWA's Roundtable Facilitator Selection Committee was seconded by Member Withrow and approved unanimously by the Roundtable.

9. Statistical Update on Aircraft Operations

Mr. Chan provided a statistical update on Work Program Item A9 – Departures on Runway 25L and Work Program Item A10 – Turboprop Community Overflights. He noted that adherence with both Work Program items remains high. In the case of departures on Runway 25L, he cited the FAA's efforts to assign aircraft on Runway 25R as well as FedEx's continued use of Runway 25R at night as primary factors for the positive results. He indicated that the reduction in turboprop aircraft operations at LAX was a key factor in the low number of turboprop overflights of the Palos Verde Peninsula.

The Statistical Update presentation can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

10. Aviation Noise News Update

Mr. Alverson reviewed the following aviation noise news topics:

- A press release on the proposed Airplane Impacts Mitigation Act of 2016
- An article on the US Senate's passage of a short-term FAA funding bill
- A report on LAX's contribution to the local economy
- An article on Alaska Air Group's \$4 billion acquisition of Virgin America
- An article regarding Delta Air Lines expansion and modernization of its fleet

The complete Aviation Noise News Update can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

11. Roundtable Member Discussion

Mr. Chan noted that LAWA's Executive Director had sent a letter to the Chairman of United Airlines requesting that United retrofit its A320 family of aircraft with noise reducing vortex generators. He will update the Roundtable when LAWA hears back from United, and if a positive response is received, LAWA will reach out to other airlines as well.

Mr. Tatro provided an update of the West Aircraft Maintenance Area (WAMA). Qantas has relocated its maintenance operations to WAMA, the area just west of Taxiway S, which includes a large hangar and a blast fence. In addition, monitoring equipment has been installed at WAMA to observe engine maintenance run-up activity. The monitoring equipment includes a noise monitor and a webcam that provide live viewing and recording of run-up activity. The webcam website will be available for public access.

Mr. Tatro also noted that the CEQA process for the LAX Ground Run-up Enclosure (GRE) will start soon.

Member Pulido requested that LAWA host the June 8th Special Roundtable meeting at the Westchester Community Center. LAWA agreed to look into the possibility of changing the meeting location for the June 8th meeting.

13. Review of Roundtable Action Items

Mr. Alverson reviewed the following Roundtable actions taken and member requests made during tonight's meeting:

Formal Action Items

The Roundtable unanimously approved the updated Work Program document.

The Roundtable unanimously approved member Omar Pulido, CD 11, as the Roundtable representative to serve on LAWA's Roundtable Facilitator selection panel.

Other Items

La Habra Heights Alternate Representative Dinesh Ghiya requested that LAWA look into the recent perceived change in aircraft overflights that affect La Habra Heights. LAWA agreed to examine the issue and report back at the September Roundtable meeting.

Member Omar Pulido requested that LAWA host the June 8th special Roundtable meeting at the Westchester Community Center. LAWA will look into the possibility of changing the meeting location for the June 8th meeting.

In response to public comments, LAWA noted that the July 13th meeting will include a status report on the LAX Soundproofing Program.

A Planning Commissioner in attendance from the City of Monterey Park requested that the Roundtable include an agenda item to discuss Monterey Park overflight issues at the July 13th meeting. Acting Chairman Jacobson agreed to include the agenda item.

14. Adjournment

Acting Chairman Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.