



# LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

Consideration of Supporting  
H.R. 598 Airplane Impacts Mitigation Act of 2017

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On January 20, 2017, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-Boston) and 18 co-sponsors introduced H.R. 598, the Airplane Impacts Mitigation (AIM) Act of 2017

Within 180 days of its passage:

- “. . . the AIM Act requires the FAA Administrator to enter into an agreement with a reputable and independent school of public health to conduct a study of the health impacts of airplane flights on residents exposed to a range of noise and air pollution levels from such flights, including asthma exacerbation, sleep disturbance, stress, and elevated blood pressure.”

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- “The study will focus on residents living partly or wholly within the land area underneath the flight paths most frequently used by aircraft flying including during takeoff or landing at an altitude lower than 10,000 feet. It will consider only those health impacts that manifest during the physical implementation of the NextGen RNAV program.”
- “. . .the AIM Act mandates that the study will focus on residents in Boston, Chicago, New York, the Northern California Metroplex region, Phoenix, and up to three additional cities.”

**The AIM Act provides an opportunity for the LAX Roundtable to express its interest in having the Los Angeles Region included as one of the “three additional cities” in the study**

# Status of H.R. 598

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- H.R. 598 has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- An identical bill, H.R. 5075, was introduced by Congressman Lynch and Members of the Quiet Skies Caucus on April 20, 2016
- H.R. 5075 died in Committee last year
- H.R. 598 restarts the process for 2017
- The Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Bill Schuster (PA-R), determines if the bill moves forward

# Why Should the Roundtable Support the Aim Act?

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- The Roundtable has a 17-year history of proactively addressing concerns of Los Angeles-area residents affected by noise from aircraft operating to and from LAX
- The Roundtable has recently fielded inquiries regarding altered flight paths and aircraft altitudes and is concerned about the potential effects of the Southern California Metroplex on Los Angeles-area residents
- The Roundtable has kept abreast of similar changes in aircraft flight tracks resulting from the Northern California Metroplex and seeks to avoid similar community impacts

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- The results of the Health Impacts Study may help the FAA make better informed decisions when planning future changes in flight procedures over densely populated areas such as the Los Angeles Region
- This action is supported by the following Roundtable Work Program Items:
  - A1. FAA Southern California Airspace Redesign Project (became Metroplex)
  - A7. Extended Downwind Approach (potential Metroplex-related benefits)
  - C3. Briefings on Relevant Legislative and Regulatory Actions by International, Federal, and State Agencies (the Roundtable has supported numerous pieces of beneficial noise legislation)

# Recommended Roundtable Actions

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- Send a letter to Chairman Schuster and the Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
  - Endorsing and supporting the bill's passage
  - Requesting that the bill be amended to identify the Los Angeles Region as one of the three additional areas in the study
  - Copying the 18 co-sponsors of the bill

# Recommended Roundtable Actions (cont.)

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- Upon passage of the AIM Act, send a letter to FAA Administrator Michael P. Huerta:
  - Thanking him for his long-term and ongoing support of LAX Roundtable activities by providing FAA staff resources at Roundtable meetings and by being responsive to Roundtable requests for assistance
  - Requesting that the FAA undertake the Health Impact Study as required by the Act and request that the Los Angeles Region be included in the study if not already identified
  - Stating that Los Angeles area residents affected by noise from aircraft operating to and from LAX have enjoyed a long-term collaboration with the FAA on addressing aircraft noise issues through the LAX Roundtable and that this Study represents an extension of that ongoing work
  - Offering technical support for the Study using resources available through Los Angeles World Airports' Aircraft Noise and Operations Management System (ANOMS) database including, but not limited to, aircraft noise complaints, aircraft noise measurements, and aircraft flight track and altitude data