



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2017

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Westchester Neighbors Association
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Dina Andrews, City of Los Angeles – Council District 8
Jeff Camp, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Michael Salman, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Martin Rubin, North Westdale Neighborhood Association
June Lehrman, City of Culver City
Olivia Valentine, City of Hawthorne
Jim Withrow, City of Inglewood
Rick Mullen, City of Malibu
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House Representative – 37th District
Terry Boyle, Federal Aviation Administration
Kendrick Okuda, LAWA

Guest Speakers

Jim Ree and Paige Shen, 360 at South Bay Community

LAWA and Consultant Staff

Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA
David Chan, LAWA
Steve Alverson, ESA
Karen Calderon, ESA

A quorum of the members was present.

Chairman Denny Schneider called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and gave a quick summary of the Roundtable's goals and responsibilities, its membership, and how Roundtable meetings operate.

Comments from the Public

Five residents from Calabasas, Culver City, and West Adams commented on aircraft noise over their respective communities. Of which, two residents from Culver City commented more aircraft appeared to be flying at higher altitudes, while one resident from West Adams noted aircraft seemed to be flying lower than before.

Anthony Anderson introduced new CD 8 representative, Dina Andrews.

Acknowledgement of New Member - City of Malibu

The Roundtable welcomed Mr. Rick Mullen and Mr. Bob Brager, City of Malibu's primary and alternate representatives, respectively.

Amendment of Roundtable By-Laws to Allow Membership of Council District 10

Member Cope made a motion to amend By-Laws to add a third City of Los Angeles council district, specifically Council District (CD) 10, to the membership. Member Rubin seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Selection of One Roundtable Member to Attend UC Davis Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium

Member Salman made a motion for Member Rubin to attend the 2018 UC Davis Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium in Long Beach. Member Cope seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Request to Look into Aircraft Noise Affecting the 360 at South Bay Community

Residents of 360 South Bay community expressed concerns regarding increased LAX aviation noise.

Member Valentine made a motion requesting LAWA conduct a study into the causes of increased aircraft noise in the 360 community and make noise reduction recommendations, if possible. Member Rubin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of Establishing Roundtable Committee

Chairman Denny Schneider briefed members on the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to examine Metroplex flight procedures and provide specific recommendations to the full Roundtable for consideration. The Ad Hoc Committee will be chaired by Member Thompson (CD11) and co-chaired by Member Salmon, and will have six geographically dispersed members, and a LAWA representative. Other Roundtable members are welcome to observe Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Member Rubin made a motion to support the Chairman's creation of said Ad Hoc Committee. Member Okuda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Work Program A12 – Update on United's A320 Vortex Generator Retrofit Program

Mr. Alverson briefed members on United Airlines' commitment to install Vortex Generators on their A-320 family of aircraft. The Vortex Generators will reduce arrival noise by 2 to 6 dB. Aircraft are being retrofitted at a rate of two to three per month and all should be completed in approximately four and a half years.

Presentation on LAWA's Aircraft Noise Monitoring System

To allow more time for other agenda items, Chairman Schneider postponed this item to a future meeting.

Update on FAA Reauthorization Bill

To allow more time for other agenda items, Chairman Schneider postponed this item to a future meeting.

Follow-up status of Roundtable letters sent to FAA Adm. Huerta about North Downwind Arrivals

Chairman Schneider briefed members on the FAA's response to Roundtable's letters. Member Salmon presented the following four motions:

1. Request LAWA provide monthly data at the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints.
2. Write a letter to the FAA, and copy congressional delegates and major municipal representatives, requesting representatives from the TRACON and LAX Tower attend the January Roundtable meeting to discuss how FAA air traffic controllers assign altitudes and vector aircraft.
3. Write a letter to the FAA, copying congressional delegates and major municipal representatives, requesting FAA's Procedure Design Team attend the January Roundtable meeting to discuss how new procedures are designed, how revised procedures can increase the minimum altitudes at the DAHJR waypoint, and the possibility of using a new North Downwind Arrival procedure during nighttime hours.
4. Write a letter to the FAA and copy congressional delegates, major municipal representatives, and the Los Angeles City Attorney, responding to the FAA's declination to brief the Roundtable on flight procedures that were open for public comment.

Member Salmon's motions for the four action items noted above were seconded by Member Rubin (#1 and #3), Member Lehrman (#2), and Member Camp (#4), and were unanimously passed.

Roundtable Member Discussion

Members of new Ad Hoc Committee requested that other Roundtable members identify specific waypoints they would like investigated. Suggestions should be sent to Member Thompson at Geoff.thompson@lacity.org.

Chairman Schneider noted Uber is interested in starting flying taxi services in Los Angeles, which the Roundtable should look into in the future for potential noise issues, given the presumed low-altitude levels of these flying taxis.

Member Valentine inquired how LAWA would conduct the study of increased aircraft noise in the 360 at South Bay community. She requested that Member Salman's comment regarding the community's proximity to the air cargo ramp be analyzed as part of the study. Facilitator Alverson commented that the dark areas on the air cargo pavement imaged is not an indication of jet exhaust from run-up activities, but an accumulation of tire rubber, oils, etc.

Member Thompson thanked LAWA for supporting Karen Bass' Quiet Skies town hall meeting and providing data for the LA Times article.

Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Roundtable reviewed formal actions taken, which are noted in this meeting recap.

Adjournment

David Chan noted the next regular Roundtable meeting is in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7 pm PST. Chairman Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm PST.