March 17, 2004

Mr. William Withycombe, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Withycombe:

I am writing to ask for your help again on one of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable’s Work Program items. Item II.1 deals with noise from the over flight of turboprop aircraft departing the northern runways (6R and 6L) at LAX during Easterly Operations. Information provided by LAWA staff has identified the problem as the turns by turboprop aircraft that are proceeding northbound as shown in the attached Figure 1.

After discussing several options and the potential benefits and noise impacts associated with them, the Roundtable requests that the FAA consider the following actions that could mitigate the current noise impacts during Easterly Operations:

1. Develop a RNAV procedure for the turboprop departures that would center the departures over a compatible land use corridor that currently exists as shown in Figure 2.
2. Consider modification to the existing CHATY TWO departure procedure so that the initial turboprop departures would be concentrated over the compatible land uses shown in Figure 2. This would delay the formation of the fan-shaped flight tracks at the lower altitudes.

The Roundtable members believe that these actions would result in the mitigation of noise in the communities north of the airport and are worthy of your consideration.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in pursuing the opportunities for reduction in noise impacts in our communities. Mr. Walter White of Southern California TRACON reported in January on several actions taken by the FAA on our previous requests and we are pleased with FAA’s continuing efforts.
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Yours very truly,

John McTaggart, Chairman
Representing Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe

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Northern Sector Overflight Analysis
Torbo Props Departing North Complex to the East

Requested RNAV Track
APR 16 2004

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Dear Mr. John McTaggart:

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2004, requesting modification of the CHATY TWO departure procedure (DP), and development of an RNAV DP for turboprops departing Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) northeast bound. We appreciate your recognition of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) on-going efforts to support Roundtable concerns.

We will be pleased to work with the LAX Roundtable on these proposals. Since these procedures are being proposed for noise mitigation, it is critical that all affected communities reach a consensus on the final procedures. Therefore, we recommend that the LAX Roundtable form a working group to develop the preliminary design of the new RNAV DP and CHATY THREE DP. Work group participants should include representatives from Los Angeles World Airports, LAX Roundtable, all affected communities, Regional Airline Association (RAA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). The FAA will provide representatives to provide technical assistance to the work group.

Once a consensus is reached on the preliminary designs, the FAA will process the procedures in accordance with agency guidance and regulations. Status updates will be provided by the FAA at Roundtable meetings.

We hope that this has addressed your concerns. If you have any questions, please contact John Clancy, Manager, Air Traffic Division, at (310) 725-6500.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Regional Administrator
cc:
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