



February 13, 2008

Mr. Christopher Jenks
Manager, Airport Cooperative Research Program
Keck Center of the National Academies
Transportation Research Board
500 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Jenks:

The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) was created by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in September 2000 as a follow-up to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Southern California Task Force. The Roundtable is intended to reduce and mitigate adverse aircraft noise impacts that the users of LAX produce on surrounding communities. Membership of the Roundtable consists of state and local elected officials and staff, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the FAA, the airlines, and LAWA Management. This forum provides a mechanism that attempts to ensure cooperation between LAX and local impacted communities in achieving noise impact reduction to those communities wherever possible.

Since its inception, the majority of the Roundtable's efforts have been directed at those noise impacts occurring in communities located outside of the LAX 65 dB CNEL noise contour. With the help of the FAA, LAWA and the airline industry, we have been successful in achieving some incremental noise reductions for those communities. The members of the Roundtable are optimistic that the research work from the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) will provide information that is supportive of our interest in achieving our mission of mitigating aircraft noise impacts in the communities impacted by LAX.

The Roundtable acknowledges that in July 2007, the ACRP received a total of 139 possible topics for research consideration and that nine of those topics are related to airport noise issues. The members of the Roundtable would like to express our support for the following five aircraft noise related topics selected for research:


- Enhanced modeling of aircraft taxiway noise;
- Explaining aircraft noise and its effects to citizens and policy makers;
- Sleep disturbance produced by night time aircraft operations;
- Guidelines for use and presentation of airport noise monitoring data; and
- Development of a use-friendly supplemental noise assessment tool for airports.

The members of the Roundtable appreciate the opportunity to express our interest on these research topics for your final consideration despite our late notification. If you wish to contact us

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for further information please address correspondence to me c/o LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn. Robert Holden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McTaggart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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

cc: Roundtable members