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Chairman
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable
Samuel Greenberg Board Room
Clifton A. Moore Administration Building
1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045



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Re: FAA Response: FAA's Terminal Sequencing and Spacing (TSAS) Tool

Dear Mr. Schneider,

We have received your letter regarding the request to expedite the deployment of the Terminal Sequencing and Spacing (TSAS) tool to the Southern California TRACON facility with the highest priority. We understand your concerns and value your feedback from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable members.

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Time-Based Flow Management (TBFM) Program Office is the office of primary responsibility for the TSAS tool. LAX is currently on the list of TSAS sites and is listed near the top of the waterfall deployment schedule. On-site technical support and training assistance are included in the waterfall schedule for each facility.

The first three TSAS sites are scheduled for a deployment timeframe from April through October 2019, and supporting activities have already been initiated. The TBFM Program Office is currently targeting the 2nd quarter of FY 2020 timeframe to deploy TSAS at the Southern California TRACON as the fourth site in the waterfall schedule. This will allow time for lessons learned from the previous sites and decrease risks for LAX. Coordination of pre-deployment TSAS activities for LAX will begin at the end of September 2017.

Implementation for TSAS at each facility includes activities to condition the airflow for adjacent en route centers. This holistic approach, although time-consuming, is necessary for LAX TSAS implementation. The early waterfall schedule includes development of the surrounding en route centers to ZLA/LAX, thereby reducing the effort to condition the airflow for LAX.

The FAA believes that modifying the prioritization of TSAS deployment, to the Southern California TRACON would disrupt, and adversely impact, the Agency's TSAS deployment schedule for all of the proposed operational facilities. At this time, the FAA has determined that it is unable to accelerate the deployment of TSAS to the Southern California TRACON.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me or Chris Brown, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, at 202-267-3277.

Sincerely,

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