LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

Work Program C1 – Briefing on the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties/Airport Community Roundtable

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Presentation Outline

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• Genesis of the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties/Airport Community Roundtable (SCSC Roundtable)
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Source: Federal Aviation Administration
LAX/Airport Community Roundtable Work Program Item C1, “Establish Working Relationships with Other Roundtables,” expresses the Roundtable membership’s “...desire to establish formal ongoing working relationships with other airport noise Roundtables or other community forums.”

- The LAX Roundtable Facilitator is charged with arranging for guest speakers from other airport noise forums

- I serve as the Consultant/Facilitator for the SCSC Roundtable and I’m delighted to share the background on the SCSC Roundtable with the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

- The SCSC Roundtable Chairperson Mary-Lynne Bernald asked me to extend her greetings to you
There have been several presentations by other Roundtable’s/Noise Forums to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable including representatives from the:

- San Francisco International Airport/Community Roundtable, and
- Portland International Airport Citizen’s Noise Advisory Committee

The benefit of interacting with other Roundtables is to:

- Consider different approaches to addressing aircraft noise issues,
- Learn about alternative formation and meeting approaches,
- Leverage common concerns for airline and legislative body consideration/action, and
- Share experiences to reduce the learning curve and expedite the development of solutions
The SCSC Roundtable was formed as a follow-on public forum to the “Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals” (Select Committee) and the “San Jose International Airport Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals” (SJC Ad Hoc Committee)

- The Select Committee and SJC Ad Hoc Committee were formed in response to widespread community complaints regarding changes in aircraft noise exposure resulting from the implementation of the Northern California Metroplex flight procedures for San Francisco International Airport (SFO), San Jose International Airport (SJC), and Oakland International Airport (OAK)

- The Select Committee and SJC Ad Hoc Committee met for several months, forwarded numerous noise abatement recommendations to the FAA for its consideration, and disbanded

- Congressional representatives in the region saw the need for a follow-on organization and continued public input process, so work began on forming the SCSC Roundtable
The Cities Association of Santa Clara County took the lead role in working with potential member agencies to develop a Memorandum of Understanding upon which the new SCSC Roundtable would be based

- The Cities Association also serves as the financial body through which membership fees are paid and consultant activity for the SCSC Roundtable is funded
- The SCSC Roundtable is funded by the member agencies via a prorated formula based on population
- Of the 21 cities and counties invited to join the SCSC Roundtable, 11 cities and 2 counties have chosen to become members
- There are no airport members on the SCSC Roundtable

Source: Cities Association of Santa Clara County
SCSC Roundtable Membership

The following cities and counties comprise the SCSC Roundtable Membership:

- City of Capitola
- City of Cupertino
- City of Los Altos
- City of Los Altos Hills
- City of Monte Sereno
- City of Mountain View
- City of Palo Alto
- City of Santa Clara
- City of Santa Cruz
- City of Saratoga
- City of Sunnyvale
- County of Santa Clara
- County of Santa Cruz

Source: Beeline Glass Co. Inc.
The SCSC Roundtable Membership is comprised of elected city officials and elected county officials or designated county staff member

- There are no community group or neighborhood association representatives on the SCSC Roundtable
  - Residents are not permitted to represent cities or counties on the Roundtable

- FAA staff have attended and participated in every meeting
  - The FAA has committed to providing Technical Support staff at the SCSC Roundtable meetings on an every-other-month basis
SCSC Roundtable Membership (cont.)

- SFO Airport Noise Abatement Office staff have attended and participated in every meeting
- Staff from the congressional offices of Anna Eshoo, Ro Khanna, and Jimmy Panetta regularly attend the SCSC Roundtable meetings
- To date, the City of San Jose and San Jose International Airport have declined to participate in the SCSC Roundtable, but discussions are ongoing
The SCSC Roundtable meets at various locations throughout Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties

- Meeting locations must meet several requirements including ADA accessibility, sufficient dais space and microphones to accommodate the 13 members, sufficient seating space to accommodate the interested public, active staff assistance at the meeting site during the SCSC Roundtable meetings, and live-meeting broadcast capabilities

- To date, SCSC Roundtable meetings have occurred in San Jose, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz

- The SCSC Roundtable currently meets during the day from 1 to 3 pm
The SCSC Roundtable has been meeting monthly since February 2019, but voted in August to consider moving to an every-other-month schedule.

The SCSC meetings are live-streamed over a local-access cable channel.

The meeting video is recorded and posted on the SCSC Roundtable website shortly after the meeting.

All of the meetings have been well attended by both the Roundtable members and the public.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 1 to 3 pm.

Instructions for watching the meeting live online are located on the SCSC Roundtable website at www.scscroundtable.org.
The SCSC Roundtable website serves as a user-friendly hub of information for the Roundtable members and interested public

- In addition to the traditional Bylaws, meeting agendas, past presentations, and correspondence, the SCSC Roundtable website also includes links to:
  - Recent aviation-noise related news articles and press releases
  - Community feedback tab, which allows for community input to upcoming meetings and topics of concern
  - A list of the Roundtable members and staff
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Airport noise complaint websites
  - Notices of Proposed Rulemaking
  - Select Committee and SJC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Reports and FAA Updates
The SCSC Roundtable also uses Facebook and Twitter social media accounts to broadcast information and to receive feedback:

SCSC Roundtable Website: www.scscroundtable.org

https://www.facebook.com/SCSCroundtable

https://twitter.com/SCSCroundtable
The SCSC Roundtable is the newest airport/community noise roundtable in the country, but has been busy since its first meeting in February 2019. Here are a few of its accomplishments:

- Elected a Chair and Vice Chair
- Approved the SCSC Roundtable Bylaws
- Livestreaming of the Roundtable meetings
- Drafted a Strategic Plan and Work Program
- Established website/social media platforms
- Submitted several letters to the FAA with questions on flight procedures
- Establishing relationships with the SFO Airport Community Roundtable and OAK Noise Forum
- Developed a positive working relationship with the FAA
- Received several presentations by the FAA on changes to certain flight procedures
- Conducts a monthly review of the Instrument Flight Procedure Gateway
- Prepared tracking matrices on the status of FAA’s implementation of the Select and Ad Hoc Committee recommendations
The SCSC Roundtable has a number of noise issues it is tracking including the following:

- FAA’s implementation of the Select Committee and SJC Ad Hoc Committee recommendations including, but not limited to:
  - The transition of the SERFR Arrival back to the Big Sur Overlay
  - The implementation of the PIRAT TWO Arrival
- Changes to the SJC LOUPE FIVE Departure Procedure
- FAA’s flight procedure development process and the opportunities for public input into the process
- Monitoring the Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Gateway to identify flight procedure changes that may be problematic and work with the FAA on them
The SCSC Roundtable fills the void that existed for communities that are impacted by aircraft noise from arrivals and departures to/from multiple San Francisco Bay Area airports, but did not have a forum through which to communicate their concerns to the FAA

- The SCSC Roundtable provides a collaborative regional forum that invites public input, identifies aircraft noise concerns, and provides noise abatement recommendations to the regional airports and the FAA

- The FAA prefers to work through airport community noise roundtables as they are intended to represent a regional consensus on aircraft noise-related issues

- The FAA is evaluating flight procedure recommendations from the Select and SJC Ad Hoc Advisory Committees and has indicated that it will reach out to the SCSC Roundtable for assistance in identifying locations for public workshops should there be an environmental review process
Links to SCSC Roundtable Resources

- Memorandum of Understanding: [https://scscroundtable.org/documents/memorandum-of-understanding/](https://scscroundtable.org/documents/memorandum-of-understanding/)
- Bylaws: [https://scscroundtable.org/documents/bylaws/](https://scscroundtable.org/documents/bylaws/)
- News: [https://scscroundtable.org/news/](https://scscroundtable.org/news/)
- Meeting Dates, Agendas, and Videos: [https://scscroundtable.org/meetings/](https://scscroundtable.org/meetings/)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SCSCRoundtable](https://twitter.com/SCSCRoundtable)
- Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/SCSCRoundtable](https://www.facebook.com/SCSCRoundtable)
- SJC Ad Hoc Committee Report: [https://www.flysanjose.com/Ad_Hoc_Meetings](https://www.flysanjose.com/Ad_Hoc_Meetings)
Roundtable Member Questions?