LAX Community Noise Roundtable

Briefing: ACRP Report on Noise Issues
Outside DNL 65
Agenda

• Overview of ACRP
• Study Design
• Results
• Discussion
ACRP Synthesis 16: Compilation of Noise Programs
Outside DNL 65

Compilation of Noise Programs
in Areas Outside DNL 65

A Synthesis of Airport Practice

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• ACRP carries out applied research on problems that are shared by airport operating agencies.
• Funded by FAA, administered by TRB:
  – Funding in FY10 at $15M
• ACRP Synthesis Program reports on current knowledge and practice and provides a compendium of the best practices:
  – Assemble documented information
  – Identify best practices
  – Identify all ongoing research
  – Learn what problems remain largely unsolved
  – Organize, evaluate, and document information
  – Disseminate the synthesis information
ACRP Synthesis 16 Project Panel

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Five General Questions

- How important are noise concerns outside DNL 65 for your airport?
- What methods does your airport use to minimize noise outside DNL 65?
- What is your motivation for addressing noise outside DNL 65?
- What percent of your noise complaints come from people who live outside DNL 65?
- What kind of outreach tools do you use to communicate with people exposed to noise outside DNL 65?
How important are noise concerns outside DNL 65 for your airport?
What methods does your airport use to minimize noise outside DNL 65?

- Operator education and outreach: 74.3%
- Ground noise control: 51.4%
- Preferential runway use program: 65.7%
- Noise abatement departure or arrivals: 60.0%
- Noise abatement flight tracks: 68.6%
- Other: 28.6%
- None of the above: 5.7%
What is your motivation for addressing noise outside DNL 65?

- Community concerns: 80.0%
- Preventative planning: 57.1%
- Mitigation for airport expansion: 20.0%
- Litigation: 7.1%
- Political action: 34.3%
- Other: 2.9%
What percent of your noise complaints come from people who live outside DNL 65?

- More than 75%: 73.5%
- 50 - 75%: 11.8%
- 25 - 50%: 5.9%
- Less than 25%: 2.9%
- None: 2.9%
- Don't know: 2.9%
What kind of outreach tools do you use to communicate with people exposed to noise outside DNL 65?

- Website: 74.3%
- Newsletters: 40.0%
- Community meetings/forums: 74.3%
- Online flight tracking: 40.0%
- Other: 31.4%
- None of the above: 8.6%
Conclusions

- 83% of respondents indicated that noise issues outside DNL 65 were “important,” “very important,” or “critical” to their airport.
- The most common ways to minimize noise outside DNL 65:
  - operator education and outreach (74%)
  - noise abatement flight tracks (69%)
  - preferential runway use programs (66%)
  - noise abatement departure or arrival procedures (60%)
  - ground noise control (51%)
Conclusions (continued)

• “Community concerns” were indicated by 80% of respondents as the motivation for addressing noise outside DNL 65.

• 74% of respondents indicated that more than three-quarters of their noise complaints came from people who live outside DNL 65.
Questions for consideration

• How far outside DNL 65 can meaningful improvements be made? What is the cost?
• What are the major barriers to implementing a lower threshold of land use compatibility? If land use decisions are local, what meaningful role federal policy play?
• Should there be priorities for consideration of measures outside DNL 65 (i.e., operational measures v. mitigation)?
• For additional information:
  http://www.trb.org/Publications/Public/PubsACRPSynthesisReports.aspx