



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

Recap of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2020

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Roundtable meeting was conducted via video conference using the Web Ex platform.

### **Roundtable Members Present**

Denny Schneider, Chair, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion

Jeff Moskin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Raintree Condo & Townhouse Association

Richard Montgomery, 2nd Vice Chair, City of Manhattan Beach

Goran Eriksson, City of Culver City

Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo

Olivia Valentine, City of Hawthorne

Stacey Armato, City of Hermosa Beach

Jim Withrow, City of Inglewood

Albizael Del Valle, City of Los Angeles - Council District 8

Jeff Camp, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10

Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11

Yvonne Yiu, City of Monterey Park

Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Jim Robilotta, 360 at Southbay HOA

Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee

JoAnn Williams, United Homeowner Association

Gavin Abercrombie, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council

Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

### **FAA**

Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator

Dave Foyle, General Manager – Los Angeles District

### **Airlines**

Roberto Diaz, United Airlines

Carl Stallone, Spirit Airlines

### **LAWA and Consultant Staff**

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA

Dan Yeung, LAWA  
Esteban Moledo, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA  
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH  
Mariano Sarrate, Scribe, HMMH

***A quorum of the members was present.***

**1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format**

With this being the first “virtual” meeting of the Roundtable, welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred 10 minutes after the meeting was supposed to begin to allow people more time to login to the WebEx meeting. The meeting was conducted similar to in-person meetings with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. The public was provided with a number to call in to provide public comment. General public comment was invited as scheduled on agenda item 3 and the Chair allowed additional comments on other agenda items as time permitted.

**2. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Identification of Those Present**

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:45 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

**3. Comments from the Public**

There were no public comments during this item, but one public comment was provided during item 10 from a new resident in Inglewood who asked about the current LAX noise contour and the residential sound insulation program eligibility of her home. The Roundtable asked LAWA to follow up with her offline.

**4. Acknowledgement of New Representatives**

The new Roundtable representatives included 2 representatives for the City of Monterey Park (Yvonne Yiu and Henry Lo as the Alternate), 1 representative for the City of Rosemead (Margaret Clark), 1 representative for City of El Segundo (Carol Pirsztuk as the Alternate), and 1 representative for the Raintree Homeowner Association (Jim Clark as the Alternate). New members will receive information electronically to assist with their initiation to the Roundtable.

**5. Election of Roundtable Officers for Two-Year Term**

Denny Schneider was nominated for Chair. This sole nomination was passed by acclamation. Jeff Moskin was nominated for First Vice Chair. This sole nomination was passed by acclamation. Richard Montgomery was reaffirmed as Second Vice Chair so that all Officer positions are on the same two-year cycle.

## **6. Consideration of Temporarily Changing the Roundtable Meeting Time to Occur During Standard Workday Hours**

LAWA raised concerns regarding newly implemented budget cuts and asked the Roundtable to consider moving the time of future virtual meetings to normal business hours to eliminate the need to pay overtime for LAWA staff to attend and host the virtual meetings.

After minimal discussion, a motion was passed by acclamation to accept LAWA's request for virtual Roundtable meetings during COVID-19 restrictions to occur during normal business hours and for LAWA to poll the members at a later date to determine the meeting time for future meetings.

## **7. Preview of LAWA's New Noise Portal**

LAWA provided a preview of the new online Noise Portal for LAX which was developed to make the airport data/information more accessible to the public. The data/information is available by geographical area and pertains to operations/noise issues at LAX. The Noise Portal is expected to be available in August and will be regularly updated. The web portal was designed to function best on mobile devices.

## **8. Report from the By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee**

Chairman Schneider presented the following sentence to add to the end of the By-Laws Mission as proposed by the Roundtable By-laws Subcommittee. *"The Roundtable embraces remedies to alter Metroplex flight path changes."* An alternative to the By-Laws Subcommittee proposal was presented and after further discussion, the Roundtable approved the following amended last sentence of the Roundtable Mission:

*"It is the intent of the Roundtable to identify noise concerns in the surrounding communities and to recommend courses of action to LAWA, the FAA, or other responsible entity that could reduce noise over affected communities without concentrating an undue noise burden on any one community via Metroplex."*

## **9. Report from LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee**

Metroplex Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Chair provided an update on the altitude trends for the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints located along the north downwind arrival route into LAX and the Committee's efforts in working with the FAA to keep those aircraft at or above the minimum altitude for DAHJR, specifically during the late night/early morning hours between 1:00 and 5:00 am. COVID-19 trends showed a decline in total operations but the percentages of flights that are below the threshold have remained consistent.

The Roundtable asked the FAA representatives present why the percentages of flights below the minimum altitude do not show a decline while total air traffic numbers are at an all-time low. The FAA could not respond citing ongoing litigation concerns.

The Roundtable then discussed and passed a motion to have the LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad-Hoc Committee, in collaboration with Quiet Skies LA and LAWA, to prepare a proposed flight path alternative for the north downwind arrivals that reflects Option B as provided by Quiet Skies LA, and to submit the proposal to the FAA for viability review.

The Roundtable requested that the Subcommittee look further into the data to see if specific airlines are responsible for the flights below the minimum threshold at the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints.

#### **10. Consideration of Submitting a Comment Letter on FAA's Proposed Supersonic Aircraft Noise Certification Process**

Chairman Schneider introduced a letter that addresses concerns with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) related to certified noise levels proposed for supersonic aircraft on arrival and departure (subsonic speeds) at airports. The letter primarily requests supersonic aircraft to meet Stage 5 requirements. The Roundtable unanimously approved sending the letter to the FAA as part of the public comment period of the NPRM.

#### **11. Consideration of Supporting Proposed Legislation on Aircraft Noise Issues**

The Roundtable unanimously approved a motion to have the Facilitator write a letter for the Roundtable to send to congressional and senatorial representatives in support of 11 of the 13 proposed bills regarding aircraft noise issues. The two proposed bills not to include in the letter are those that are specific to San Francisco International Airport and/or Oakland International Airport (H.R. 5107 and H.R. 5108).

#### **12. Briefing on FAA's Report to Congress on Evaluation of Alternative Noise Metrics**

The report to Congress included no change with the standard practices related to analyzing and predicting noise related to aircraft. The standards of noise modelling with software and reporting Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) (Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) in California) as the preferred noise metric will remain constant. The FAA provided this report as required in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254) Section 188 and Sec 173. The Roundtable requested a future agenda item to consider submitting a letter to convey the dissatisfaction with the FAA Report to Congress relating to the use of the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) (Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) in California) and alternative noise metrics.

**13. Roundtable Member Discussion**

No further discussion requested.

**14. Review of Roundtable Action Items**

Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal actions taken during this meeting.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.