



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021

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, 1st 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
Mayra Guevara, 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
Blake Lamar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Jim Robilotta, 360 at Southbay HOA
JoAnn Williams, United Homeowners Association
Jeff Camp, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House Representative – 37th District
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

FAA

Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator
Ivan Gutierrez, Community Engagement Officer
Don Scata, Noise Division Manager
Rodney Lindbeck, LA District Manager

Airlines

United Airlines – Allison Kehrer, Glenn Morse, & Hovik Grozian
Alaska Airlines – Lynae Craig
LOT Polish Airlines – Kathy Nowak

LAWA and Consultant Staff

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
René Spencer, Environmental Supervisor, 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

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:30 pm. 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 phone number to provide public comment. General public comment was invited as scheduled on agenda item 3.

2. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Identification of Those Present

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

No members of the public requested to provide comment.

4. FAA's briefing on Neighborhood Environmental Survey

Don Scata, FAA Noise Division Manager, briefed the Roundtable on the Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES). The comment period for the NES has been extended, effective today, to April 14, 2021. The NES is a nationwide survey, mailed to over 10,000 people living near 20 representative airports regarding annoyance related to aircraft noise. The results show a substantial increase in public annoyance for the population living in the vicinity of airports. The FAA intends to use the data in the NES to inform future actions.

After the FAA presentation, the Chair solicited Roundtable members for comments and questions. Roundtable member discussion ensued. Multiple Roundtable comments were made with regard to the NES methodology and results. Don Scata addressed those comments and requested that the Roundtable formally submit all comments to the Federal Register as the comments provided during this meeting will not be captured or addressed through the NES comment review process.

5. Discussion/Consideration of submitting a comment letter to FAA regarding the Neighborhood Environmental Survey

The Chair introduced the previously prepared draft NES comment letter to the Roundtable members and asked if they have any suggested edits to the letter based on the information presented by the FAA at today's meeting. Roundtable members recommended including additional research topics in the letter.

The Facilitator recommended that the Roundtable authorize the Chair to amend the letter to include the additional research topics as discussed and to submit the amended letter to the FAA. Such a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

6. Report from LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee

Metroplex Ad Hoc Chair, Geoff Thompson, 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 aircraft at or above the minimum altitude for DAHJR, specifically between 1:00 am and 5:00 am. It was noted that there has been no significant change since the last Roundtable meeting.

Geoff Thompson asked Tamara Swann (FAA) for an update regarding the Roundtable's previous request to relocate the JUUSE waypoint slightly to the south as a means to

mitigate noise in the Pacific Palisades area. Tamara noted that she could not respond due to the ongoing litigation between the FAA and the City of Los Angeles.

Geoff Thompson asked airline representatives if their pilots are briefed to remain above the minimum altitudes at DAHJR and GADDO. Discussion ensued on the types of arrival procedures and the responsibilities between controllers and pilots for managing aircraft altitudes on the north downwind arrival route.

To stay on schedule for this meeting, the facilitator suggested the Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee Chair convene a meeting of the Committee, and invite the FAA and airlines to attend in order to better understand responsibilities and to discuss how to potentially increase the percentage of aircraft flying above the minimum altitudes.

7. Discussion/Consideration of submitting a letter to FAA regarding aircraft altitude trends on North Downwind Arrival Route

After introductory remarks, a motion was made for the Metroplex Ad Hoc Committee to draft a letter to the FAA requesting an explanation for the aircraft altitude being below 6,000 feet at DAHJR and GADDO on the north downwind arrival flight path into LAX. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

8. Briefing on UC Davis Noise Symposium

Luciano Nocera, LAX Area Advisory Committee Chair, briefed the Roundtable on a few topics discussed at the most recent UC Davis Noise Symposium.

9. Consideration of Supporting Proposed Legislation on Aircraft Noise Issues

The Facilitator briefed the Roundtable on proposed legislation in the 117th Congress regarding aviation environmental issues. The Facilitator noted that no progress was made on the legislation previously introduced in the 116th congress. The legislation proposed in the 117th congress includes those listed below.

Two proposed bills:

- Safe and Quiet Skies Act (H.R. 389)
- Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act (H.R. 712)

Two bills expected to be proposed soon:

- Aviation Impacted Communities Act
- Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act

The Chair inquired on the probability of acceptance of the proposed acts in the 117th congress. The Facilitator said it is too early to say, but environmental policies are expected to get attention under the new administration.

A motion was made for the Roundtable to support the first two bills by submitting a letter to the local U.S. Congress representatives. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. Roundtable Member Discussion

Roundtable member, Blake Lamar, provided his perspective on the flight operation for the north downwind arrival route and requested that he be invited to the next meeting of the

Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee to discuss and find a means to increase the aircraft altitudes on this route.

Roundtable member, Goran Eriksson, stated he is part of the Unmanned Air Mobility Integration Advisory Committee created by the National League of Cities and he will share any committee developments with the Roundtable.

11. Review of Roundtable Action Items

Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.