LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2023

The Roundtable meeting was conducted virtually 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
Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Dean Francois, City of Hermosa Beach
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Jacob Burman, City of Los Angeles Council District 11
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Keith Eich, San Gabriel Valley COG
Curt Bouton, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Brad Vanderhoof, West Hills Neighborhood Council
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present
Spirit Airlines – Carl Stallone
United Airlines – Glenn Morse (retired)

FAA Present
Carlette Young, Acting Supervising Senior Advisor
Larri Frelow, FAA Community Engagement Officer

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present
David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Dan Yeung, LAWA
Hensley James, 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 1:34 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. The public was provided with a phone number for 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 1:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

A resident of West Adams spoke about low and frequent flights over his home and inquired as to the status of the City of Los Angeles lawsuit against the FAA. The resident attributed the aircraft noise to the FAA implementation of NextGen aircraft procedures.

A resident of the City of Los Angeles spoke about the LAX noise contours and a sleep study related to low altitude flights. The resident also asked questions regarding the LAX Residential Sound Insulation Program participation and survey outreach.

4. Acknowledgement of New Representatives from City of Hermosa Beach and Los Angeles Council District 11

David Chan, Roundtable Secretary, welcomed new representatives to the Roundtable. The new representatives for Hermosa Beach include Dean Francois as the delegate and Mike Detoy as the alternate. The new representatives for Los Angeles Council District 11 include Star Parsamyan as the delegate and Jacob Burman as the alternate.

Jacob introduced himself and expressed excitement to be a part of the Roundtable. The Secretary will send a welcome package to the new representatives.

5. Report/Approval of Updated Roundtable Work Program

Secretary, David Chan, noted that he updated the Work Program to include activities and actions that occurred over the last year. In addition to the regular updates, he suggested closing the Southern California Airspace Redesign Project and the Aircraft Noise Affecting 360 at South Bay Community items as they have concluded, and adding the Work Program item for the proposed LADYJ procedure modification.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. The Roundtable approved the updated Work Program by acclimation with two abstentions from relatively new members. One amendment proposed by Member Romolini will be included in A16 to acknowledge LAWA’s request for FAA’s preliminary analysis of the proposed change to the LADYJ route. As suggested during the discussion, the LADYJ Work Program item will be assigned a priority rating of 10 (very high).

6. Discussion/Consideration of Forming a Subcommittee for Revamping Work Program

The Chair suggested creating a Subcommittee for the purpose of conducting an in-depth review of the Work Program such as evaluating the Work Program items, the priority, the significance, and other aspects of the Work Program to ensure the items reflect the current noise issues. Members were in support of creating the Work Program Subcommittee and
concurred that the Subcommittee includes the following five Roundtable members: Schneider, Lo, Montgomery, Eriksson and Pantoja.

7. Report from Technical Working Group

Jeff Moskin, Chair of the Technical Working Group (TWG), summarized the two meetings of this group that were held since the last Roundtable meeting. The TWG was formed at the request of the FAA to explore potential means to address community concerns related to specific aircraft procedures. The subcommittee currently meets every month and is focused on working with the FAA on various noise reduction efforts. The main topic of the recent two meetings was to address the LAX north downwind arrivals concerns. Mr. Moskin reviewed the flight tracks of the north downwind pre- and post-metroplex implementation, which showed the concentration of flight tracks on the north downwind. The TWG continues to discuss means of raising the aircraft altitudes and reducing engine power on the north downwind.

Roundtable membership discussion ensued. Several potential noise mitigation strategies were discussed including the use of a higher approach angle rather than the traditional 3-degree glide slope.

8. Aircraft Noise Educational Series

As part of the membership educational series, the Facilitator presented on sound propagation and specific effects of weather on sound propagation, and on the development, use and updating of aircraft noise exposure contours, including the relevant federal and state requirements. Roundtable member discussion ensued.

9. Roundtable Member Discussion

The Chair inquired whether Roundtable members have questions regarding the statistical report included in the informational packet.

Timi Romilini requested that LAWA IT staff prepare in advance for the next virtual meeting for the ease of inclusion of public comments.

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of the FAA representatives present and recognized the importance of their participation. The Facilitator acknowledged the attendance of two airlines.

10. Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.