

**LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS
LAX COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2001
PROUD BIRD RESTAURANT
LOS ANGELES, CA**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Roundtable Members Present:

John McTaggart, Chairman, Mayor Pro Tem City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Dee Hardison, Mayor City of Torrance
Kelly McDowell, Councilmember City of El Segundo
Sandra Delahoussaye-Bonds, Councilmember City of Inglewood
Fred Mackenbach, Councilmember City of Palos Verdes Estates
Mike Gin, Councilmember City of Redondo Beach
Paul Nowatka, Councilmember City of Torrance (Alternate)
Mike Cassidy City of Hermosa Beach for Councilmember Sam Edgerton
Meryt McGindley, Field Deputy for Los Angeles Councilmember Ruth Galanter
Walter Cole, Office of Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Chris Jeffers, City Manager City of Monterey Park
Amy Ho, City of Monterey Park
Rathar Duong, City of Montebello for Councilwoman Norma Lopez Lee
Richard Cox, Air Transport Association
Denny Schneider, Westchester/PDR Council
Mark Tellier, FAA Western Pacific Region, Operations Branch
Robert Holden for Roger Johnson, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF ROUNDTABLE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was unanimously approved by the Roundtable that John McTaggart is the Chairman of the Roundtable. The Roundtable also unanimously approved Mike Cassidy of Hermosa Beach as the Vice-Chairman of the Roundtable.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

Two new subcommittees were created by the Chairman. Meryt McGindley will chair the Policy & Legislative Subcommittee. The Noise Subcommittee will be chaired by Roy Hefner.

DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE FORMATION COMMITTEE

No decision was made concerning the future of the Formation Committee. Chairman McTaggart charged Meryt McGindley with writing a set of by-laws for the Roundtable. He requested these by-laws be prepared for consideration at the June Roundtable meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORKPLAN

Bob Holden gave the Workplan report for Roger Johnson, who was unable to make the meeting. There are 3 Workplan items due for discussion this meeting:

1. Workplan Items I.1 (Over Ocean Operations) and I.4 (East departures of aircraft from 12:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.). These items will be merged into one item. LAWA is taking a multi-pronged approach to solving the problem:
 - ◆ LAWA's Executive Director Lydia Kennard has been given a spreadsheet (distributed at the meeting) created by LAWA Noise Management that shows a listing of aircraft making an east departure sometime during the above mentioned period of time along with a list of the same aircraft type that made a west departure. Ms. Kennard will be meeting with the various airlines in an attempt to get the airlines to voluntarily cease the east departures;
 - ◆ LAWA has requested the City Attorney draft an ordinance that requires airlines making an east departure to file a report with LAWA listing the reasons for the east departure, the number of passengers on board the airplane, the amount of cargo and fuel on board the airplane and any other information LAWA deems necessary. LAWA will then post that report on our website;
 - ◆ LAWA will open a Part 161 Study to prohibit east departures during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. A Part 161 Study is a very precise and detailed study required by federal law that must be completed and submitted to the FAA in order for LAWA to institute any noise restrictions on Stage 3 aircraft. The requirements of the law state that an airport must show the environmental benefits in terms of noise reduction measured against the economic cost of achieving those noise reductions. They are very time consuming and expensive, and the FAA has never approved one. Richard Cox of the ATA stated that the airlines generally do not willingly participate in a Part 161. The project has been assigned to LAWA Environmental Management Division. There was general agreement that it is preferable to get all the airlines to voluntarily agree to cease east departures during the specified time period than to do the Part 161 study.
2. Workplan Item III.1 (El Segundo missed approach overflights). LAWA is continuing to gather data and will meet with the FAA regarding this issue. Kelly McDowell raised the question about the notation on the Workplan regarding suspension of work on this item due to a lawsuit against LAWA by the cities of Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Rancho Palos Verdes. Bob Holden advised that due to the lawsuit the Los Angeles City Attorney has advised LAWA that the workplan items that are the subject of the lawsuit be tabled until the suit is resolved. There was concern expressed by representatives of the communities that are not involved in the lawsuit, but are still impacted by the particular flight operations that are the subject of the

lawsuit, are being “held hostage” by this action. John McTaggart gave a brief summary of the public records act lawsuit and why it was filed. There was a discussion regarding this item having been joined together from two items from previous editions of the Workplan. The Roundtable unanimously approved disjoining the two items and restoring the Workplan to its original form of having east departures and Over Ocean Operations treated as separate tasks so jurisdictions not a party to the lawsuit are not impacted.

3. Workplan Item III.6 (Long Beach Airport (LGB) Departures flying over South Bay Communities). LAWA requested that this item be transferred to LGB as these flights do not originate from or are destined for LAX. The Chairman suggested that the Roundtable invite someone from LGB to attend the next meeting and start a dialogue and explain our concerns. It was decided to refer this item to the Flight Track Data Subcommittee (FTDS) for review at the next meeting. LAWA will attempt to get someone from LGB to attend the FTDS and/or the June Roundtable meeting, and will see if the Noise Mgmt. Flight Track system has those tracks. These flights had been mistakenly identified as UPS flights but are Fedex B727's.

LAWA also handed out several additional pieces of information including a chronology of LAX In-flight Noise Abatement Procedures, a copy of the Aircraft Noise Abatement Operating Procedures and Restrictions from the LAX Policy and Procedures Manual, and a copy of the current FAA approved LAX Part 150 Study and the FAA's comments.

Denny Schneider inquired into the Westchester Overflights listed on the Addendum page of the Workplan, and that there is no timeframe on these items. Mr. Gilfillan stated that these items were added during the Formation Subcommittee and LAWA has not had the opportunity to these items and schedule assignments. This item will be moved over to the Flight Track Data Subcommittee.

SUMMARY NOISE REPORTS FROM LAWA NOISE MANAGEMENT

Chairman McTaggart requested this discussion because a member of the public contacted him and informed him there was a change in the LAX monthly noise complaint reports. A copy of both the previous report and the new revised report was made available to the Roundtable and the attendees. Use of the new format started in December and has been adapted from the one in use at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). This new report form currently doesn't specify the different types of operations (such as an early turn, go-around, missed loop departure, etc.) that cause the complaint, but it is being worked on. The reason for the report format change is the database changeover that was required when Noise Management was assigned the additional responsibility of providing notification to complainants. There was concern expressed regarding the new format that it is not meaningful because it does not state the type of incident that caused the complaint, but that is being worked on and will appear in future complaint reports. However, LAWA has established a policy that complainant names will not be released to the public due to privacy concerns of individuals who have phoned in numerous complaints. Several Roundtable members expressed concerns about the new format and whether it gives meaningful information to the public. This matter has been referred to the Noise Subcommittee for action.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There was one report from the Flight Track Data Subcommittee, which met immediately prior to the full Roundtable Meeting. Chairman Mike Cassidy reported on a presentation by the FAA regarding flight tracks from LAX. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on the FAA's Western Pacific Region's webpage at www.awp.faa.gov. It is posted on the Task Force link. At the next Subcommittee meeting scheduled for May 9th, the FAA will discuss the standard departure and arrival procedures affecting the north and northeast sectors around LAX and give a presentation entitled Airport 101.

ROUNDTABLE MEMBER DISCUSSION

Chairman McTaggart raised the issue of the existing LAX Part 150 Study (Noise Control and Land Use Compatibility Study), a copy of which was handed out at the meeting. Per the requirements of the MOU with Inglewood, LAWA will be opening a new Part 150 study and a Part 161 study. There have been preliminary discussions with and the projects have been assigned to Environmental Management Division. The Roundtable believes that it should be a participant in these studies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cecil Carpio of Inglewood requested clarification of the terms SIDS and STARS. Mr. Tellier of the FAA stated that SID is the acronym for Standard Instrument Departure and STAR is the acronym for Standard Terminal Arrival Procedure. The SID term is now defunct and has been replaced by DP, which means Departure Procedure, but many people still use the term SID.

Mr. Doug Robins of Hermosa Beach inquired into the Work Program task regarding honoring the use of the Over Ocean Ops procedure and the status of the enabling resolution or legislation. Mr. Tellier of the FAA responded that the policies in use at LAX for nighttime noise abatement are all entirely voluntary and subject to conditions which allow Air Traffic Control to accommodate them. This procedure is listed in the LAX Rules and Regulations, Chapter 7, which was handed-out at the meeting.

Ms. Elizabeth Khoury of Inglewood volunteered to serve on the Legislative and Policy Subcommittee.

The Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Proud Bird Restaurant.