



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

### **REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2002 LAWA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOS ANGELES, CA**

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Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

#### Roundtable Members Present:

John McTaggart, Chairman, Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Fred Mackenbach, Councilman, City of Palos Verdes Estates  
Chris Bing, Representing LA Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski  
Amy Ho, City of Monterey Park  
Richard Cox, Air Transport Assn.  
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee  
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council  
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC  
Mark Tellier, FAA  
Dale Raulston, FAA  
Roger Johnson, LAWA  
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

#### CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the March 13, 2002 meeting minutes are approved as written.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ROUNDTABLE OFFICERS

Chairman McTaggart called for nominations for election of Roundtable Chairman for the next year. Roy Hefner made a motion nominating John McTaggart for Chairman. Fred Mackenbach seconded this motion. There were no other names entered. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman McTaggart then thanked the members of the Roundtable.

Chairman McTaggart then called for nominations for Roundtable Vice Chairman for the next year. Roy Hefner made a motion nominating Mike Cassidy for Vice Chairman noting that Mike Cassidy is not in attendance. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. There were no other names entered. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### SELECTION OF NOISE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

There was a discussion of Roy Hefner's previous resignation as Noise Subcommittee Chairman. Chairman McTaggart stated he never accepted the resignation and he has been serving as Noise Subcommittee Chair all along.

Denny Schneider nominated Roy Hefner to continue serving as Noise Subcommittee Chairman. Fred Mackenbach seconded this motion. There were no other names entered. The Roundtable unanimously selected, and Roy Hefner accepted, the position of Noise Subcommittee Chairman.

### ROUNDTABLE MEMBER DISCUSSION

Denny Schneider raised the issue of LAX expansion and believes the Roundtable should take on the task of evaluating the noise impacts of Mayor Hahn's new Master Plan safety and security alternative. Roger Johnson stated that the Roundtable was not established as a Master Plan review committee, and inquired what the Roundtable would be doing outside the EIR/EIS process. He also stated that there is a conflict of interest in using LAWA staff and funds since it is LAWA doing the EIR. Denny stated that the Roundtable should make recommendations on the Master Plan from a noise standpoint. Mark Tellier stated that the SFO Roundtable is facing a similar dilemma with that airport's Master Plan and its EIR/EIS process. Richard Cox stated that the ATA's review of the new alternative is being done by their staff in Washington, D.C., and currently there isn't enough detail to do an adequate review yet. Roy Hefner stated that he had spoken with Mayor Hahn and with Viet Tran in the Mayor's office and that they wanted to have a representative come to the Roundtable and make a presentation regarding the new alternative. Roy Hefner made a motion to invite Mayor Hahn, or his designee, to attend the September Roundtable meeting and make a presentation on LAX Master Plan Alternative D. Denny Schneider seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Roger Johnson for LAWA abstaining.

Roy Hefner commented on the meeting minutes being two meetings behind. He stated that the Roundtable should get the minutes of the previous meeting in a timely manner while the memory of the meeting is fresh.

Walt Gilfillan discussed the draft letter to FAA Regional Administrator Bill Withycombe requesting formal action by the FAA to implement the first series of Workplan recommendations by the Flight Track Data Subcommittee. This letter is the first formal action coming from the Roundtable Workplan. These requests include minimizing missed approaches & go-arounds over El Segundo, make it a high priority to establish an R-Nav procedure for the LOOP TWO departure, and raising the altitudes of the BASET TWO and REEDR THREE arrival procedures. Roger Johnson asked Mark Tellier to report on the status of implementing the Loop R-Nav overlay procedure. Mr. Tellier stated that it is on track, but a possible resolvable complication regarding airspace issues has been recently discovered, but it shouldn't delay implementation more than one publishing cycle. Other than that, it is on track and going through the FAA's procedures. In addition, it is probably categorically excluded from environmental review since it is replacing an existing procedure. He also stated it has been bumped up to the top of the FAA's priority scheme.

There was a discussion regarding the letter to LAWA Executive Director Lydia Kennard requesting LAWA's assistance in getting representatives of the airlines that are making 50% of the east departures during Over-Ocean Operations (OOO) to attend the next Roundtable meeting to explain why these departures are necessary. Roger Johnson stated that Mr. Paul Green, LAWA's COO and acting Executive Director will be mailing out the letter either this week or next week to the Presidents/CEO's of the top five airlines inviting the Chief Pilots and Vice President of Air Operations of the airlines to attend the September Roundtable meeting. Roger Johnson mentioned that the LA City Attorney is currently reviewing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to do a Part 161 study that would, if approved by the FAA, allow LAWA to prohibit the east departures when LAX is in OOO or when it remains in West Ops during OOO hours. Mr. Johnson stated that he has had some informal discussions with FAA headquarters and they are looking for a reasonable Part 161 study that they could support.

Roy Hefner restated his request to have Sandy Fidell give the presentation he made to the Noise Subcommittee in August 2001 to the full Roundtable. Roger Johnson stated that it is a matter of cost that has kept Mr. Fidell from being reinvited to give his presentation.

Roger Johnson commented on the recent landmark California Appeals Court decision that threw out the 65 dB CNEL as the sole metric in establishing noise impacts for airports in CEQA environmental documents. The case, Keep Berkeley Jets Over the Bay vs. the Port of Oakland, requires Oakland International Airport use a single event noise metric in evaluating environmental impacts of their master plan.

Roy Hefner commented on AB2333 stating that the bill has been amended several times and is now a worthless document.

Roy Hefner commented on the monthly Noise Complaint Report put out by LAWA Environmental Management Division. He was inquiring into the changes that were previously requested by the Noise Subcommittee regarding having specific information on the complaints as well as the general summary.

Denny Schneider inquired as to what the FAA considers to be a reportable incident. This arose from John Travolta's B-707 overflight of Manchester Square on June 17<sup>th</sup> when he had to change runways on approach to LAX. Mr. Harry Rose of Osage Park described the incident. Mark Tellier replied that a reportable incident to the FAA could cover a broad range of issues from FAA personnel issues to something involving air traffic control. He also described the FAA's Quality Assurance Review procedure that covers any area of occurrence that does not trigger a formal investigation.

Roger Johnson commented on Denny Schneider's use of a self-made business card that say LAX Noise Roundtable on them with an American Flag emblem, and not the Roundtable Logo. He further stated that this card could cause confusion, and if the Roundtable members want business cards they should be consistent and use the official logo. John McTaggart said it should be agendized in a future meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dana Cope, Chair of the LAX Area Advisory Committee, commented that there is a presentation on LAX Master Plan Alternative D scheduled for their August 24, 2002 meeting. She urged everyone to attend the meeting.

Ms. Cecil Carpio of Inglewood commented on the LAX noise complaint line (64NOISE) and that when she calls it is busy a lot of times.

Ms. Carole Hossan of Westchester commented on her frustration regarding the way LAX Master Plan Alternative D was announced by the Mayor's Office, and that the proposed central check-in facility to be located in Manchester Square area is in an unsafe area.

The Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Board Room at the LAWA Administration Building.