



## LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

### Recap of the Special Meeting October 22, 2003

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#### **Roundtable Members Present:**

John McTaggart, Chairman, Councilman City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Mike Cassidy, Vice Chairman, Representing Hermosa Beach Councilman Sam Edgerton  
Dwight Abbott, Councilman, City of Palos Verdes Estates  
Mike Gureckas, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher's District Office  
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Council  
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council  
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC  
Robert Holden representing Michael DiGirolamo, Los Angeles World Airports  
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

#### **1. Call to order**

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart at 6:15 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

#### **2. Report from the Flight Track Data/Noise subcommittees of the Roundtable's comments on the Aircraft Noise Elements of the LAX Master Plan Alternative D and the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS; Finalize and approve submittal of written comments – Mike Cassidy/Roy Hefner**

Bob Holden, representing the Los Angeles World Airports, noted that there was a direct conflict of interest for the LAWA staff if they were to participate in this work of the Roundtable and its subcommittees. As a result, he would be observing and would not be taking part in the Roundtable's deliberations on this matter.

Lead by Roy Hefner, Chair of the Noise Subcommittee, the Roundtable members reviewed the individual numbered items contained in the draft comments prepared by the joint subcommittees. The following is a synopsis of their comments for each item:

1. Accept
2. Accept
3. **Change:** citation to 4.1.6.1.5.3 – Page 4-65  
**Delete:** first sentence  
**Add:** Table S4.1-27 indicates 2000 increase in population newly exposed to 65 CNEL or greater; An increase of 150 added within the 65 CNEL; and 4 schools, 2 churches and 3 hospitals are newly added.
4. **Add:** LAX
5. **Change** last sentence: Why does the document not mention these characteristics?
6. **Add** at end: Why were the affects of noise from health studies not presented in the document?

7. **Correct:** last sentence – Why were ....
8. Accept
9. **Add:** last sentence - ...times a day are single event ....
10. **Change:** last sentence - ...Why were the WHO numbers not .....
11. **Add:** last sentence – . Why were the actual metrics not incorporated?
12. **Make** first sentence 12A  
**Make** second and fourth sentences 12B  
**Make** third sentence 12C  
**Add**12D: What will be the noise impact of air traffic rerouting during runway reconstruction?
13. **Change:** first sentence - ...to airport neighbors .....
14. **Change:** first sentence - ...noise measurements .....
- Delete:** last sentence – last four words
15. **Delete:** first sentence – past and future
16. **Add:** first sentence - ....beach communities and the Palos Verdes Peninsula even .....
17. **Add:** after the last sentence – (See Comment 10)
18. **Add:** New first sentence – What fleet mix in 2015 was used to arrive at the conclusions in the report?  
**Delete:** third sentence  
**Add:** to second sentence – How many are turbo-prop .....
19. Accept
20. **Add:** to first sentence - .....Los Angeles continued to support the ..... airport capacities and a cap of 78.9 MAP at LAX?
21. Accept
22. **Add:** first sentence - ....relies on mitigation measures based on a successful .....
- Change:** Last sentence – Why are there no studies ...
- 22A. NOTE THAT THIS ITEM WAS NOT NUMBERED. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NUMBER 23. I HAVE CONSIDERED IT AS 22A SO THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS WILL BE THE SAME  
**Add:** Second paragraph, first sentence - ....children in affected schools like the Lennox .....
- Change:** Second paragraph, first sentence ....been one with aircraft noise?  
**Add:** Second paragraph, end of last sentence - .....learn without noise?
23. **Change:** last sentence - ..... and comparisons should have been provided.  
**Add:** a new last sentence – What metric values were used to determine these levels of significance?
24. Accept
25. **Add:** a new last sentence – How many households refused the sound insulation offers because of easement requirements?
26. **Change:** last sentence – Why didn't the document include the necessary .....
27. **Add:** a new first sentence – The Automated People Mover has noise impacts on hotels.
28. **Add:** NEW ITEM: What are the air cargo air traffic noise impacts at present, during construction in the future after construction is completed?

Upon completion of the Roundtable's review, it was moved and seconded that the Subcommittees' report, as modified by the Roundtable, be accepted and that it be submitted to LAWA as the Roundtable's comments on the Supplemental Master Plan EIR. Mr. Holden, representing LAWA, abstained from voting on this action.

3. **Roundtable testimony at the November 13, 2003 Hearing of the California Assembly Select Committee on Airports and the Airline Industry at LAX – John McTaggart/Walter Gillfillan**  
Walter Gillfillan summarized the information in his memo to the Roundtable concerning the upcoming hearing and asked if the Roundtable were interested in presenting comments to the Committee on the 60-65 CNEL noise criteria. The Roundtable elected to testify and directed that the Roundtable Consultant draft a statement for review/comment by the members. Due to a

previous engagement, the Chairman has asked Mike Cassidy as Vice Chairman to appear at the hearing on his behalf.

#### **4. Roundtable Members Discussion**

Bob Holden noted that LAWA had received four proposals from three consulting firms to conduct the LAX and VNY Part 161 studies. The firms are Harris Miller Miller Hanson, Inc. (HMMH), Ricondo and Associates, and Landrum & Brown (L&B). HMMH and Ricondo submitted one proposal each for both LAX and VNY; and L&B submitted two proposals, one for LAX and one for VNY. The Administrative Review of the proposals has been completed and all were determined to be responsive proposers. Review of the technical portion of the proposals began last week.

Mr. Holden also reported that on Monday, November 03, 2003 the Board of Airport Commissioners authorized release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to completely replace the noise monitoring systems at LAX, ONT and VNY. The new systems are expected to be operational in about three years. In the interim, the existing system will continue to operate as the new system is installed.

Chairman McTaggart initiated a discussion regarding the regular meeting for November 12, 2003. The members agreed to hold the meeting with a focus on the status of the Roundtable's Work Program. The Roundtable Consultant was directed to update the May 2003 Status Report to reflect current standing of the individual work items.

#### **5. Public Comments from the Public**

These were included in the discussion on revisions to the Roundtable's comments on the Supplemental EIR/EIS.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Roundtable will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2003. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.