



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of Roundtable Meeting May 12, 2004

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Mike Cassidy, Vice Chairman, Representing Hermosa Beach Councilman Sam Edgerton
Mike Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rhorabacher
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Dorothy Harris, Ladera Heights Civic Association
Kelly Brown, Consultant, Representing the Airlines/ATA
John Kurywchak, FAA
Michael DiGirolamo, LAWA
Walter Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart at 7:05 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Presentation on Low Frequency Noise – Sanford Fidell, Fidell Associates, Inc.

Presentation

Mr. Fidell provided a comprehensive review of the basis for noise metrics and the criteria that are used with the metrics. The review included:

- Definitions;
- Governmental policies;
- Noise descriptors and metrics;
- Graphic displays of noise exposure;
- Noise dosage-response relationships;
- Noise impact determination;
- Land use compatibility; and
- Annoyance and complaint responses.

Comments/Questions

In response to questions about the effectiveness of various noise metrics, Mr. Fidell noted that federal regulatory policy attempts to balance the economics of air travel and quality of life issues. There are adequate metrics and criteria to measure and describe noise impacts experienced in communities. The principal issue is not technical in nature, but political. As an example, the

basic, current policies on aircraft noise were established by the Congress in 1990 in the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA).

3. Status Report from The Flight Track Data Subcommittee – Mike Cassidy, Chair

Work Program Items II.1 and II.2 – Northern Sector: Early Turns by Departures and Arrivals

At Mr. Cassidy's request, Mr. Gillfillan summarized the information provided by the LAWA staff. This information was noted in the Recap of the Subcommittee's April 14 meeting. Additional information was requested by the Subcommittee and will be discussed at the June meeting.

The Expanded Use of Regional Jets

At the Subcommittee's request, Mr. Gillfillan prepared some comparative information regarding the use of turbo-prop and regional jet aircraft in the airline fleets serving LAX. This information can be used in both the North Side and Palos Verdes Peninsula over flight issues. The information is contained in a memorandum to the Subcommittee dated April 14, 2004.

4. Discussion of FAA Letter to the Roundtable Regarding the RNAV Departure Procedure for Turboprops Departing the North Runways During LAX Easterly Operations (Work Program Item II.1) – Bob Holden, LAWA staff

Presentation

Mr. Holden reviewed a letter dated April 16, 2004 from William Withycombe, Regional Administrator, FAA. In his letter, Mr. Withycombe indicated the willingness of the FAA to work with the Roundtable in the possible development of an RNAV procedure suggested in the Roundtable's letter of March 17. Because a number of communities, the airline and aviation industry and aviation users would be affected, he suggested that an interactive working group with representatives from these agencies and organizations, as well as the FAA, be involved.

Action

After considering the formation of a group as suggested by the FAA, the Roundtable acted to assign the task to the Flight Track Data Subcommittee (FTDS), rather than forming a separate group. The Subcommittee could add the groups suggested by the FAA, as well as communities that might be affected by a new procedure. Mike Cassidy suggested that this matter be placed on the August 2004 FTDS agenda and that Mr. Gillfillan draft a letter of invitation to the appropriate communities and groups.

5. Roundtable Members Discussion

- Mr. Gillfillan summarized the information contained in his May 12 memorandum regarding the newly formed Center of Excellence (COE) at MIT and Transportation Research Board (TRB) research efforts directed at aircraft noise reduction. The Roundtable directed that a draft letter be prepared that offers suggested research topics to COE and to TRB based on the Roundtable experience.
- Copies of the responses to comments made by the Roundtable on the Supplemental EIR were distributed. The members asked that the responses be placed on the agenda for the FTDS meeting on June 9 and on the Roundtable agenda for July 14.
- The LAWA staff noted the March 25, 2004 letter from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes naming Councilman Wolowicz as the City's representative to the Roundtable and Mayor Pro Tem Clark as the City's alternate.
- The CALTRANS letter of April 27, 2004 responding to the Roundtable's invitation to Betsy Eskeridge to attend the July meeting was noted. The Lennox School District has asked for a formal Administrative Hearing. As a result, the concept of the Roundtable serving as

format for receiving public comment will not be used, and Ms. Eskeridge will be unable to attend the July meeting.

- LAWA staff indicated that the Roundtable's By-laws require that there be an election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and subcommittee Chairs be held at the July 2004 meeting for the next two-year period. Chairman McTaggart requested that a nomination committee be formed. The FTDS will sit as the Nomination Committee during their June 9th meeting.
- LAWA staff also indicated that nomination/renomination & selection of the Roundtable's At-large members for the two-year terms will be scheduled for the January 2005 meeting
- Mr. Gillfillan noted that revisions to the Work Program directed by the Roundtable at their March 17, 2004 have not been ratified. This item will be placed on the July agenda.
- The representative from Ladera Heights asked if an alternate could be designated by the neighborhood association. The By-laws provide for member organizations to designate alternates.
- Chairman McTaggart asked that an agenda packet be sent to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe's office.
- Mike Cassidy indicated that the next Flight Track Data Subcommittee meeting will be held on June 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

6. Public Comments

(Included in the topic comments)

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Roundtable will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 14, 2004.