



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of Meeting
October 13, 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
Dwight Abbott, Palos Verdes Estates City Councilman
Mike Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rhorabacher
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Barry Davis, FAA
Michael DiGirolamo, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. LAWA Staff discussion on Status of Various Issues of Importance to the Roundtable – Bob Holden and Scott Tatro, LAWA

LAWA staff reported on the following items of interest:

- LAX Part 161 Study – The Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) approved the selection of Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. (HMMH) as the consultants to perform the study at its July 19th meeting. The City Attorney has been requested to prepare the contract documents. BOAC approval of the contract will likely be in January 2005 with the Study opening in March or April.
- Noise Monitoring System – The BOAC approved the selection of Lochard Corp. at its October 4th meeting as the supplier of the new system. It is expected that the contract approval will be in March 2005. The following comments and responses were noted on this item:
 - Will the public be able to comment on the location of monitors? Yes. The Roundtable and the Noise Subcommittee will be involved.
 - How many monitors will be installed? Not known at this time. Contract includes LAX, ONT and VNY.
 - Will the new system be able to measure single events, low frequency noise, as well as noise exposure beyond 65 dB CNEL? Yes, out to the 60 dB CNEL noise contour.
 - Will the noise monitors use wireless technology? May not because of possible interference. There will be provisions for portable monitoring.

- When will the system be operable? Incremental introduction beginning in March 2006.
- How will noise sensitive areas be identified? Use work by the Roundtable and the FAA Task Force.
- Will the effect of topography be considered? Yes.
- CALTRANS Variance Hearings – Six organizations and three individuals have requested a hearing and status as an Intervenor in the LAX Noise Variance hearings. These include the Cities of Inglewood and El Segundo, the County of Los Angeles, the LAX Area Advisory Committee, and the Inglewood and Lennox School Districts. Two of the three individuals were denied Intervenor status because they do not live within the noise contour, and the status of the third individual is on-hold pending further information on the determination of his/her residence being within the noise contour. Hearings are scheduled for the time period from February 22 through March 11, 2005, at a location still to be determined.
- LAX Master Plan The Roundtable's copy of the Addendum to the LAX Master Plan Final EIR was provided to the Roundtable.

3. Status Update of Implementation of Various RNAV Departure Procedures at LAX – Barry Davis, FAA.

- The FAA's moratorium on new RNAV procedures was lifted in August 2004 with new criteria. Revalidation of the procedures under the new criteria is currently underway.
- Expectation is that publication will be no sooner than March 2005 for HOLTZ FIVE. The POPPR, OSHNN, and KWYET DP's are not predictable at this time.
- As a result of an in-house FAA "climb quiet" project, nine daily over flights of the Peninsula by turbo-prop aircraft departing LAX for SNA are being rerouted off-shore. Comments were as follows:
 - Praise for the FAA in affecting a change that greatly benefits the Peninsula residents.
 - Introduction of observations made by Beverly Ackerson July 12 and 13, 2004. This information will be augmented by the LAWA staff for this time period and forwarded to the Flight Track Data Subcommittee for their consideration.

4. Roundtable Member Discussion

a) Councilman Dwight Abbott of Palos Verdes Estates, presented information that he had collected on turbo-prop departures from LAX that over fly the Peninsula. The work compared the daily departure activity on April 12 and 13, 2004 with October 6, 2004 for the principal destinations of San Diego/Carlsbad, Santa Ana, Palm Springs and Ontario. Over flight conditions that are better or worse were noted. Councilman Abbott recommended that:

- After takeoff, turn left at coastline heading 170 degrees to remain in Class B airspace
- If departure is eastbound, cross the Victor 64 airway at or above 5,000 feet and cross the coastline at or above 7,000 feet.
- Provide this information to the Flight Track Data Subcommittee. The Roundtable members agreed and request that the LAWA staff provide the following additional information:
 - Flight track information for departures to SAN, ONT, SNA, and PSP
 - A gate at V-64 with time-of-day information
 - A gate at the coastline with time of day information
- Councilman Abbott indicated a shift of flights from over the Bay area to the Peninsula would be acceptable if the altitudes were increased.

b) Walter Gillfillan made a brief presentation regarding the adoption by the FAA of a revised Order 1010.4E that provides the policy and procedures for the processing of environmental evaluations.

He noted that there a companion action to also modify FAA Order 5050.1A. This order has elements that are relative to aircraft noise issues at airports. There is a notification by the FAA in the Federal Register citation 69 FR 57622 of September 24, 2004 on revisions to 14 CFR Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning regulations, which calls for public comment by November 23, 2004. The Roundtable members requested that Mr. Gillfillan prepare a draft of possible comments for consideration of the Roundtable at the November 10th meeting.

c) Bob Holden announced that, according to the Roundtable's by-laws, the membership of the at-large members will be up for renewal, and/or the appointment of new at-large members will be made, for new two year terms, at the January 2005 meeting. The Chairman makes the appointment subject to a vote of the Roundtable. Current at-large members are to request reappointment in a letter to the Chairman on their organization's letterhead, received no later than Monday, January 3, 2005, and be prepared to make a presentation to the Roundtable at the January meeting. The letter is to be mailed to:

Chairman John McTaggart
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable
1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216
Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216
Attn. Robert Holden

The letter can also be faxed to Bob Holden at 310-646-6939, with the original mailed to the above mentioned address.

5. Public Comments

These were included in the references above.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Roundtable will be a joint meeting with the Flight Track Data Subcommittee. It will be convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2004 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.