



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Noise Subcommittee Meeting of February 8, 2006

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Dwight Abbott, Mayor, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Christine Dixon, Representing the Eighth Council District, City of Los Angeles
Michael Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
Edgar Saenz, Representing Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Denny Schneider, Westchester /Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Bob Holden, LAWA
Scott Tatro, LAWA
Barry Davis, FAA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Noise Subcommittee Chairman Denny Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Continuation of New LAX Noise Monitoring System Discussion – Scott Tatro

Mr. Tatro presented background material on the modernization of the new monitoring system and the role that the communities will have in determining the possible location of new monitoring sites. He indicated that several sessions with the public are being held in communities adjacent to the airport and that the results will be considered when finalizing the new monitor locations.

Mr. Gillfillan noted that information developed during the January 11th Roundtable workshop focused on three areas – location of the person commenting; the noise exposure problems that the individual was experiencing; and the type of information that would be important to obtain from the new noise monitoring system.

The prevalent comments made by the participants during the workshop session were summarized as follows:

- Locations that do not appear to be well represented by either the existing monitoring sites or by the new sites being considered by LAWA staff include Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 10.

- Locations that are well beyond existing and proposed site locations include No. 17 in Monterey Park; Nos. 4, 8, 14, 15 and 21 in the Central portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula; and Nos. 12, 20, 22 and 23 in the south eastern portion of the PV Peninsula.
- Problems described by the workshop participants are generally included in the Roundtable's current Work Program.
- In addition to the CNEL noise exposure information required by the California State Noise Standards, the single event noise levels, low frequency noise, flight paths and altitudes, number and time of noise events, types of aircraft and dates and times. The new noise monitoring system will be capable of providing this kind of information.

Mr. Gillfillan recommended that the information received during the workshop should be reviewed by the Noise Subcommittee at its February 8 meeting so they can provide comments and make specific recommendations to the Roundtable. Based on its review, the Roundtable can then make recommendations to the LAWA staff. This suggestion was adopted by the Subcommittee.

A number of questions and comments were presented regarding the monitoring site locations:

- Monitors that might not be retained are – WE3/4, LE2, AP2, W6.
- W1 might be moved to the northeast further into the community
- The suggested monitor location 17 needs to be more accurately located in the City of Monterey Park
- About 19 sites will be retained with some movements
- There are no criteria for locating noise monitors to measure engine run-ups. Can use existing locations most likely WE2.
- Even though Manchester Square area has been cleared of residential uses, there are still adjacent residential uses. Monitor 24 will be needed
- Time line for the location decisions is one to two months. All should be in place by the end of 2006
- Generally, the computed 60 CNEL noise contour lines were used to locate some possible monitors.
- The suggested location 10 is well covered by existing noise monitors in that general area
- There should be a monitor that would cover the Ladera Heights area
- The focus of the community effort should be on what is wanted in terms of information, rather than how to do it.
- There should be some idea of how the portable monitors will be used
- East bound night departures should be captured by the noise monitoring system
- There has been an increase in the amount of noise exposure in the 74th Street and Sepulveda Blvd area
- The focus should be on the actual flight paths, rather than on where someone resides.
- The suggested monitor site 8 would be capable of capturing the turbo-prop departures over that portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula
- The suggested monitor sites 4 and 21 would be capable of capturing the jet departures over south portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula
- A monitor site is needed at Point Vincinte to identify turbo-prop over flight in this area
- A monitor site 20 is needed at Point San Pedro to identify jet over flight in this area
- A monitor site is needed at the coast in the Redondo Beach area to identify jet over flights departing to the east and turning to the west over this area
- Use portable monitors to record the unusual effects such as runway closures
- The monitoring system needs to support the Part 161 study effort
- The Del Aire community needs the site K
- In Attachment A to the recap of the workshop, the comment for location 11 should have the following added to the Information Desired column: "Frequency of noise events and single event noise levels"

3. Discussion of Wyle Labs Noise Report for Eagan, MN – Walter Gillfillan

At the request of the Roundtable members, Mr. Gillfillan prepared a summary of the report prepared by Wyle Labs. This information is part of the Work Program Items IV.1 and IV.3 and provided an insight into the relationship between the noise contour metric and two single even noise metrics – time above and number of events above certain noise levels.

4. Roundtable Member Discussion

Based on the Eagan, MN efforts, the Subcommittee recommended that a letter to be written to the California Congressional delegation stressing the need for funding for this type of study in support of Part 161 studies.

Mr. Holden reported on a recent reorganization of the LAWA management structure. Patricia Tubert has been reassigned to other functions and Mr. Jim Ritchie will now be in charge of the noise and environmental functions at the airports.

Mr. Holden presented the LAX Part 161 Preliminary Study Area and a screen shot of the LAX Part 161 Website. The Preliminary Study Area is based on multiple single event noise contours from easterly departures.

Kathryn Pantoja announced that the report on Easterly Departures between midnight and 6:30 a.m. are now posted on the LAX Noise Management Page of LAWA's web site (www.lawa.org).

It was announced that there would be meeting of the LAX Area Advisory Committee on Thursday evening, February 9, 2006.

5. Comments from the Public

None

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on **March 15, 2006** in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.