



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of The Regular Meeting of November 8, 2006

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Denny Schneider, Vice Chairman, Westchester /Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Dwight Abbott, Councilman, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Gary Parsons, Councilman, City of Hawthorne
Mike Cassidy, Representing Hermosa Beach Councilman Sam Edgerton
Mike Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
Edgar Saenz, Representing Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Dorothy Harris, Ladera Heights Civic Association
James O'Neill, City of El Segundo
Walter White, FAA, SoCal TRACON
Roger Johnson, LAWA
Bob Holden, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Discussion of LAX RNAV Departure Procedures – Walter White, FAA, TRACON

Walter White noted the long history associated with the unique application of RNAV procedures at LAX. He highlighted the following points:

- The use of the HOLTZ SEVEN RNAV commenced on August 6, 2006
- Use of the OSHNN ONE RNAV was initiated in October 2006
- The future process now being considered includes:
 - Continued use of RNAV procedures
 - Monitor flight paths for drifts towards the PV Peninsula
 - Consider an additional waypoint for R/W 25R departures
 - Check flight paths for R/W 25L when it reopens
 - Evaluate a RNAV procedure to move turbo prop departures off of the Peninsula

After his presentation, Mr. White discussed or responded to questions with the Roundtable members and the audience:

- After 9 p.m. there is a change-over from the LOOP to the HOLTZ or LAXX departures
- Not known at this time when a routing of turbo prop departures can be evaluated
- The technology being used involves a feature called “laser ring gyro”
- Certification of an airline to use RNAV is voluntary; It is headed towards a 100% capability within the airline fleet at LAX
- Checking on the new procedures will begin in the summer of 2007 and be complete in 2008.
- FAA checks the fuel efficiency associated with each procedure
- Looking at engine idle settings from 35,000 feet for arrivals,
- Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) is now referred to as an Optimized Profile Descent Procedure
- Air Space Redesign funding will be focused on the benefits to be attained in air quality, fuel and time savings and noise reduction. The major areas to be considered: ORD, NYC and LAX.
- GOOGLE map overlays could be used when reviewing the LAX north side options
- At present, there seems to be an increase in noise and overflights in the north runway complex area
- There seem to be more concentration of aircraft operations between 10:30 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- After the current RNAV departures are finalized, RNAV 's will be considered for easterly departures
- FAA nor the airport have no authority beyond certification weight limits, to affect reductions on aircraft takeoff weights

3. Report on the AAE Airport Noise Mitigation Symposium – Bob Holden

Mr. Holden summarized the information from his presentation to and attendance at the 6th Annual Symposium in Boston MA in October 1 - 3, 2006. His panel on The Community Perspective included representatives from organizations similar to the LAX Roundtable at Chicago, Phoenix and San Francisco. He also showed the Roundtable the PowerPoint presentation that was given to the Symposium.

4. Consideration of Request to Send a Roundtable Member to the 22nd Annual UC Aviation Noise Symposium, March 4-7, 2007 in San Francisco – John McTaggart

Mr. McTaggart noted that the 22nd annual University of California Symposium on Aviation Noise and Air Quality will be held in San Francisco on March 4-7, 2007. The Roundtable directed that the Chair obtain authorization from the Board of Airport Commissioners to support one Roundtable member attendance at the Symposium. Denny Schnieder was suggested as the Roundtable's representative to attend the Symposium.

5. Roundtable Member Discussion

It was agreed that two items would be added to the January 10, 2007 agenda:

- An evaluation of the eastbound heavy jet departures after midnight
- An evaluation of the proportion of aircraft using the southern inboard and outboard runways before and after the runway 25L relocation project is completed.

Note was made of a recent Wyle Labs article "What's in Your DNL? This work highlights the short comings of the DNL metric when used as the sole means of identifying noise impacts on a community. It also offers supporting metrics that should be considered in defining noise impacts.

The LAX special program on runway incursions on the north runway complex was noted. Attendance by Roundtable members at meetings of the Specific Plan Amendment public outreach meetings was encouraged.

A copy of an analysis by Edgar Saenz of Congresswoman Waters' office regarding the safety aspects of runway incursions in the LAX north complex was made available to the Roundtable members.

Mr. Holden provided information about three planned community outreach meetings scheduled for November 14, 15 and 16, 2006 that are a related to the LAX Part 161 study.

Mr. Holden reminded the Roundtable members that, pursuant to the Roundtable's bylaws, nominations and renominations for the three at-large member representatives will be on the January 10, 2007 agenda.

Roger Johnson was welcomed back to the Roundtable by the Chair and his renewed participation with the Roundtable was welcomed by the Members. Mr. Johnson indicated that he was impressed by the significant accomplishments of the Roundtable over the past six year period.

It was suggested that another effort should be made to have a regular attendee from the airline industry at the Roundtable meetings

The Chair was directed to prepare a letter to the FAA Administrator lauding the efforts of Walter White of the SoCal TRACON in his support of the Roundtable's noise mitigation efforts.

6. Comments from the Public

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2007 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, in the LAWA Administration Building at LAX.