



LAX/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Noise Subcommittee Meeting of June 13, 2007

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chairman, Westchester /Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
James O'Neill, City of El Segundo
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Roger Johnson, LAWA
Bob Holden, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Noise Subcommittee Chairman Denny Schneider, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX

2. Review and Comment on Draft Revised Roundtable Work Program – Bob Holden

Mr. Holden provided background information on the current work program including material contained in the May 9, 2007 Status Report.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the Roundtable should review its mission statement contained in its Bylaws. He noted two basic premises of the Bylaws that are (1) Identify noise impacts in the surrounding communities and (2) Recommend courses of action that could reduce noise over affected communities. The Subcommittee should be certain that the revised Work Program is guided by these premises.

In the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- It is important that the FAA be represented at the Roundtable meetings
- There are few methods available in the implementation "tool box"
- There has not been a follow up process established to check on the status of letter comments submitted to various agencies
- The initial focus should be on the format of the Work Program, then the content
- Because of the implementation limitations available in the "tool box", the focus should be on the achievable actions
- Congressional offices should be included in implementation efforts
- Locally elected officials are a key component in the implementation efforts
- Departures on Runway 25L continue to be an issue for the City of El Segundo
- Face-to-face negotiations in the Roundtable meetings are better than letter writing
- There needs to be proactive communication with the LAX tower management

- An end-around taxiway on the east end of the southern runways would facilitate cargo aircraft usage of the inboard runway for departures
- The current way point causes departures from Runway 25R to appear to be an early turn by a Runway 25L departure, Reposition the way point
- With different RNAV systems, there is a difference between a “fly by” and a “fly over”
- There are multiple causes for early turn fly over of El Segundo
- There has been an increase in El Segundo fly over post runway project
- Arrivals from the north have been angling across communities on the north side
- The Roundtable members need information not just reports. The information needs to be focused on the noise impact issues
- LAWA can not lobby the Congress, but locally elected officials and neighborhood organizations can
- The FAA airspace redesign work will be done out of Seattle because of staffing
- The forecast information from the Master Plan work needs to be completed and will be input to the Part 161 study
- There seem to be multiple levels of issues associated with narrowly defined problems and broader noise issues
- The members need to better define noise problems
- There needs to be prioritization and scheduling of the Work Program items
- The Roundtable may need to meet more often to accomplish its work with respect to implementation
- The members need information in advance of meetings
- Need to have a draft Work Program prior to the next meeting in July
- Focus Roundtable meetings on action items rather than informational items
- City of El Segundo needs assistance from the Roundtable
- Need a concerted effort to obtain attendance from representatives of the member organizations
- There needs to be an annual review of the Work Program
- Does the terminology “surrounding communities” limit the participation?
- The members should be familiar with the provisions of the existing FAA/LAX Informal Runway Use Agreement
- The role of the pilot-in-command vs the preferential runway use program
- The old FAA Task Force brought the ATA/FAA/LAX/communities to the table
- LA City ordinance paper work for eastern departures
- The Qantas Airlines lease issue is no longer active

Based on the Subcommittee discussion, it is requested that the LAWA staff prepare a draft Work Program document for consideration at the next Roundtable meeting in July.

3. Roundtable Member Discussion

The members indicated that they would like to invite Walter White of the FAA Southern California TRACON to attend a future Roundtable meeting to comment on the Runways 25R/L RNAV departures and the feasibility of a taxiway at the eastern end of the southern runways.

The Subcommittee recommended that the staff draft a letter to LAWA for the Roundtable asking for the feasibility of lowering the approach lights so that a taxiway could be created at the eastern end of the southern runways. Roger Johnson indicated that he would discuss this matter with LAWA operations and engineering.

It was noted that the noise complaint records may provide information for the Work Program

Mr. Johnson announced that Scott Tatro has been promoted to head the Noise Management Division. The members note their support of that action.

4. Comments from the Public

There was one comment from the public indicating that a change in the Work Program format would be a good idea.

5. Adjournment

The Subcommittee members asked that the staff poll the members as to whether the next regular meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on **July 11 or July 18, 2007** in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

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