



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2007

Roundtable Members Present

John McTaggart, Chairman, Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
Denny Schneider, Vice Chair, Westchester /Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Gary Parsons, Councilman, City of Hawthorne
Blake LaMar, Representing the City of Palos Verdes Estates
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC
Dorothy Harris, Ladera Heights Civic Association
Roger Johnson, LAWA
Scott Tatro, LAWA
Bob Holden, LAWA
David Chan, LAWA
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator
Yvonne Bedford, Alternate, Ladera Heights Civic Association

1. Call to order

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

2. Review/Approval of the Revision to the Roundtable's By-Laws – John McTaggart

Mr. McTaggart noted that comments and suggestions made during the Special Meeting of October 10, 2007 have been incorporated into this version of the draft. It was moved and seconded to adopt the current draft.

3. Presentation of Statistical Information on Noise Impacted Aircraft Operations

Mr. Chan provided a PowerPoint presentation of statistical information on noise impacted aircraft operations which are listed on the Work Program. The following are comments and suggestions made during the presentation:

Work Program item I.A. - Extended down wind approach

- It was noted that the higher ground elevation in Monterey Park reduces the vertical distance between the City and aircraft over flying the community.
- Request was made to provide information on peak hour frequency of the over flights.
- Several new technologies offer noise mitigation opportunities – Constant Decent Approach and Required Navigation Performance.

Work Program item I.B. – Missed Approach/Go-Around

- Go-around operations that do not maintain runway heading are a problem for El Segundo.

- Tracking these operations requires manual data processing with the current noise management data system.

Work Program item II.A – East departures during Over Ocean Operations

- One potential mitigation measure would be a right turn at the Harbor Freeway, then to the ocean before turning west. This could cause a shifting of noise and a conflict with aircraft flying the LAXX DP.
- The better performance characteristics of newer aircraft may allow westerly departures that are currently limited in older aircraft.
- At one time, there was a consideration of a “paper trail” reporting process for non-observance of the Over Ocean Operations procedure.

Work Program item II.B – Early turns of aircraft departing to the west

- LAWA staff is setting up a bi-monthly meeting with the FAA tower manager to discuss noise issues.
- Some over flights of El Segundo are related to the south runway project that is scheduled for completion in July 2008.
- Samples of flight tracks were presented for early turns occurring on September 9th and 19th.

Work Program item II.D – Improperly flown loop departures

- Request was made to provide altitude information on this operation.

Work Program item II.C – Turboprop community over flight

- FAA may be able to look into routing turboprop traffic around the Peninsula.
- It was noted that the rain storm on September 21st and 22nd may have cause some jet traffic over the Peninsula.

General comments that were made included reference to the preferential use of the inboard runways for departures; the breakdown of flight data during peak air traffic hours; update of this data at the January 2008 meeting; the presentation of a “Noise 101” course for the Roundtable members; inclusion of unusual weather conditions.

4. Status Reports – LAWA Staff

Progress report on priority assignment to Roundtable’s Work Program – LAWA staff presented a Program Summary for the Roundtable’s consideration that noted a schedule for consideration, an assignment of categories and priorities of each work item. It was noted that this needed to be flexible to accommodate the Roundtable member’s interests during the year. It was suggested that a log be created to keep track of the Roundtable’s correspondence.

Progress on new noise monitoring system installation – LAWA staff reported that, currently, 14 monitors have been installed at VNY, 22 at LAX and 8 at ONT.

Progress on FAR Part 161 Study – There continues to be a delay awaiting the forecast of aircraft fleet mix to be produced by the Specific Plan Amendment Study.

5. Staff Reports – LAWA Staff

Mr. Tatro reported on his attendance at the Noise Working Group of the Committee on Environmental Protection (CAEP) where the emphasis was on the technical aspects. There was a focus on the air emissions questions.

6. Roundtable Member Discussion

- A member noted that noise complaint call was not handled well by LAWA staff on duty. Mr. Corlett of LAX Airfield Operations Division stated he will look into the issue.
- It was noted that the FAA and ATA representatives have not been present at recent meetings.
- It was asked when the next CALTRANS variance process and hearing would take place. LAWA staff was asked to place this topic on the next agenda in January 2008.
- Mr. Gillfillan presented three topic areas that the Roundtable may want to be aware of and consider action on. These topics included recent retirement of 727-100 and 200 aircraft from the UPS and FedEx fleets; proposed modifications to the Advisory Circular for the conduct of Part 150 noise studies; and subjects being considered by the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) for detailed study. The members indicated their interest in receiving more detailed information about these topics.

7. Comments from the Public

- Recently, there are more aircraft flying over the Peninsula.

8. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, January 9, 2008 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.