



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2009

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chairman, Westchester Neighbors Association
Carl Jacobson, Councilman, City of El Segundo
Gary Parsons, Councilman, City of Hawthorne
Chad Molnar, Representing Councilman Bill Rosendahl
Blake LaMar, Representing the City of Palos Verdes Estates
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC/City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Yvonne Bedford, Ladera Heights Civil Association
JoAnn Williams, United Homeowners Association
Steve May, FAA Western-Pacific Regional Office
Scott Tatro, LAWA
David Chan, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Roundtable Facilitator

1. Call to order

Roundtable Chairman Denny Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX, and asked the members to remember Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart and all his contributions to the Roundtable.

Chair Denny Schneider moved to approve the meeting recap. Member Danna Cope seconded the motion. The meeting recap was unanimously approved.

2. Status Update on Roundtable Facilitator Contract

Mr. Scott Tatro announced that the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) approved the facilitator contract with Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. for a one-year extension for \$108,000. However, with this approval, LAWA management recommended not to exercise the second one-year extension option included with this contract and to start a new procurement process for the facilitator contract beyond this one-year approval. The contract will expire by the end of calendar year 2010. Scott added that there may be an opportunity for Roundtable to participate in the facilitator selection process.

Chairman Schneider commented that he noticed the contract extension included 10 meetings of the Roundtable. Mr. Tatro responded to say that the contract will have sufficient funding to allow for contingencies. He also mentioned that the Roundtable is to evaluate the meeting schedule in January to determine whether there will be 10 or 6 meetings in 2010.

Member Ackerson commented that LAWA needs to know the value of the Roundtable and to avoid continuing on a reduced schedule. Mr. Tatro added that LAWA is not intending to discontinue the facilitator or the Roundtable.

3. Review of Roundtable Correspondence Log

Mr. David Chan reviewed the open items in the correspondence log and asked the members to indicate whether or not a follow-up action is required. The open items discussed are listed below:

July 10, 2002 correspondence to Mr. William Withycombe, FAA Western Pacific Region:

Request for assistance with: missed approaches, loop departure, and increased altitude for BASET TWO and REEDR THREE. The FAA started implementation of the KWYET as a possible replacement of the LOOP but later dropped it due to a safety issue with 270 degrees turn. The FAA increased the altitude by 1000 feet for the two arrival procedures. The only open item is the missed approach at this time.

November 13, 2002 correspondence to Mr. William Withycombe, FAA Western Pacific Region:

Request for assistance with Monterey Park overflights. FAA representatives indicated that the only possible solution for this issue is to redesign the airspace.

May 21, 2003 correspondence to Mr. William Withycombe, FAA Western Pacific Region:

Request for the rerouting of aircraft departures away from the Palos Verdes Peninsula. FAA rerouted most jets and a majority of turboprop aircraft offshore from Palos Verdes (PV). Some turboprops heading to Ontario, Palm Springs and Orange County continue to fly over PV.

In addition, Mr. Chan commented that the JEDDD ONE procedure is expected to be implemented either February or April 2010.

Mr. Steve May announced that Mr. Walter White has been reassigned to Washington D.C. for a special project for a period of one year. Ms. Pat Anderson is stepping into Mr. White's position in the interim. She has worked with Mr. White for quite some time and is well positioned to hit the ground running. Mr. Tony DiBernardo is also on special assignment in Washington D.C. Both are expected to return to their Los Angeles positions when their assignments are completed.

February 11, 2004 correspondence to FAA, Air Traffic Division, Regional Office:

Request for revising the floor altitudes of the Class B airspace west of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. FAA did not make the requested change.

March 14, 2004 correspondence to Mr. William Withycombe, FAA Western Pacific Region:

Request for the development of RNAV procedures for turboprop departures to the east on north runways. This item is a work in progress as the FAA requires consensus among all affected communities prior to developing such procedures. At a meeting of the Roundtable in February 2005, consensus was not reached. Members wanted more information pertaining to the February 2005 meeting.

Action item: Mr. Chan to review February 2005 meeting minutes and report back to the Roundtable.

February 8, 2006 and September 7, 2006 Correspondences to Marion Blakey Administrator, FAA, Washington; February 11, 2009 correspondence to Ms. Lynne A. Osmus, FAA Acting Administrator:

Request the FAA restore the funding for the Southern California Airspace Redesign project. FAA responded, but did not indicate whether funding would be restored.

May 10, 2006 correspondence to Mr. Jim Ritchie, LAWA Deputy Executive Director:

Suggestion for new noise monitoring sites. LAWA has installed monitors to measure 60 CNEL but has not installed monitors at Palos Verdes and Monterey Park.

September 7, 2006 correspondence to Mr. Richard Coppenbarger, NASA:

Request for a presentation by NASA of the Oceanic Tailored Arrivals study at SFO. LAWA staff is in touch with NASA for a possible presentation to the Roundtable at the January 13, 2010 meeting.

March 19, 2007 correspondence to Marion Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Washington and May 1, 2007 correspondence to Congressional Representatives:

Provide support for the passage of the FAA Reauthorization Bill. Congress did not pass the Bill in 2007. The House reintroduced the Bill in early 2009 and subsequently passed the Bill in May 2009. The Bill is currently in the Senate for its review, discussion, and determination.

Action item: Close these correspondences.

May 1, 2007 correspondence to Mr. Samson Mengistu, Acting Executive Director, LAWA:

Request for specific capabilities in the new noise monitoring system to include: single noise event data, low-frequency noise data and portable noise monitoring. LAWA reported all the aforementioned features are included with the new noise monitoring system.

Action item: LAWA staff to report new system capabilities to Roundtable.

June 13, 2007 correspondence to Mayor Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles:

Request support in affecting compliance by Qantas Airlines with the Over Ocean Operations. No response from the Mayor's office. Chair Denny Schneider inquired whether this was the idea of requiring airlines to fill out a form when they deviate from procedure.

Action item: LAWA staff to review this issue and report back to the Roundtable for clarification.

March 11, 2009 correspondence to local Congressional Representatives, local cities and LA County 2nd District Supervisor:

Request for participation in the Roundtable. Mr. Chan indicated that he noticed some increase participation from congressional representatives since the letters were sent. Chairman Schneider indicated that he would like to continue encouraging participation from all jurisdictions.

August 4, 2009 correspondence to local cities, Congressional Districts 8 and 11, LA County 4th District Supervisor:

Request for financial support of the Roundtable. Three responses were received; none of them agreed to provide funding support.

Action item: Close this correspondence.

Member James O’Neil made a motion to have the correspondence log combined with the Roundtable Work Program. Chairman Schneider seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action item: Combine the correspondence log with the Work Plan.

4. Statistical Update on Aircraft In-Flight Procedures

Mr. Chan provided a PowerPoint presentation consisting of statistical information on the following aircraft in-flight operations:

- Early Turns
- Loop Departures
- East Departures
- Palos Verdes Overflights
- Short Turns
- Extended Downwind Approach
- Go-arounds

Member LaMar inquired on the number of missed Loop Departures as a result of FAA instruction. Mr. Tatro stated that he estimated a significant number of the missed Loop Departures is resulted from FAA instruction.

At the end of the presentation on East Departures, members inquired on the status of the LAX Part 161. Mr. Tatro responded that it is in progress, but was delayed about 18 months because of the difficulty in developing the forecast reports.

Chairman Schneider inquired on when Short Turns are occurring most of the time. Mr. Tatro stated that he believed most of the short turn operations are occurring during the off-peak hours.

Mr. Chairman Schneider also commented that the aircraft are quite low at Windsor Hills area since some properties in that area are almost at 1,000 feet in elevation. Mr. Chan indicated that he will provide a map with elevation information for the next presentation.

5. Status Update on Noise Monitoring System

Mr. Scott Tatro reported that LAWA has accepted the new system from the manufacturer, and has also submitted the required documentations to Caltrans for its review and approval. Caltrans requires various test results and other requirements of the system before granting its approval of the noise system. Caltrans has indicated to LAWA that it needs to conduct an analysis of certain noise monitoring sites before it can accept the system. LAWA anticipates that there will be no problem fulfilling this requirement.

LAWA staff is currently using the new monitoring system to produce many of the noise management reports, including but not limited to, noise complaints, east departures and runway use reports.

6. Roundtable Member Discussion

Member Jacobson presented an updated list containing contact information of the Roundtable members and asked the membership to review for completeness and accuracy. Chairman

Schneider wants to use this list for contacting representatives to encourage their participation on the Roundtable. The list was provided to Mr. Chan to distribute to the members.

Member Gary Parsons announced that this will be his final meeting at the Roundtable. He indicated he has recently been promoted at Boeing which requires him to work more hours. Therefore, he decided not to seek re-election for City Council.

Facilitator Gene Reindel announced that Denny Schneider is now serving as the Roundtable Chair due to the recent passing of John McTaggart. McTaggart's passing results in the withdrawal of his position of Chair. According to the by-laws "Upon withdrawal of the Chair, and until such time as a new election can be held, the Vice Chair shall serve as the Chair." Mr. Reindel recommended the Roundtable consider accepting nominations for the Chair and come prepared to the January meeting to elect a new Chair.

Member Cope offered to chair the Nominating Committee and made a motion to hold election for the Chair in January and, in the event Denny Schneider is elected Chair, she suggested to also elect a Vice Chair. The elected Chair and Vice Chair will serve the remaining current term through July 2010. Member Blake LaMar seconded the motion and the motion passed via unanimous vote.

As Nominating Committee Chair, Danna Cope requested and received the following nominations:

- Denny Schneider for Chair
- Beverly Ackerson for Vice Chair

Member Cope then informed the membership that the nomination process will remain open until the call to order of the January 13, 2010 meeting.

Member LaMar requested the FAA to investigate the two east departure operations that headed southbound from LAX. Steve May responded that he will look into it and report back.

7. Comments from the Public

No public comments.

8. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX.

The meeting was adjourned in Mr. McTaggart's honor at 8:41 p.m.