



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2016

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chairman, Westchester Neighbors Association
Carl Jacobson, Vice Chairman, City of El Segundo
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Dinesh Ghiya, City of La Habra Heights
Anthony Anderson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 8
Omar Pulido, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
JoAnn Williams, United Homeowners Association
Martin Rubin, North Westdale Neighborhood Association
Stephen Murray, City of Culver City
Teresa Real Sebastian, City of Monterey Park
Jim Withrow, City of Inglewood
Terry Boyle, Federal Aviation Administration
Scott Tatro, LAWA

LAWA and Consultant Staff

René Spencer, LAWA
David Chan, LAWA
Steve Alverson, Roundtable Facilitator

A quorum of the members was present.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the meeting format. Mr. Alverson indicated that the Roundtable meetings are facilitated in order to stay on topic and on schedule. He added that there would be a period for public comments and the Chairman may entertain questions from the audience as time permits.

2. Call to Order

Roundtable Chairman Denny Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. PDT in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX.

3. Comments from the Public

Chairman Schneider opened the public comment period and asked that speakers keep their remarks to two to three minutes in length.

A resident from Pacific Palisades indicated that aircraft are not following the SADDE SIX STAR, resulting in increased aircraft noise levels in Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica Canyon neighborhoods. He requested that the Roundtable meet with the FAA to discuss possible noise abatement measures that would help reduce noise for these communities.

A resident of Monterey Park indicated that LAWA's statistical reports on the Extended Downwind Arrival are helpful in understanding the overflight situation and requested that LAWA provide the statistical reports to Monterey Park on a monthly basis. She also suggested that the Roundtable urge Congress to include LAX as one of the study areas for the proposed health study relating to Metroplex projects as prescribed in "H.R. 5075 - Airplane Impacts Mitigation Act of 2016."

A resident of South Los Angeles expressed concern about the increasing number of aircraft overflights/noise levels and noted that he was outside of the CNEL 65 dB contours for the sound insulation program.

When there were no further comments, Chairman Schneider closed the public comment period.

4. Consideration of Scheduling an Additional Meeting for October 12, 2016

LAWA Staff member David Chan suggested that the Roundtable hold a special meeting on October 12, 2016 for the FAA to discuss the SoCal Metroplex project and its responses to the Roundtable's 2012 and 2015 letters in further detail, and to allow the members to clarify or inquire about the project. After the members briefly discussed the issue, Vice Chairman Jacobson's motion to hold a special meeting of the Roundtable in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom at LAX on October 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm for the FAA Metroplex discussion was seconded by Member Withrow and unanimously approved by the Roundtable.

Member Omar Pulido requested that Southern California TRACON Manager Barry Davis be asked to respond in writing to the Roundtable's request for an explanation of what had changed that resulted in the narrowing of the flight tracks on the North Downwind Arrival. FAA representative Terry Boyle said that he would pass the request along to Mr. Davis. Mr. Chan said that FAA will come to the next regular meeting of the Roundtable on November 9th to discuss the North Downwind Arrival.

5. Work Program A1 – Initial Review of Final Environmental Assessment for FAA SoCal Metroplex Project

Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson gave a presentation on the highlights of the Final Environmental Assessment for FAA's SoCal Metroplex Project, which received a Finding of No Significant Impact and Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD) on August 31, 2016. This determination will enable the FAA to begin implementation of new arrival and departure procedures in phases starting in November 2016 and continuing through April 2017. He reviewed a list of all of the procedures and their implementation dates. He also noted that the FAA modified several procedures in response to public comments and created an entirely

new STAR for use during Over-Ocean Operations at LAX. In addition, some procedures had received additional evaluation from FAA based on public input, but could not be changed due to airspace conflicts.

Mr. Alverson reviewed the FAA's response to the Roundtable's 2015 comment letter, which included a reference to the Roundtable's 2012 letter of noise abatement recommendations. He noted that the Special Roundtable meeting on October 12, 2016 would provide a good opportunity to hear additional details on the Metroplex project directly from the FAA.

Mr. Alverson's complete presentation on the Initial Review of Final Environmental Assessment for FAA SoCal Metroplex Project can be found at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

6. Analysis of LAX Operations near La Habra Heights

Mr. Chan reviewed the findings of an analysis that LAWA conducted in response to a Roundtable member's request to determine any changes in operations, flight routes and altitudes of aircraft flying near La Habra Heights. He noted that arrivals on the extended downwind arrival route do not overfly La Habra Heights and that the analysis is focused on LAX arrivals from the east and the south, and LAX departures. The findings of the analysis are included in the presentation.

Member Ghiya commented that the analysis doesn't explain why there is increased aircraft noise over La Habra Heights. LAWA representative Scott Tatro noted that the analysis showed that there have been increases in arrivals from the east and south (over Seal Beach VOR) and that the Runway Safety Area work of 2015 resulted in an increase in arrivals to the south runway complex, which places flight tracks closer to La Habra Heights. He also indicated that the aircraft fleet at LAX is larger and may be louder than the aircraft they are replacing.

The complete presentation related to the Analysis of LAX Operations near La Habra Heights can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

7. Work Program A7 – Review/Consider Monterey Park's Recommendations Regarding Aircraft Overflights

In response to a request from Monterey Park to consider several noise abatement recommendations, Mr. Alverson evaluated each of these recommendations and provided his independent assessment and suggestions for the Roundtable's consideration. These discussions are included in the presentation.

After reviewing Monterey Park recommendations, Mr. Alverson suggested the Roundtable discuss the merits of these recommendations and do one of the following:

- Take action on any one or all of them
- Take no action
- Defer taking action until after the Metroplex implementation

As the Roundtable did not take action on this matter, the item will be scheduled for further

discussion by the Roundtable members at a future Roundtable meeting.

The complete presentation related to the item “Review/Consider Monterey Park’s Recommendations Regarding Aircraft Overflights” can be found on the Roundtable webpage at <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

8. Status Update on Roundtable Facilitator Contract

Due to the length of Agenda Items 5, 6, and 7, the Status Update on Roundtable Facilitator Contract was postponed to a future meeting.

9. Statistical Update on Aircraft Operations

Due to the length of Agenda Items 5, 6, and 7, the statistical update on aircraft operations was postponed to a future meeting.

10. Aviation Noise News Update

Due to the length of Agenda Items 5, 6, and 7, the “Aviation Noise News” update was postponed to a future meeting.

11. Roundtable Member Discussion

Member Pulido requested that LAWA and the Roundtable submit a letter to the FAA requesting that the FAA explore possible noise abatement options for the communities that are affected by North Downwind Arrivals. Mr. Alverson noted that as this item was not on tonight’s agenda, and therefore, the Roundtable could not take action on Member Pulido’s request tonight. However, the item will be scheduled for discussion and consideration at a future Roundtable meeting.

Member Martin Rubin asked the Roundtable to consider submitting a letter to the FAA delineating how SMO operations negatively affect LAX operations. Mr. Alverson noted that as this item was not on tonight’s agenda, the Roundtable could not take action on Member Rubin’s request tonight. He noted this item would be scheduled for discussion and consideration at a future Roundtable meeting.

Member Stephen Murray requested that LAWA ask United Airlines to have a representative attend a future Roundtable meeting to present its plan on retrofitting its A-320 family of aircraft with vortex generators. Mr. Alverson noted that LAWA has already reached out to United Airlines to request the presentation at a future Roundtable meeting.

Member Teresa Real Sebastian requested that LAWA consider providing the presentation materials to Roundtable members prior to the meeting for review. Mr. Tatro said that LAWA makes an effort to send out presentation materials ahead of the meetings, but in some cases, the presentation materials are not completed until the day of the meeting.

12. Formal Action Items

The Roundtable approved holding a special meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 for the FAA to discuss the SoCal Metroplex Project and to expand on its response to the Roundtable recommendations pertaining to the Project.

13. Adjournment

LAWA staff member Chan noted that the next regular Roundtable meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 and a Special Roundtable meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. Chairman Schneider adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm PDT.