



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025

The Roundtable meeting was conducted virtually via video conference using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chair, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion
Jeff Moskin, 1st Vice Chair, Raintree Condo and Townhouse Association
Fred Puza, City of Culver City
Trey Grogan, City of Los Angeles-CD 11
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Curt Bouton, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Brad Vanderhoof, West Hills Neighborhood Council
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Dan Yeung, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present

Carl Stallone – Spirit Airlines
Glenn Morse – United Airlines

FAA Present

None

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

David Chan, Roundtable Secretary, LAWA
Karen Chebatoris, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA
Elizabeth Hernandez, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Roundtable Facilitator, HMMH
Timothy Middleton, Scribe, HMMH

Guest Speakers

Chris Walker & Sjohnna Knack, San Diego International Airport

A quorum of the members was present at 1:36 pm.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator as needed. General public comment was invited as scheduled on Agenda Item 3.

2. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Identification of Those Present

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:36 p.m. The Chair welcomed the attendees. A quorum of Roundtable membership was present.

3. Comments from the Public

The facilitator asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments from the public were received.

4. Reappointment of At-Large Members for Another Two-Year Term

The Roundtable Secretary, David Chan, introduced Elizabeth Hernandez from LAWA to proceed with the Roundtable membership reappointment process. Six community group organizations requested to continue their membership, which include Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, Raintree Condo & Townhouse Association, San Gabriel COG, United Homeowners Association, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, and West Hills Neighborhood Council. North Westdale Neighborhood Association did not submit a membership renewal request and Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council will request renewal in July 2025. The Roundtable approved membership reappointment for the six community organizations mentioned above.

5. Report from Technical Working Group

On behalf of Jeff Moskin, the Technical Working Group (TWG) Chair, the Facilitator, Gene Reindel, provided a report from the TWG, which met twice since the last Roundtable meeting: January 23 and February 27. In January, two action items were closed. The first item was related to aircraft landing on the south complex and taxiing to the north and vice versa. The second item was related to moving the north downwind arrival flight path to over the I-10 Freeway which was deemed infeasible by the FAA. Also, at the January TWG meeting, LAWA reported results of two aircraft operations on the LADYJ departure procedure and requested more recent flights to analyze.

At the February meeting, the TWG members watched an FAA YouTube video on the Established on RNP tool, which is currently installed at LAX and is capable of merging downwind arrivals with straight-in arrivals of aircraft on the RNP procedures as shown for San Diego International Airport in the video. The TWG requests the FAA to better utilize this tool at LAX as it should help keep aircraft at or above 6,000 feet at DAHJR which the Roundtable has been promoting since the implementation of the Metroplex. It may also reduce overflights over Monterey Park.

The FAA's absence from recent meetings is noted, affecting progress on open action items. The TWG will continue to schedule monthly meetings but will cancel them if there are no updates or FAA's attendance.

Roundtable member discussion ensued, particularly around the FAA absence at the meetings and the disappointment with the infeasible determination by the FAA related to potentially moving the downwind arrival path to align better with the I-10 Freeway.

6. Discussion/Consideration of requesting FAA's continuing participation and support of LAX Roundtable

The Chair, Denny Schneider, recommended that the Roundtable write a letter to send to the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Duffy requesting FAA continued participation and support of the Roundtable given their lack of attendance at the last two TWG meetings and the March full Roundtable meeting.

Roundtable member discussion ensued with ideas for items to include in the letter prior to approving the Chair to write and send such a letter, on behalf of the Roundtable, as requested.

Dan Yeung stated that LAWA continues to be in communication with the FAA.

7. Briefing on UC Davis Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium

Jon Loewenberg, from the LAX Area Advisory Committee, provided an update to the Roundtable on the recent UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium held in Las Vegas last month. Jon mentioned that Gene Reindel received the Walt Gillfillan Award, which recognizes exemplary achievements and contributions in noise mitigation. The symposium included presentations on success stories from San Francisco and Santa Cruz, and discussed notable developments in noise and emissions. There was also a discussion on the Schultz Curve and the national curve from the FAA's Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES) regarding the number of people highly annoyed by aircraft noise exposure. Denny noted that Robert Nemeth and Karen Chebatoris also attended the symposium. Denny acknowledged Gene's achievement and found the presentations on Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) informative.

8. Briefing on San Diego Airport Noise Advisory Committee

Chris Walker, the Manager of Aircraft Noise at San Diego International Airport (SAN), provided an overview of their Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC). Established by the Airport Board in 1981, ANAC serves as an advisory body to identify and analyze community concerns related to aircraft noise, recommend solutions, and ensure public dissemination of noise data. ANAC consists of 11 community groups, 7 business stakeholders with voting rights, and 8 ex-officio members, including elected officials, the FAA, and an acoustician. The committee's meetings, facilitated by a professional facilitator, are limited to two hours per quarter. ANAC contributed recommendations for the latest update of the SAN Noise Compatibility Program. Additionally, ANAC proposed 20 aircraft procedure changes for the Metroplex, of which two were approved and implemented by the FAA.

Roundtable questions and discussion ensued.

9. Aviation Noise News

Gene provided an update on current FAA initiatives, including progress on the FAA Noise Policy review. The FAA has established the federal Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee, which will be involved with the noise policy review and will invite interested participants to apply for membership through a Federal Register notice. Additionally, there is a potential lifting of the ban on overland supersonic transport flights. Further updates included noise abatement measures from the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) Noise Compatibility Program, which recommended dispersing departure flight paths. A video was shown on the London Heathrow Respite Program, which aims to reduce noise in communities by reallocating operations away from specific runways. Lastly, EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) announced their assessment of artificial intelligence to enhance safer and more sustainable aviation operations.

Roundtable Member Discussion

Robert Nemeth had two items for discussion: 1) he acknowledged that the Roundtable is fortunate to have Gene assisting the Roundtable with his knowledge and experienced as recognized by the Award he received at the UC Davis Symposium, and 2) he commended Jon's summary of the UC Davis Symposium. Denny discussed the statistical update that was provided to Roundtable membership.

10. Review of Roundtable Formal Action Items

The Facilitator reviewed the formal actions.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.