

LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 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 Jim Withrow, City of Inglewood Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles-CD 10 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 Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Dan Yeung, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present

Carl Stallone – Spirit Airlines Glenn Morse – United Airlines Ashley Zayed – United Airlines Maximilian Weilbach - Aerologic

FAA Present

Larri Frelow, Community Engagement Officer

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

Karen Chebatoris, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA David Chan & Elizabeth Hernandez, LAWA Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH Doreen Stockdale, Scribe, HMMH

Guest Speakers

Winston Cannicle, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

A quorum of the members was present at 1:40 pm.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:40 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 1:41 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. Discussion/Consideration of Reducing Meeting Frequencies

Gene Reindel discussed a proposal to shift from a bi-monthly to a quarterly meeting schedule, prompted by a recurring lack of substantive content and limited FAA participation in recent months. Several meetings had been canceled or held with minimal updates, particularly on ongoing issues like the North Downwind. It was noted that the FAA had also been absent from Technical Working Group meetings, further slowing progress. The suggestion to move to quarterly meetings was framed as a way to ensure more meaningful discussions while maintaining momentum. Participants emphasized the importance of retaining the ability to call special meetings, as needed, and preserving the existing budget to support such flexibility. There was general agreement that quarterly meetings, supplemented by special sessions when necessary, would better align with the pace of developments and practices at other roundtables. The group also acknowledged the need to revise the Bylaws to reflect this change and ensure continued responsiveness to emerging issues. The Roundtable unanimously approved meeting quarterly, specifically in February, May, August, and November.

5. Briefing on Fort Lauderdale Airport Noise Abatement Committee

Winston Cannicle, Environmental Manager with the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), presented an overview of the structure and organization of the Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC). The ANAC was formed in 1992 by the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) and serves as a collaborative forum for addressing aircraft noise concerns affecting surrounding neighborhoods. The committee includes representatives from both the community and the aviation industry, and it meets quarterly to discuss noise-related issues and provide recommendations to BCAD. Over the years, ANAC has contributed to several key reports and initiatives, including signage for noise abatement and feedback on FAA procedures. Despite its advisory role, the committee faces challenges such as limited influence over FAA-controlled flight paths and reduced airline participation. Looking ahead, ANAC plans to revise its charter, introduce term limits, and restructure membership to be more jurisdiction-based, aligning with recommendations from the FLL Part 150 Update.

6. Review/Approval of Updated Roundtable Work Program

The Secretary reviewed the updates of the Roundtable Work Program over the past year. The Roundtable unanimously approved the updates to the Work Program as presented by the Secretary with the caveat that the Roundtable complete a more comprehensive review and potential update to the Work Program over the next few Roundtable meetings.

7. Update on KYLOW and STHBY Departure Procedures

David Chan, from LAWA, presented the implementation status of two modified departure procedures known as STHBY & KYLOW at LAX. These procedures were introduced by the FAA in late 2022 to address safety concerns related to head-to-head traffic during Over-Ocean Operations. Initially, LAWA raised concerns about potential increases in early turns over El Segundo and the possibility of southbound departures flying closer to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Throughout 2023, LAWA and the FAA collaborated to refine the procedures to mitigate these issues. The final designs were presented to the LAX Roundtable in January 2024, published in July 2024, and implemented in December 2024. A comparison of flight tracks before and after implementation showed a significant 77% reduction in early turns over El Segundo during nighttime hours, indicating a successful outcome in addressing community noise concerns.

8. Aviation Noise News

Gene presented aviation noise news. The presentation provided updates on aviation noise and regulatory developments. It highlighted the evolving application of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), emphasizing continued compliance amid regulatory shifts. It introduced the proposed Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act of 2025 (H.R. 1484), which seeks updated health impact studies related to air traffic. A key legal case in Colorado reaffirmed federal preemption over local aircraft regulations. In response to community concerns, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport launched its first Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning study. The FAA revised RNAV departure procedures at Van Nuys Airport, showing early signs of reduced noise complaints. Lastly, the FAA extended the public comment period on a proposal to limit access to certain aircraft registration data, drawing mixed reactions from stakeholders.

9. Roundtable Member Discussion

This is the opportunity to raise new issues, or to bring up outstanding items that need resolution. Henry Lo asked if a FAA tool, already installed at the tower and used for managing airspace through EoR (Established on RNP), could be added as an agenda item. The group had previously requested, as early as February, that the FAA report on the tool's capabilities and its use at LAX. It was suggested that the FAA should present this information at the full Roundtable meeting rather than just the Technical Working Group, so that the members could better understand the tool and explore ways to improve its use. If the FAA fails to respond by the next meeting, the members may consider drafting a letter requesting a timeline.

10. Review of Roundtable Formal Action Items

The Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the two formal action items.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.