



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2020

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Roundtable meeting was conducted via video conference using the Web Ex platform.

Roundtable Members Present

Denny Schneider, Chair, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion
Jeff Moskin, 1st Vice Chair, Raintree Condo & Townhouse Association
Goran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Stacey Armato, City of Hermosa Beach
Jeff Camp, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10
Yvonne Yiu, City of Monterey Park
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Blake Lamar, City of Rancho Palos Verdes Estates
Jim Robilotta, 360 at Southbay HOA
Martin Rubin, North Westdale Neighborhood Association
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House of Representatives – 37th District
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

FAA

Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator
John Nelson, District Manager for Operations
Sky Laron, Community Engagement Officer

Airlines

United Airlines - Glenn Morse, Jon Russell, and Alison Kehrer

LAWA and Consultant Staff

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Esteban Moledo, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH
Mariano Sarrate, Scribe, HMMH

A quorum of the members was present.

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:30 pm. The meeting was conducted similar to in-person meetings with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. The public was provided with a phone number to provide public comment. General public comment was invited as scheduled on agenda item 3. The Facilitator reminded Roundtable members to remain muted unless they are trying to speak and to use the raise hand or chat features of WebEx to alert the Facilitator that they have something to contribute during the meeting.

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

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments at this time or throughout the entire meeting of the Roundtable as there were no such requests through the phone number provided.

4. Discussion/Consideration of submitting a letter to FAA endorsing U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities resolutions regarding supersonic aircraft noise certification standard, lowering the 65 DNL/CNEL threshold and using alternative metrics to DNL/CNEL

After the Chair introduced the agenda item, the Roundtable approved a motion to submit such a letter to the FAA without further discussion.

5. Work Program C1 – Briefing on Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) Community Roundtable

As part of the efforts to communicate with other airport/community roundtables across the country, the Facilitator invited and introduced Kurt Wiesenberger, CLT Roundtable Vice Chair, to share information regarding the CLT Roundtable. Mr. Wiesenberger provided a historical summary, processes used, and ultimately the final slate of recommendations submitted to the FAA to address community noise concerns related to the implementation of the Metroplex at CLT.

Mr. Wiesenberger also shared some lessons learned, including the need to engage elected officials and the general community, and the importance of a stable membership/leadership. Kurt then opened it up for dialogue with the Roundtable members. Through this discussion, it was clear that the CLT Roundtable was dealing with some of the same issues as the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable.

6. Conversation with United Airlines on Aircraft Noise

Glenn Morse from United Airlines participated in a Q&A session with Roundtable members regarding aircraft noise. Mr. Morse provided the Roundtable with an airline and pilot perspective to addressing aircraft noise issues in communities near airports, which he has done for the majority of his long career in the airline industry, whether in Part 150 “Airport Noise Compatibility Planning” studies or in the design and implementation of NextGen aircraft procedures. In closing, Mr. Morse suggested the organizational structure of the roundtables should include air carriers as a stakeholder/member position to foster cooperation and viable solutions for mitigating aircraft noise.

7. Report from LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee

Metroplex Ad-Hoc Committee Member, Jeff Camp, provided a brief update on the altitude trends for the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints located along the north downwind arrival route into LAX and the Committee’s efforts in working with the FAA to keep aircraft at or above the minimum altitude for DAHJR, specifically between 1:00 and 5:00 am. There has been no significant change since the last Roundtable meeting. The Committee requested data from LAWA to determine the number of flights that would use the Quiet Skies LA Option B flight path, which would come over Ontario, CA to join the existing approach paths from the east.

8. Update on LAX Noise Variance

LAWA provided an update on the LAX Noise Variance and explained how LAX is subject to the California Airport Noise Standard regulation. LAWA has to apply for a variance from the State of California since LAX was deemed a ‘noise problem’ airport with existing incompatible residential land use located within the 65 dB CNEL contour.

LAWA was granted a new 3-year variance in August of 2020. The new variance includes the continuation of existing conditions as well as adopting new conditions. One of the new conditions included updating the Preferential Runway Use Report.

As requested at the meeting, LAWA agreed to consider posting the updated Noise Variance on the LAWA website.

9. Roundtable Member Discussion

Roundtable Member, Martin Rubin, expressed his disappointment regarding the lack of discussion on aircraft emissions and air quality issues at this forum.

10. Review of Roundtable Action Items

Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal action taken during this meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.