



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

Recap of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2021

*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  
Richard Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, City of Manhattan Beach  
Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City  
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo  
Olivia Valentine, City of Hawthorne  
Stacey Armato, City of Hermosa Beach  
Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10  
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11  
Yvonne Yiu, City of Monterey Park  
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates  
Jim Robilotta, 360 at South Bay HOA  
Allen Wu, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
John Arnold, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council  
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House Representative – 37th District  
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

### **FAA**

John Nelson, Asst. General Manager L.A. District  
Ivan Gutierrez, Community Engagement Officer

### **Airlines**

Alaska Airlines – Lynae Craig

### **LAWA and Consultant Staff**

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA  
René Spencer, Environmental Supervisor, 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.

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

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum announced.

## **3. Comments from the Public**

A representative from Quiet Skies Woodland Hills commented that she noticed an uptick in aircraft noise in her area. She attributed the noise to LAX LADYJ departures and Burbank arrivals. She requested that the Roundtable consider adding this item to the agenda for discussion. She added that she is waiting for radar flight track data she requested from LAWA and has been performing research on this issue.

A City of Inglewood resident stated he is a recipient of LAX's sound insulation program but still is experiencing noise from low level flights over his home.

Two other callers made public comments during agenda item 5.

## **4. Consideration/Approval of Membership Request from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments as At-Large Member**

Roundtable Secretary, David Chan, presented a Roundtable membership request from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for Roundtable's consideration. SGVCOG's representative is Alan Wu and its alternate is Keith Eich.

The Chair initiated the approval process via vote. The motion to approve the membership request was passed by acclamation.

Alan Wu stated that he is also a councilmember for the City of Walnut and a member of another organization. He hopes to work with the Roundtable to alleviate aircraft noise issues in the San Gabriel Valley.

## **5. Report from LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee**

Metroplex Ad Hoc Chair, Geoff Thompson, provided an 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 of 6,000' for DAHJR, specifically between 1:00 and 5:00 am. It was noted that there has been no significant change since the last Roundtable meeting. Similarly, there has been no significant change in the percentage of aircraft flying above and below the minimum altitude at DAHJR during pre-pandemic and post-pandemic time periods.

Geoff Thompson summarized the Ad Hoc meeting's discussion with Spirit and United regarding FAA and airlines' responsibilities for aircraft flying at minimum altitudes at the DAHJR and GADDO waypoints.

Geoff Thompson then provided an update on the proposal development of the Quiet Skies LA Option B alternative north downwind arrival route. A draft proposal of

Option B is currently under development that will include additional details that were not considered in the original proposal, which was presented to the Roundtable last year. He stressed that the proposal will not proceed without first addressing potentially impacted communities' questions. He also stated that the proposal is not intended to propose unrealistic changes to the local airspace. Also, submitting the proposal to the FAA will not mean that it will be implemented right away. It will likely require further analysis by the FAA.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. The Chair commented that the RNP procedures are being utilized at a very low level. Lynae Craig of Alaska Airlines expressed that her airline is supportive of using RNP procedures. Geoff Thompson reiterated that the FAA states RNP implementation is difficult in the LAX airspace. Members then discussed TSAS, schedule, and other requirements for the FAA to implement RNP procedures at LAX.

Roundtable member, John Arnold, commented that the presentation was very helpful and is looking forward to the proposal development/mitigation strategies.

Roundtable member, Henry Lo, asked about the width of the flight dispersion area for Option B. No flight dispersion area width has been defined in the current proposal.

A public commenter from Quiet Skies LA thanked Geoff for his presentation. She claimed that the FAA is a government organization that is protecting airline profits over the community impacts from Next-Gen flight paths.

A public commenter from Woodland Hills has noticed many flights in his area over the past few months. He is interested in learning more about flights affecting his area and ways to reduce them.

## **6. Presentation from Spirit Airlines on Noise Abatement and Flight Operation**

This presentation was deferred as the presenter was unable to attend this meeting. It is expected that this presentation will occur at the July meeting of the Roundtable.

## **7. Review/Approval of Updated Roundtable Work Program**

Secretary, David Chan, reviewed the updates to the Roundtable Work Program that documented activities and actions over the past year.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. The Chair asked whether the 360 at South Bay noise study is satisfactory. The Secretary said that LAWA is looking into an inquiry about the recent noise measurement data provided to the 360 at South Bay group.

The Chair initiated a vote to accept the updates to the Roundtable Work Program document. The vote passed by acclamation with no objections.

## **8. Roundtable Member Discussion**

Roundtable member, Geoff Thompson, requested that the next meeting occur on July 14<sup>th</sup> rather than July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Chair implemented the schedule change as no objections were voiced. The next Roundtable meeting will occur on July 14, 2021.

The Chair had an experience on a Delta flight where perceived noise levels raised in the cabin when the aircraft may have accelerated, and vice versa. The Chair asked the Facilitator about this experience and a potential correlation to the results from the MIT study on aircraft speed. The Facilitator commented that the lower thrust settings may reduce noise. Another Roundtable member attributed the noise to the aircraft's air conditioning unit. The Alaska Airlines representative stated that the adjustment of the aircraft speed is necessary to allow for spacing and sequencing.

Roundtable member, Henry Lo, asked about noise monitor installation in Monterey Park. LAWA representative, Kathryn Pantoja, replied that LAWA had conducted temporary noise measurement there in the past and may consider doing so again when aircraft operations recover from the pandemic.

## **9. Review of Roundtable Action Items**

Roundtable Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.