



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022

In conformity with the Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)3 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
Mayra Guevara, City of Los Angeles – Council District 10
Geoff Thompson, City of Los Angeles – Council District 11
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Blake LaMar, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
Jim Robilotta, 360 at Southbay HOA
JoAnn Williams, United Homeowners Association
John Arnold, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council
Jacqueline Hamilton, U.S. House Representative – 37th District
Myrl Schreibman, West Hills Neighborhood Council
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

FAA Present

Faviola Garcia, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator
Joseph Bert, FAA
Michael Wilson, Community Engagement Officer

Airlines Present

Spirit Airlines – Carl Stallone
United Airlines – Alison Kehrer
AeroLogic Airlines – Maximilian Weilbach

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Rene Spencer, LAWA
Esteban Moledo, Virtual Meeting Host, LAWA

Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH
Doreen Stockdale, Asst. Facilitator, HMMH
Vincent Ma, 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 1:37 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 1:43 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

A resident from the San Fernando Valley said that LAWA should not interfere with the LADYJ route assessment process. She also expressed concerns about LAWA's noise comment submittal process and the noise comment summary reports.

A resident from Los Angeles commented about the residential sound proofing eligibility for his home. He would like to know how eligibility is determined and why his home did not qualify as it is 10 steps away from the contour. Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA representative, would follow up and provide further information.

A resident from West Adams said she believes that NextGen was created to get more planes into the airport and now more of these planes are coming in at low altitudes over her community. She would like LAWA to get FAA or TRACON to explain why the planes are coming in so low.

A resident from the San Fernando Valley wanted to know what action was being taken on agenda item 6 (Request for Clarification on FAA Process/Timeline for Roundtable Proposed Flight Procedures). She advocated for the FAA process and did not want LAWA to have any influence. She also mentioned that San Fernando Valley residents have been negatively affected by BUR, VNY and LAX air traffic and would like a noise roundtable for the San Fernando Valley.

4. Consideration/Approval of Membership Request from West Hills Neighborhood Council as At-Large Member

David Chan, Secretary, informed the Roundtable that West Hills Neighborhood Council has requested membership on the Roundtable as an At-Large Member. The Secretary noted Brad Vanderhoof as the proposed member representative, with Myrl Schreibman as the alternate. Mr. Schreibman was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.

The Roundtable unanimously approved the membership request of West Hills Neighborhood Council as an At-Large member. The Chair welcomed Myrl Schreibman and West Hills Neighborhood Council to the Roundtable.

5. Determination to Continue Holding Virtual Roundtable Meetings under Assembly Bill 361

The Facilitator requested the Roundtable vote to continue holding virtual roundtable meetings under Assembly Bill 361, and to schedule two special meetings on April 13, 2022 and May

11, 2022 at 1:30 pm, prior to the regular May 2022 meeting of the Roundtable. After discussion, the majority of the membership approved this determination with one opposition.

6. Request for Clarification on FAA Process/Timeline for Roundtable Proposed Flight Procedures

The Facilitator informed the Roundtable that the purpose of this item is to make a formal request of FAA to provide clarification of the process for proposals of flight procedures from the Roundtable including a timeline of progress throughout the process. Faviola Garcia from the FAA confirmed that the FAA can provide such information at a future meeting. The Roundtable unanimously approved this request.

7. Update on LADYJ Modification Proposal

Alternate member, Timi Romolini, provided an update on the LADYJ modification proposal. Timi explained that the update to the LADYJ modification proposal includes an alternative route in addition to the originally-proposed route. This alternative route modifies only a segment (between LADYJ and OROSZ waypoints) of the LADYJ SID back to the CASTA departure route with the intent of maintaining the route efficiency while providing noise relief for residential communities in the San Fernando Valley. The rest of the LADYJ procedure would remain the same as it currently exists today.

She stated the impact to Malibu would remain unchanged from the current situation by using this alternative, but conversely, if the FAA goes with the entire original CASTA, tracks will be restored over the western portion of Malibu as they were historically. Timi said Malibu has not expressed concern or interest over the proposal.

Timi said that she reviewed historical tracks to ensure that it was feasible to follow the historical route and not expose new communities.

Myrl Schreiber, new alternate member, expressed concern that the proposal could move flights closer to the main part of West Hills and increase fuel/distance. Timi responded that the proposal restores historical tracks and moves the tracks away from West Hills.

Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA, asked to confirm that that the City of Malibu doesn't have interest in the proposal as Malibu has expressed concerns in the past. Malibu is aware that their community is affected and is likely interested, noting that the altitude where the flight path now crosses on the east is a bit lower than it used to be when it crossed on the west.

Timi confirmed she spoke with Malibu City Council and their former mayor about the proposal as well as attorneys. She said she wanted to be 100% transparent with all parties.

The Chair noted that evaluations are continuing and hopefully the Roundtable will receive an update in one of the upcoming Roundtable meetings.

Timi, asked to reach a consensus that the Roundtable is okay with submitting this LADYJ alternative to the FAA so that they can move forward with either option. The Roundtable approved the request for the FAA to move forward with either option with three abstentions.

8. Discussion on JUUSE Waypoint Relocation Request to FAA

Geoff Thompson provided an update on the JUUSE waypoint relocation request. He noted that JUUSE is a waypoint over the ocean and a major waypoint of 3 arrival routes that merge

together for approach into LAX. The request is to relocate the JUUSE waypoint farther off the coast, more to the south and west, which could reduce noise due to echoing in the canyons. He noted that the Roundtable submitted this request to the FAA more than 2 years ago, but was delayed due to the City of LA litigation. Now that the litigation has wrapped up, he expects that the FAA will update the Roundtable on their request to relocate the JUUSE waypoint by May 2022. It was determined that no action was needed as the FAA is currently reviewing the request.

9. Update from Chair of LAX Metroplex/Wide Area Ad Hoc Committee

As the Chair of the Metroplex Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Thompson provided an update on the work that has been done by the Ad Hoc Committee. He presented a high-level overview of the north downwind issues, noting various flight paths of the North Downwind Arrivals and the large percentages of flights flying below the published altitude at DAHJR. A reduction of overall flights occurred in the December timeframe due to Omicron, but the percentages of low altitude crossing remain the same when compared to past presentations. 40% of flights coming in over DAHJR are not at the published altitude.

The JUUSE waypoint relocation is one of the submissions to improve north downwind arrivals as discussed earlier.

The second submission asked FAA to evaluate 'Option B', originally developed by Quiet Skies, that proposes to reduce the number of aircraft using the north downwind arrival flight paths by using routes farther to the east. This proposal would allow 31% of flights on the north downwind to take the Option B route. The FAA anticipates completing preliminary assessment in the next few months and will present results possibly as soon as the July 2022 Roundtable meeting.

The third submission is a modification to LADYJ, for which FAA expects to complete assessment and have preliminary findings by the July Roundtable meeting.

Alternate member Henry Lo asked what will happen in July when FAA comes back, and what are next steps with FAA. Geoff responded that the preliminary assessment will say whether it's possibly viable or not. If is not viable, the process ends there. If it is, any changes will go through a deliberate process of implementation if and when changes are approved.

Faviola Garcia, FAA, confirmed that for all of the procedure change requests submitted by the Roundtable, the FAA is conducting preliminary assessments for what each new proposed procedure might look like and how and where communities might be affected by the changes for each of the procedures. There will be a preliminary environmental review and viability assessment of the flight procedures. All three requests are in that stage.

10. Update on LAX Noise Monitoring System Replacement Project

Kathryn Pantoja, LAWA, provided an update on the NOMS replacement project, which is expected to be complete in June 2022. There are two major components to the upgrade: hardware replacement and software upgrade. Equipment replacement is complete at 24 noise monitoring terminals, while one site in El Segundo is being fully replaced, and one site in Inglewood is being relocated. A total of 14 sites were decommissioned that were well outside

the 65 dB contour and not required by California Code of Regulations Title 21. The ANOMS software upgrade was completed in January 2022.

11. Roundtable Member Discussion

Timi asked LAWA to explore options to make hybrid meetings possible because a virtual option allows the public to listen and participate in an easier fashion. Goran noted that for members, a hybrid option was not really possible due to the Brown Act, according to which virtual locations have to be listed in the agenda and available for the public to visit and submit comments at those locations. Members then briefly discussed the meeting location, parking situation, alternative option, etc.

12. Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm. The special meetings are scheduled at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 and Wednesday, May 11, 2022 with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 1:30 pm.