



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

Recap of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024

*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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Raintree Condo and Townhouse Association  
Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City  
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee  
Trey Grogan, City of Los Angeles – CD 11  
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park  
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Blake Lamar, City of Palos Verdes Estates  
Keith Eich, San Gabriel Valley COG  
Curt Bouton, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council  
Brad Vanderhoof, West Hills Neighborhood Council  
Timi Romolini, Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council  
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles World Airports

### **Airlines Present**

Lynae Craig, Alaska Airlines  
Alison Kehrer & Glenn Morse – United Airlines  
Carl Stallone – Spirit Airlines

### **FAA Present**

Larri Frelow, FAA Community Engagement Officer  
Carlette Young, Supervisor Senior Advisor  
Adam Scholten, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Moifair Chin, Regional Ombudsmen

### **LAWA and Consultant Staff Present**

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA  
James Hensley & Sandy Lee, Virtual Meeting Hosts, LAWA  
Dan Yeung & Karen Chebatoris LAWA  
Gene Reindel, Facilitator, HMMH  
Mariano Sarrate, Scribe, HMMH

### **Guest Speakers**

Matthew Friedman – CalTrans

***A quorum of the members was present at 1:34 pm.***

## **1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format**

Welcoming of the Roundtable membership and the public occurred at 1:36 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. General public comment was invited as scheduled on Agenda Item 3. Details of the public comment process were discussed.

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

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair welcomed the attendees. A quorum was announced.

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

Dianna Lawrence, a resident of Los Angeles, stated she has been experiencing loud and low flights over her home for the last 8 years. Concerns were raised over the introduction of air taxis, air traffic from the upcoming Los Angeles Olympics, and the effectiveness of the Roundtable at solving these issues.

## **4. Update on FAA Noise Policy Review**

Adam Scholten, FAA, updated the Roundtable on the status of the FAA Noise Policy Review process. The update included general information on the federal register notice, the comment review process, preliminary statistics, and next steps. The public comment period of the Noise Policy Review ended on September 29, 2023. The FAA is currently in the process of reviewing comments received which involves categorization and analysis of 4,857 unique comments. The comments will aid in the policy deliberations phase of the FAA process. The FAA will post updates on the Noise Policy Review process on its website.

Membership discussion ensued. Members asked the FAA about the timeline and schedule of the review process. The FAA stated they were unable to provide specific timeline and schedule.

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

The Secretary reviewed the updates of the Roundtable Work Program that included activities and actions that occurred over the past year. In addition to the regular updates, he recommended removing the A320 vortex generators item from the Work Program since airlines using the A320 have completed their retrofit programs. The Secretary entertained a motion to approve the updated work program with the removal of the A320 vortex generators item and the inclusion of an additional notation for the LADYJ departure modification work item to state as of April 2024 the FAA is reviewing the procedure. The Roundtable unanimously approved, by acclamation, the updated Work Program.

## **6. Update on FAA Reauthorization Bill**

The Facilitator updated the Roundtable on the status of the FAA reauthorization bill. On May 15, 2024, the House of Representatives approved the Senate version of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 and sent it to the President for signature. Details of the legislation and provisions of interest to the Roundtable were presented.

## **7. Investigating & Guiding Outcomes for Advanced Air Mobility**

Matthew Friedman, Caltrans, presented an investigation and analysis on Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) to the Roundtable. AAM includes aircraft that are powered by electricity or

alternate fuel sources and feature vertical takeoff and landing technology. A few models are currently in operation and going through the FAA's flight worthiness certification process. Details of the structure and implementation of Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) were shared. Implementation strategies of AAM vehicles using current airport infrastructure was discussed. It was noted that the introduction of AAM aircraft will increase electric power consumption, noise, and air traffic while providing a new mode of transportation. A case study on potential vertiport placements, in 3 different cities in California, was shared. The existing guidance in the Airport Land Use Planning Handbook is inadequate for AAM implementation. Current work on improving and updating planning guidance related to AAM is underway via FAA, NASA, non-profit groups, and private researchers.

Roundtable member discussion ensued regarding AAM fire safety and battery disposal.

## **8. Report from Technical Working Group**

The Facilitator shared the progress of the Technical Working Group (TWG) in lieu of Jeff Moskin's absence during this agenda item. To date the focus of the TWG has been addressing the community concerns with the north downwind arrivals into LAX.

Roundtable member discussion ensued.

## **9. Roundtable Member Discussion**

Robert Ackerman discussed the implementation of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and requested that more AAM manufacturers present their aircraft to the Roundtable.

Timi Romilini inquired about her previous request regarding a presentation from LAWA on Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) usage at LAX. Gene noted that the presentation is being considered and will be scheduled for a future meeting.

## **10. Review of Roundtable Formal Action Items**

The Facilitator reviewed the single action item with the Roundtable.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.