



LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2023

The Roundtable meeting was conducted virtually 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
Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
Carl Jacobson, City of El Segundo
Dean Francois, City of Hermosa Beach
Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park
Jacob Burman, City of Los Angeles Council District 11
Rick Mullen, City of Malibu
Robert Nemeth, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Danna Cope, LAX Area Advisory Committee
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
Kathryn Pantoja, Los Angeles World Airports

Airlines Present

Alaska Airlines – Lynae Craig
United Airlines – Alison Kehrler

FAA Present

Faviola Garcia, Deputy Regional Administrator, Western-Pacific Region
Larri Frelow, FAA Community Engagement Officer

LAWA and Consultant Staff Present

David Chan, Secretary, LAWA
Dan Yeung, LAWA
Hensley James, 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 1:34 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually with the Chair running the meeting with assistance from the Facilitator. The public was provided with a phone number for 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 1:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and a quorum announced.

3. Comments from the Public

A resident of West Adams spoke about low flights over his home.

A resident of the City of Los Angeles inquired about getting involved with the Roundtable efforts.

A resident of Inglewood spoke about the LAX noise contours by his home.

4. Acknowledgement of City of Malibu as a New Roundtable Member

David Chan, Roundtable Secretary, acknowledged the City of Malibu as a new Roundtable member with Rick Mullen serving as the delegate and Rob DuBoux as the alternate.

5. Briefing on UC Davis Airport Noise and Emissions Symposium

John Wahlert from LAX AAC provided a briefing of key topics discussed at the UC Davis Airport Noise and Emissions Symposium. He covered the current FAA Civil Aviation Noise Policy review, which encompasses potentially new metrics and noise thresholds. He noted that the noise review will not change any current or existing flight procedures and noise exposure maps. He also discussed aircraft fuel and environmental sustainability.

6. Discussion/Consideration of Submitting Comments on FAA's Noise Policy Review

The Facilitator explained that the FAA's Federal Register Notice seeks public input on the FAA's review of the Civil Aviation Noise Policy to the Roundtable. Background and supplementary information pertaining to the noise policy review was discussed. Similar to what was stated in the previous agenda item, the FAA's review will include potential revisions to noise metrics and thresholds. The FAA is soliciting the public for input on the review process by providing questions they would like answered along with available research in 11 categories. The comment period deadline was set for July 31, 2023.

The Facilitator stated there were two Roundtable workplan items that pertain to subjects of the FAA's review. The Facilitator recommended that the Roundtable submit comments as a body and that the members may also submit comments as individuals.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. The Chair requested that the comments should address general noise issues and not the specific details of a flight track or flight procedures. It was requested that all comments should be submitted to the Secretary, David Chan, by June 15, 2023. The draft LAX Roundtable comment letter to the FAA regarding their review of the Civil Aviation Noise Policy will be included as an agenda item for the next Roundtable meeting. The members supported this recommendation from the Facilitator.

7. Status Update on the New LAX Departure Procedures (KYLOW, STHBY)

Larri Frelow, FAA Community Engagement Officer, provided a status update on the new LAX departure procedures known as KYLOW and STHBY to the Roundtable. She indicated that input and coordination with So Cal TRACON regarding LAWA's suggested changes to procedures to minimize noise are needed before moving to the next steps. The FAA will brief the Roundtable when further progress has been completed.

8. Update on LAX Preferential Runway Use Report

Justin Cook, ESA consultant to LAWA, summarized the updated preferential runway use report. Background information that relates to noise mitigation procedures at LAX was discussed. It was noted that preferential runway use is a form of noise mitigation at LAX by utilizing the two inboard runways for departures and the two outboard runways for arrivals in most cases. The new report includes updates to descriptions and quantifies effectiveness of the preferential runway use policy. Statistics regarding preferential runway use compliance were shared. Improvements to outreach and monitoring for the preferential runway use policy were recommended. Recommendations for operational measures to improve preferential runway use were also provided.

Roundtable discussion ensued.

9. Alaska Airlines' Noise Reduction Efforts

Lynae Craig, Alaska Airlines representative, provided an overview of Alaska Airlines' ongoing operating procedures at LAX, fleet mix and destinations, and safety and sustainability efforts. She also reviewed noise abatement efforts.

Roundtable member discussion ensued. A member inquired about the ban on RNAV visual approaches. Another member inquired about the possibility of using DARRK instead of LADYJ procedure that would have aircraft remain over the ocean longer during nighttime hours. Lynae will check with Alaska Airlines technical pilots and report back to the Roundtable members.

10. Report from Technical Working Group

Jeff Moskin, 1st Vice Chair, provided an update on the progress of the various efforts of the Technical Working Group. Jeff expressed his happiness with the productiveness of the group. He noted that the inability to implement visual RNAV procedures for north downwind arrivals poses an issue to the goal of higher altitudes of north downwind arrivals.

11. Roundtable Member Discussion

Robert Nemeth inquired about the upcoming meeting of the Technical Working Group in regard to the new procedures KYLOW and STHBY. The FAA will brief LAWA and the Technical Working Group when there is further progress to report.

The Secretary noted it would be great to obtain RNP statistics for all air carriers. Lynae Craig said she will share an FAA reference for RNP statistics.

The Chair notified the Roundtable of an upcoming seminar on EVTOLS (electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles) and recommended that members attend this seminar.

Rick Mullen, the new member from the City of Malibu, shared gratitude and excitement to work with the Roundtable.

12. Review of Roundtable Action Items

The Facilitator reviewed the formal actions and member requests.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 1:30 pm and will be held virtually.