



February 8, 2006

Ms. Marion C. Blakey, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Ms. Blakey:

The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) was formed in September 2000 as a follow-up to the work of the FAA's Southern California Task Force. It is a voluntary organization based on letters of intent from several local cities, selected members of the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the FAA Western-Pacific Region, the airline industry, several local community groups and two congressional offices. Since the formation of the Roundtable, support by the FAA has been an essential element of the work of the Roundtable. The efforts of FAA staff have allowed the Roundtable members to seek opportunities to mitigate aircraft noise in the communities impacted by the noise of aircraft operations at LAX.

At our January 2006 meeting we learned that funding for the eagerly anticipated Southern California Airspace Redesign Project (Project) has been eliminated due to budget reductions in the FAA. It is the understanding of the Roundtable's members that withdrawal of this funding will limit work on the Project to the initial web site design phase only. The membership of the Roundtable directed me to send this letter to you requesting reinstatement of funding for the Project, and that funding be continued through to Project completion.

The Roundtable has identified several items of our current Work Program that could experience noise relief if the Project is allowed to continue through to completion. These items are:

- Arrivals to the north runways at LAX being extend eastward during certain time periods that cause noise disturbances due to low over flights of the City of Monterey Park (Item I.2);
- Over-water LAX departures by turbo-prop aircraft that cause noise disturbances due to over flights of the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Item III.2); and
- Jet departures from Long Beach Airport (LGB) that cause noise disturbances as they over-fly the several cities of the South Bay (Item VI.3).

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I would also like to recognize and commend the continuing work of FAA staff in the support of the Roundtable. Specifically I would like to commend and thank FAA Western Pacific Region Administrator William Withycombe, and the several members of Regional Air Traffic Operations who have ably represented the FAA on the Roundtable since its inception.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. Please address your reply to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, attn. Robert Holden.

Yours very truly,



John McTaggart, Chair

Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable  
Representing Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Congressman Dana Rhorabacher  
Congresswoman Maxine Waters  
Congresswoman Jane Harman  
Congresswoman Dianne Watson  
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Mr. John McTaggart  
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Dear Mr. McTaggart:

Thank you for your letter regarding Southern California airspace redesign. We have been involved in this effort for many years and the funds that have been expended have shown significant savings in system efficiency and safety improvements in the Los Angeles area.

Please be assured that we will continually monitor our fiscal resources and changing economic conditions. If national budgetary priorities change and any fiscal resources are restored, we will return immediately to our list of delayed/canceled projects to make another determination of priorities.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NBK".

Nancy B. Kalinowski  
Director, System Operations Airspace and Aeronautical Information Management  
Air Traffic Organization