



January 19, 2011

Mr. Michael R. Salamone
Manager, Airport Cooperative Research Program
Keck Center of the National Academies
Transportation Research Board
500 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Focus Area for ACRP Fiscal Year 2012 Program

Dear Mr. Salamone:

The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) is an organization that consists of several participating governmental entities, elected officials, community groups, the airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Los Angeles World Airports. These parties work together to identify noise issues affecting communities surrounding LAX and to seek feasible solutions to reduce noise over those affected communities.

The Roundtable acknowledges that the Oversight Committee of the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) is currently accepting suggestions for the focus area of the fiscal year 2012 program and that the focus area intends to draw specific attention to an airport-functional area that either has not been adequately addressed in ACRP research or is currently or will soon be facing significant challenges.

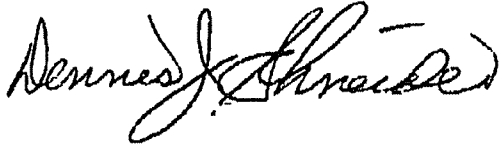
The Roundtable members would like to take this opportunity to suggest that the ACRP Oversight Committee focus its research on finding ways to reduce noise impacts around airports. Aircraft noise currently adversely affects the daily lives of many people residing and working in the vicinity of airports and constitutes a major negative impact on the quality of life in communities nearby. As aircraft operations continue to grow, aircraft noise will continue to be a serious problem for these communities. Furthermore, the Airport Noise and Capacity Act prevented all airport proprietors from issuing new rules to restrict noisy aircraft from operating at their airports. As a result, we must rely on research and technological advancement to find new and innovative ways to reduce noise from aircraft operations. We are optimistic that the ACRP research work will provide information that is supportive in that effort and urge the ACRP Oversight Committee to focus its research on this particular subject.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our interest. Please forward this letter to all members of the ACRP Oversight Committee for their consideration. If you wish to contact us for further information, please address your correspondence to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o

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Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216,
Attention: Kathryn Pantoja.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Denny Schneider, Chairman
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable