



December 29, 2017

Mr. Dennis Roberts
Regional Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Western-Pacific Region AWP-1
15000 Aviation Blvd.
Lawndale, CA 90261

Re: **Invitation to Attend January 10, 2018 and subsequent LAX/Community Noise Roundtable Meetings**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The LAX/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) extends an invitation to FAA representatives to attend the January 10, 2018 and future Roundtable meetings to discuss air traffic control practices, procedure design processes, and LAX aircraft noise issues.

The FAA has asked the Roundtable to function as the group to receive complaints and to then prioritize discussions and suggest resolutions for FAA action. The Roundtable cannot, however, function without the tools necessary to provide relevant, insightful questions and suggestions. A FAA representative from the LAX Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) attends most of our meetings, but more extensive process and procedure briefings from the other FAA functional areas such as TRACON and flight path design groups are needed before we address actions related to our specific issues.

Therefore, the Roundtable respectfully requests your assistance in arranging for FAA representatives from the Southern California TRACON, the LAX ATCT, and the Route and Procedure Design Team to attend 2018 Roundtable meetings. Previous requests for attendance have been met with FAA notice that because of mediations being held to resolve several local lawsuits, the FAA cannot attend and discuss specific Southern California Metroplex Project (Metroplex) procedures. Your initial attendance in January can provide general procedural and requirement education. We expect that the mediations should be complete before the March meeting so that you can then address specific topics. Therefore, process and procedure education of the Roundtable can begin in January without addressing specific procedure waypoints and other Metroplex details.

Roundtable members need this more extensive, detailed knowledge of FAA process requirements and activities concerning how aircraft movement between airports is controlled. LAX operations affect not only residents in proximity to LAX but also include those as distant as 40 miles from the airport. LAX is receiving aircraft noise complaints from record numbers of residents affected by LAX operations since Metroplex implementation.

Roundtable Members recognize that air safety is the number one task for FAA air traffic controllers who may vector aircraft off published procedures by assigning different route and/or altitudes when necessary to maintain safe aircraft separation. It would be helpful if Roundtable

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Members gain a better understanding of these situations and the factors controllers consider to initiate vector control. In addition, the Roundtable wishes to explore ways to improve aircraft's adherence to prescribed attitude restrictions, and possibly increase the minimum altitude criteria in the procedures mentioned below.

The Roundtable has formed an Ad Hoc committee to address aircraft noise issues. Your attendance will facilitate hearing the first report from this committee. Regarding LAX aircraft noise, Roundtable Members continue to be interested in RNAV arrival procedures at waypoints HULLL, IRNMN, and RYDRR that were implemented in April 2017 under Metroplex. These procedures appear to have a minimum altitude requirement of 6,000 ft. at waypoint DAHJR and a proposed minimum altitude restriction of 6,000 ft. at waypoint GADDO. Review of flight track data since April 2017 indicates most aircraft are flying below the minimum altitudes at both waypoints.

The upcoming Roundtable meetings are scheduled for January 10, 2018, and March 14, 2018. Meetings start at 7 PM and are held in the Samuel Greenberg Board Room at LAX, 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please notify the Roundtable of FAA's availability to attend by contacting me or LAWA staff Ms. Kathryn Pantoja at (424) 646-6501 or Mr. Kendrick Okuda at (424) 646-7357 who are assisting with Roundtable meeting coordination. The Roundtable mailing address information is LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn: Kathryn Pantoja.

The Roundtable is a voluntary and independent body formed in 2000 with membership of local elected officials and staff, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the airlines, the FAA, and LAWA who work together to seek feasible solutions to reduce noise over those affected communities. The position stated in this letter is the opinion of the majority of the Roundtable Membership and is not the official position of any specific member.

Sincerely,



Denny Schneider, Chairman
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

cc: Senator Diane Feinstein
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