



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

### **REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002 LAWA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOS ANGELES, CA**

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Meeting convened at 7:08 p.m.

#### Roundtable Members Present:

John McTaggart, Chairman, Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Mike Cassidy City of Hermosa Beach, Alternate  
Amy Ho, City of Monterey Park  
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee  
Mark Tellier, FAA  
Bob Holden representing Roger Johnson, LAWA  
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the general announcement that Mr. Carl Burleson of the FAA is not in attendance so that agenda item is not necessary tonight. There were also two representatives of the San Francisco Airport (SFO)/Community Roundtable, Mr. Dave Carbone and Cynthia Gibbs in attendance to observe the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF JULY 2001 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the July 11, 2001 meeting minutes are approved as written.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REORGANIZATION OF ROUNDTABLE SUBCOMMITTEES

There are currently vacancies in the Chairs of two Roundtable Subcommittees, the Noise Subcommittee and the Policy & Legislative Subcommittee (P&LS). Roy Hefner resigned his Chairmanship of the Noise Subcommittee at the November 2001 meeting, and Meryt McGindley has left Ruth Galanter's office and has resigned her Chair of the P&LS.

Bob Holden gave a brief background on why this item is on the agenda. Due to the two vacancies mentioned above, and the fact that the two area specific subcommittees have

never met and are duplicative, LAWA is recommending the North Side and South Side subcommittees be disbanded, the Noise Subcommittee and Flight Track Data Subcommittee (FTDS) be combined into a Technical Subcommittee and the P&LS remain as is. LAWA's position is that as a result of the post-Sept. 11th financial and staffing problems of the Department, LAWA can provide a higher degree of service to the full Roundtable and two subcommittees as opposed to the five existing subcommittees. After discussion it was decided that the North Side and South Side Subcommittees be suspended, the FTDS and P&LS be classified as ad hoc subcommittees which will meet when they need to consider an issue, and the Noise Subcommittee be made into a standing subcommittee. It is also suggested that the Chairpersons of the subcommittees should be elected officials.

The issue of Roundtable by-laws was raised and discussed. Roy Hefner and Bob Holden of LAWA will get together and finalize the proposed by-laws and submit them to the Roundtable at its next meeting for consideration and action.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORKPLAN

LAWA staff handed out two reports regarding east departures during Over Ocean Operations (OOO), and an updated in-flight procedures compliance report. Walt Gilfillan stated that these reports need a cover memo referencing the specific Workplan Item number and various summations of the data. A general discussion of the problem of east departures during OOO followed and how best to eliminate them. The FAA's representative Mark Tellier stated that the primary consideration for that agency is operational safety, and that a pilot-in-command has the absolute authority to request an east departure at any time, even during daytime hours when the airport is in Westerly Operations. The FAA must grant that departure if it safe to do so. The airport can only try to meet with the airlines and attempt to obtain a voluntary agreement to cease the east departures, or it must prepare and to submit to the FAA for approval a comprehensive and costly study known as a Part 161 Study. LAWA estimates that such a study would take about 5 years and cost around \$5 to \$6 million, and there are no guarantees that the FAA will approve the study. LAWA had started the Part 161 process last summer but the post-Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> financial condition of LAWA put the project on hold.

Walt Gilfillan then led a discussion of the need for reprioritizing the Workplan in light of LAWA's staffing shortage. He also stated that the Roundtable has accomplished a lot of the Workplan to date including the CAEP-5 (Stage 4 aircraft) letter, letters taking a position on two federal bills, the FAA Noise Policy letter, the work of the FTDS, and the low frequency noise issue. The Roundtable approved a reprioritization of the Workplan at a future meeting.

### DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ROUNDTABLE MEETING SCHEDULE

There was a discussion of future the future meeting schedule. Roy Hefner would like the Roundtable meetings held monthly. Other members wanted to keep the meeting schedule as is, every other month. Bob Holden of LAWA stated that due to numerous other commitments LAWA would have a great deal of difficulty in supporting monthly Roundtable meetings, the various subcommittee meetings and the commitments at the

other airports. It was decided to keep the meeting schedule as is and revisit the subject at a future date.

FTDS Chairmen Mike Cassidy announced that the next meeting of the subcommittee will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 in either the LAWA Board Room or the Board Briefing Room.

#### ROUNDTABLE MEMBER DISCUSSION

It was announced that the LAX Noise Complaint Form is now online on LAWA's website.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

One public member commented that all the cc's on the letters regarding S633 and HR2107 were not the ones requested.

One public member commented that she had not received any complaint summaries for several months. The LAWA Noise Management representative stated that they were still investigating complaints from October 2001.

One public member requested that Walt Gilfillan be retained as the Roundtable facilitator. The LAWA Representative stated that his contract has been renewed and he will remain with the Roundtable. His contract is the only non-Safety/Security related consultant that has been retained by LAWA showing the commitment of LAWA's Executive Director has made to the Roundtable.

One public member commented about the turns by aircraft over Westchester during East Operations, and aircraft sitting north/south on the 24's waiting to depart.

One public member who lives in the Palms corridor commented about the altitude of LAX arrivals to the north complex over this area has gotten lower.

One public member inquired about flight tracks on the internet.

One public member commented on the compliance rate of the Loop Departure and how it's gotten worse after Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Roundtable meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Samuel Greenberg Board Room in the LAWA Administration Building.