

**AIRPORT / COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE
MEETING NO. 250 OVERVIEW
Wednesday, December 6, 2006**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Richard Newman, Roundtable Vice-Chairperson and C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Airport/Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:05 p.m. in the David Chetcuti Community Room, at the Millbrae City Hall in Millbrae, California. Dave Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator, called the roll. A quorum (at least 12 Regular Members) was present, as follows:

Regular Members Present

Jack Barry, City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office Representative
Mike McCarron, City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission (Alternate)
Richard Newman, C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC) and Vice-Chairperson
Jerry Carlson, Town of Atherton
Bill Dickenson, City of Belmont
Sepi Richardson, City of Brisbane
Russ Cohen, City of Burlingame
Judith Christensen, City of Daly City
Naomi Patridge, City of Half Moon Bay
Linda Larson, City of Millbrae
Sue Digre, City of Pacifica
Steve Toben, Town of Portola Valley
Alicia Aguirre, City of Redwood City
Ken Ibarra, City of San Bruno
Matt Grocott, City of San Carlos
John Lee, City of San Mateo
Mark Addiego, City of South San Francisco

Regular Members Absent

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Vacant)
County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors
City of Foster City
Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park
Town of Woodside

Advisory Members Present

Scott Cooper, Flight Operations Supervisor, United Airlines
Joe Rodriguez, FAA Airports District Office
Sean Cullinane, SFO Air Traffic Control Tower

Roundtable Staff / Consultants

Dave Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator
Connie Shields, Roundtable Administrative Assistant
Walter Gillfillan, Roundtable Project Manager / Consultant

San Francisco International Airport Staff
Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager
David Ong, Noise Abatement Systems Manager
Richard Flaa, Noise Abatement Specialist

Richard Newman thanked Connie Shields and her husband, Steve Shields, for providing the refreshments and setting up the holiday refreshment table.

2. Public Comment of Items Not on the Agenda

None

3. Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Review of Airport Director's Report for October 2006**
- b. **Review of Roundtable Meeting Overview for November 2006**
- c. **Review of Correspondence / Informational Items for December 2006**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

NONE

ACTION: Sepi Richardson **MOVED** approval of Consent Agenda items 3.a. – 3.c. The motion was **SECONDED** by John Lee and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Consideration / Approval of Resolutions to Honor a Representative and an Alternate for their Service on the Roundtable

- a. **Res. No. 06-01: Lee Duboc, Roundtable Representative, City of Menlo Park**
- b. **Res. No. 06-02: Nicholas Jellins, Roundtable Alternate, City of Menlo Park**

Comments / Questions / Concerns:

- Neither recipient was present at the meeting
- Lee Duboc and Nicholas Jellins were both thanked for their service and contributions to the Roundtable

ACTION: Linda Larson **MOVED** approval of Agenda items 4.a. – 4.b. The motion was **SECONDED** by Sepi Richardson and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

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5. Monthly Airport Director's Report

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- John Martin was not present, because he was attending a meeting with the Mayor, Representatives of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, and delegates from Vietnam Airlines
- Vietnam Airlines will be starting service to the United States and they are considering SFO and LAX for the location of their U.S. operations
- The SOIA / PRM Approach to Runways 28 has been in operation for over two years
- The Airport is working with the FAA and United Airlines to reduce the SOIA / PRM minimum approach altitude from 2100 feet to 1600 feet to establish a more efficient approach procedure
- The efforts of the Noise Abatement Office Staff have been successful and the SOIA / PRM minimum altitude should be reduced to 1600 feet in the near future
- The Noise Abatement Office Staff have been working with NASA Staff, regarding additional testing of the Tailored Oceanic Arrivals
- Portable noise monitoring is being done in the City of Belmont, the City of San Carlos, and the Town of Hillsborough
- Noise Office Staff, John Martin, and Mike McCarron recently met with Senior Management and Chief Pilots from both Qantas Airlines and Cathay Pacific Airlines to discuss their participation in the Fly Quiet Program and, in particular, their Gap Departure scores
- Although changes have been made in an attempt to improve their scores, the modifications have not resulted in a significant amount of change
- The process of reinstating the noise monitor in the City of Pacifica is progressing and should result in a monitor being up and running shortly
- The Airport has received funds from the FAA for Phase II of the Noise Monitoring System and is currently finalizing the contract extension with the vendor
- Phase II will include a Ground Run-up Detection System and software upgrades that will allow the Noise Office Staff to determine more specific noise impact areas
- The Noise Office Staff will also be updating the Noise Exposure Map
- The Noise Exposure Map plots current noise and estimates noise levels 5 years into the future

6. Roundtable Work Program Items:

- a. **Update on the Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC) Efforts to Evaluate Alternatives to New Runways at San Francisco International Airport, Oakland International Airport, and Mineta San Jose International Airport**

Comments / Questions / Concerns:

- A presentation regarding this topic was given by Doug Kimsey, Planning Director, **M**etropolitan **T**ransportation **C**ommission (MTC)

- Due to the expense of building new runways, at the three major air carrier airports in the Bay Area, the **Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC)** has requested that other alternatives to address future air traffic demand be examined
- The work program adopted by RAPC in July of 2006 will be carried out over the next three years
- The work program is two fold: 1) to engage a regional discussion of alternatives to meet future air passenger and cargo demands and 2) to identify the most promising options that would be subject to more in-depth study
- A series of expert panel presentations will be held over the next nine (9) months:
 1. January 26, 2007 – An expert panel discussion on air traffic forecasting
 2. February 23, 2007 – An expert panel discussion on new technology
 3. April 27, 2007 – An expert panel discussion on demand management
 4. June 22, 2007 – An expert panel to review institutional arrangements and governance mechanisms for a Bay Area regional airport system
- Public forums will be conducted after the series of expert panels to allow the public to give their input on some of these topics
- Expert panel discussions will most likely not suggest diverting air cargo to other places because cargo has specific destinations
- Further information about the RAPC work program and schedule for this study can be found at www.mtc.ca.gov or www.bcdc.ca.gov

b. Update on Noise Related FAA Regulations and Programs

Comments / Questions / Concerns:

- Research Efforts Include Studies Conducted By:
 1. FAA Center of Excellence – known as the **Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction (PARTNER)**
 2. **Transportation Research Board (TRB)–Airport Cooperative Research Project (ACRP)**
 3. MIT / Cambridge University / Aerospace Industries
- Legislation Includes:
 1. Vision 100 – Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (passed by Congress in 2003)
- Applications:
 1. Stage 4 Noise Certification Requirements
 2. Clarification of the **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
 3. Airports Environmental Handbook – FAA Order 5050.4B
 4. NASA – Oceanic Tailored Arrival into SFO
- The Roundtable has communicated with the FAA on several of these topics
- Roundtable staff / consultants will continue to monitor these efforts and provide additional information to the Roundtable when it becomes available

c. Review of Bay Area Airspace Revisions / Changes, re: Noise Implications Status

Comments / Questions / Concerns:

- Currently there are no proposed changes to Bay Area Airspace that would have aircraft noise implications in the environs of San Francisco International Airport

d. Update of FAA Center of Excellence – PARTNER (Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction) Activities

Comments / Questions / Concerns:

- PARTNER is currently conducting 18 research projects
- Of the 18 projects five focus on aircraft noise reduction:
 1. Low Frequency Noise Study
 2. Measurements, Metrics, and Health Effects of Noise
 3. Land Use Management and Airport Controls
 4. Sonic Boom Mitigation
 5. NoiseQuest
- In addition to Roundtable participation there are two other groups that are on the advisory board representing airport noise impacted communities
 1. The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission
 2. The Palisades Citizens Association
- Further information regarding PARTNER can be found at: www.partner.aero
- Staff will continue to update the Roundtable on PARTNER activities as more information becomes available.

7. Member Communications/Announcements

Comments/Questions/Concerns:

- The Roundtable will not meet in January 2007
- The next Roundtable scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2007

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm. After the meeting was adjourned, the attendees enjoyed the holiday refreshment provided by Connie and Steve Shields.