

**AIRPORT / COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE  
 MEETING NO. 255 OVERVIEW  
 Wednesday, October 3, 2007**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

Mark Church, County of San Mateo Supervisor and Roundtable Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Airport/Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:10 p.m. in the David Chetcuti Community Room, at the Millbrae City Hall in Millbrae, California. David F. Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator, called the roll. A quorum (at least 12 Regular Members) was present, as follows:

**Regular Members Present**

**John Martin**, City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission  
**Mark Church**, County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors / Chairperson  
**Jack Barry**, City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office Representative  
**Richard Newman**, C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC) / Vice-Chairperson  
**Sepi Richardson**, City of Brisbane  
**Russ Cohen**, City of Burlingame  
**Linda Koelling**, City of Foster City  
**Naomi Patridge**, City of Half Moon Bay  
**Christine Krolik**, Town of Hillsborough  
**Andrew Cohen**, City of Menlo Park  
**Linda Larson**, City of Millbrae  
**Sue Digre**, City of Pacifica  
**Steve Toben**, Town of Portola Valley  
**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  
**Ron Romines**, Town of Woodside

**Regular Members Absent**

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Vacant)  
 Town of Atherton  
 City of Belmont  
 City of Daly City  
 City of Redwood City

**Advisory Members Present**

Scott Cooper, Flight Operations Supervisor, United Airlines  
 Joe Rodriguez, FAA Airports District Office (ADO)

**Roundtable Staff / Consultants**

David F. Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator  
 Heather R. Hoshii, Assistant Roundtable Coordinator / Consultant  
 Walter Gillfillan, Roundtable Project Manager / Consultant  
 Connie Shields, Roundtable Administrative Assistant

**San Francisco International Airport Staff**

Mike McCarron, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs  
 Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager  
 David Ong, Noise Abatement Systems Manager  
 Dia Wynn, Senior Noise Abatement Specialist  
 Richard Flaa, Noise Abatement Specialist

**2. Public Comment of Items Not on the Agenda**

NONE

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Review of Airport Director's Report for May 2007
- b. Review of Airport Director's Report for June 2007
- c. Review of Airport Director's Report for July 2007
- d. Review of Airport Director's Report for August 2007
- e. Review of Roundtable Meeting Overview for June 6, 2007
- f. Review of Correspondence / Informational Items for July/August/September/October 2007

Comments / Concerns / Questions: NONE

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**4. Monthly Airport Director's Report**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- The Airport experienced strong passenger growth of approximately 10% in the month of August
- Growth is due to the newly fueled competition brought on by the addition of Virgin America and Southwest Airlines
- The additional traffic is good from a noise point of view because the aircraft are new and therefore quieter
- Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 0940 the new Airbus-A380 will arrive at SFO; it is scheduled to depart on Friday, October 5, 2007 at 1430
- Airport Staff will be getting noise measurements of the A380
- SFO will be the first airport to record substantial noise measurements of the A380
- The Blue Angels will be in town for Fleet Week starting on Thursday, October 4, 2007

**5. Review / Approval / Presentation of Resolution No. 07-10 Honoring San Francisco International Airport on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operations in San Mateo County**

Comments / Concerns / Questions: NONE

**ACTION:** Richard Newman **MOVED** approval of Resolution No. 07-10 honoring San Francisco International Airport on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of operations in San Mateo County. The motion was **SECONDED** by Steve Toben and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Roundtable adjourned for a 15 minute refreshment break to honor SFO on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Attendees enjoyed the refreshment provided by Connie and Steve Shields

## **6. Review / Approval of Amended 2007 – 2008 Work Program**

Comments / Concerns / Questions: NONE

**ACTION:** Christine Krolik **MOVED** approval of the Amended 2007-2008 Roundtable Work Program. The motion was **SECONDED** by Russ Cohen and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **7. 2006 – 2007 Roundtable Work Program Items:**

### **a. Status of Noise Monitoring Site Locations**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- The installation of new noise monitors has been in the process over the last 13 months
- The largest hurdle during this process has been getting power to the sites
- The installation should be completed by October 31, 2007 at the following sites: 1-San Bruno, 6-South San Francisco, 14-South San Francisco, 19-Pacifica, 29-San Mateo
- Phase II will be done by June 2008 and will include the following sites: 7-Brisbane, 8-Millbrae, 13-Hillsborough
- Each site installation costs approximately \$30,0000

### **b. Fly Quiet Program Quarterly Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- During the reporting period April 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007 there were heavy Runway 28/28 operations (aircraft arriving and departing on Runways 28)
- There was early morning and evening fog for much of the reporting period
- The overall the Fly Quiet Program summary score was down 0.18
- The Fleet Quality average score was down slightly as a result of some airlines bringing in noisier aircraft
- The Exceedance score was down because of the additional aircraft flying Gap Departures as a result of the Runway 28/28 operations
- The Nighttime Runway Use average score was down 1.7 again due to the additional aircraft flying Gap Departures
- The Shoreline average score was up 0.64
- The Gap Departure average score was up 0.5
- The Foster City Arrival average score was down 0.2
- Weather played a large part in the lower scores
- Both Cathay Pacific and Qantas Airline scores were up considerably
- Korean Air recently spoke with airport staff regarding how to improve its Fly Quiet Program scores

**c. Semi-annual Report on the Crossing Altitude of Oceanic Arrivals at the Woodside VOR**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- Most of the aircraft included in the Oceanic Arrivals at the Woodside VOR Semi-annual Report approach the airport via the following route: Briny Intersection, over the Woodside VOR at 8,000 feet and into SFO
- Due to the inaccuracies of radar the FAA only guarantees altitude readings +/- 300 feet
- For purposes of this report any aircraft crossing the Woodside VOR at or above 7,700 feet is considered to be at the desired 8,000 foot altitude
- This report only includes Oceanic Arrivals crossing the Woodside VOR during the hours of 10:30 pm to 6:30 am
- From August 2006 – August 2007 there was only one month in which more than 25 Oceanic Arrivals crossed the Woodside VOR below 7,700 feet between the hours of 10:30 pm to 6:30
- The average altitude of SFO Oceanic Arrivals over the Woodside VOR during all hours of the day for the time period August 2006 – August 2007 ranged from just above 7,400 feet to just below 7,700 feet
- Due to the volume of traffic Air Traffic Controllers at the Northern California TRACON (Terminal Radar Approach Control) can not promise that all Oceanic Arrivals over the Woodside VOR during hours outside of 10:30 pm to 6:30 a.m. will be within the desired altitude range
- There continues to be some disagreement regarding the Woodside VOR crossing altitude guidelines set in 1998-2000
- New aircraft operations from Southwest and jetBlue will not directly affect the Oceanic Arrival issue, as they do not currently fly to destinations that would require them to bring aircraft from over the ocean, cross the Woodside VOR, and proceed into SFO
- Noise Office Staff was thanked for their continued efforts and excellent quality of data crunching they provide the Roundtable
- A request was made to look into the possibility of noise balancing
- A suggestion was made to address the question "Have Flight Tracks Shifted?"
- An addition to the Roundtable Work Program was suggested – A Historical Review of Flight Tracks

**d. Review of Roundtable Chronological List of Accomplishments**

Comments / Concerns / Questions: NONE

**e. Status Report on the FAA Reauthorization Bill**

Comments / Concerns / Questions: NONE

**f. Status of Effort to Update the Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan (CLUP) for the Environs of San Francisco International Airport**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- The **C**ity/**C**ounty **A**ssociation of **G**overnments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) Board of Directors serves as the designated airport/land use commission for the county

- C/CAG is responsible for preparing a comprehensive airport land use plan update for the environs of each airport in the county, including San Francisco International Airport, San Carlos Airport, and Half Moon Bay Airport
- C/CAG received the first federal grant in the country to fund an update of the airport land use plan for the environs of the San Francisco International Airport
- The airport land use plan is required to address the following: 1) safety concerns, 2) height of structures/airspace protection, and 3) airport/aircraft noise impacts
- The Roundtable will be briefed on the airport land use plan update process and in particular the Roundtable will be asked to comment on the airport/aircraft noise impacts portion of the plan
- The process should take approximately 18 - 20 months to complete

**g. Review / Approval of Roundtable FY 2007 – 2008 Budget**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- The overall Roundtable budget has decreased for FY 2007-2008, due to a reduction in funding from the San Francisco Airport Commission
- The Roundtable has reduced its meeting schedule from 10 meetings per year to 6 meetings per year
- The proposed expenditures for FY 2007-2008 are very similar to last years figures
- The funding for the Media Program and the Fly Quiet Video Project was not spent in FY 2006-2007 and therefore, both the projects and the funding has been carried over into FY 2007-2008
- The San Francisco Airport Commission provided \$125,000.00 in funding for FY 2007-2008
- The funding for the Roundtable Coordinator is for reimbursement to the County of San Mateo County for a Senior Planner to provide part-time support to the Roundtable
- Part-time support is approximately half or 50%
- A request to further or better quantify the amount of time the Roundtable Coordinator spends working for the Roundtable vs. the County was requested
- A concern was expressed regarding approving a budget for FY 2007-2008 when a quarter of the FY has already passed
- The budget would have been presented at the August meeting however the August meeting was cancelled
- Due to San Mateo County accounting procedures the figures from the previous budget year are not available until after the completion of the previous fiscal year or sometime after the first of July and the Roundtable budget can not be prepared until all the figures from the previous fiscal year are received
- A request to see a draft proposed budget with estimated figures prior to the beginning of the fiscal year was made
- A draft budget can be brought to the Roundtable in June for review and for action during the following monthly meeting in August
- A request to further define the functions, tasks and responsibilities of the Roundtable Coordinator was made; those staff duties would be used for informational purposes and would not be used as a tool to obtain more funding
- A suggestion to meet privately with the Roundtable Coordinator was made to those who expressed concerns regarding the clarification of the Roundtable Coordinator's duties

- A concern was expressed with regards to the Roundtable Coordinator position and lack of demonstrated value of the position commensurate with the budget being proposed
- The Roundtable meeting schedule has been cut in half and the current Work Program does not seem to facilitate the need for the analytical skills of a Senior Planner
- When the Roundtable was first developed and the group's undertakings were much greater perhaps the need for staffing was there, however, it is possible that inertia has set in and the Roundtable should take a look at the value the Roundtable is getting for the money it is proposing to spend
- The Roundtable can amend the budget at anytime

**ACTION:** Christine Krolik **MOVED** approval of the Roundtable FY 2007 – 2008 Budget. The motion was **SECONDED** by Richard Newman. Steve Toben **voted No**. The motion was **CARRIED, by a vote of 17 to 1**.

## **8. Member Communications / Announcements**

Comments / Concerns / Questions:

- October 19, 2007 the Oakland Noise Forum is holding a "Noise 101" workshop

## **9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.