

**Airport / Community Roundtable  
Meeting No. 268 Overview  
Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Declaration of Quorum Present**

Mark Church, County of San Mateo Supervisor and Roundtable Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Airport/Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:08 PM, in the David Chetcuti Community Room at Millbrae City Hall. Steve R. Alverson, Roundtable Coordinator called the roll. A quorum (at least 12 Regular Members) was present as follows:

**Regular Members Present**

**Julian C. L. Chang**, City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office  
Representative

**John L. Martin**, City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission

**Mark Church**, County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors/**Roundtable  
Chairperson**

**Richard Newman**, C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC)/**Roundtable Vice-  
Chairperson**

**Coralin Feierbach**, City of Belmont

**Michael Brownrigg**, City of Burlingame

**David Canepa**, City of Daly City

**Art Kiesel**, City of Foster City

**Naomi Patridge**, City of Half Moon Bay

**Jay Benton**, Town of Hillsborough (Alternate)

**Marge Colapietro**, City of Millbrae (Alternate)

**Sue Digre**, City of Pacifica

**Steve Toben**, Town of Portola Valley

**Jeffrey Gee**, City of Redwood City

**Ken Ibarra**, City of San Bruno

**Omar Ahmad**, City of San Carlos

**John Lee**, City of San Mateo

**Kevin Mullin**, City of South San Francisco

**David Burow**, Town of Woodside

**Regular Members Absent**

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Town of Atherton

City of Brisbane

City of Menlo Park

**Advisory Members Present**

**Airline/Flight Operations**

None

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Elisha Novak**, Airports District Office

**Sean Cullinane**, SFO Air Traffic Control Tower

### **Roundtable Staff / Consultants**

**David F. Carbone**, Transportation Systems Coordinator, County of San Mateo/Roundtable Program Manager

**Steve Alverson**, Roundtable Coordinator

**Carla DeLuca**, Roundtable Media Program/Consultant

### **San Francisco International Airport Staff**

**Mike McCarron**, Bureau of Community Affairs

**Bert Ganoung**, Noise Abatement Manager

**David Ong**, Sr. Noise Abatement Systems Manager

**Ara Balian**, Noise Abatement Specialist

## **II. Public Comments of Items Not on the Agenda**

Past Roundtable Chairperson Mary Griffin urged the Roundtable members to monitor the activity related to high speed rail and the potential for land use conflicts in San Mateo County. Ms. Griffin recommended that San Mateo County should hold a public hearing on the issue of high speed rail and potential land use conflicts.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Chairperson Church thanked Ms. Griffin for bringing the issue to the attention of the Roundtable.

## **III. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Review of Airport Director's Report for January 2010
- B. Review of Airport Director's Report for February 2010
- C. Review of a Roundtable Regular Meeting Overview for February 3, 2010
- D. Review/Approval of Correspondence/Information Items for April 2010

Comments/Concerns/Questions: A recommendation was made that the attendance list on the February 3, 2010 Overview be corrected to reflect that Millbrae Representative Nadia Holoher was present to represent the City of Millbrae not Dan Quigg who, although present to receive a resolution from the Roundtable recognizing his service to the Roundtable, was not there in an official capacity.

**Action:** Vice-Chairperson Newman **MOVED** the Consent Calendar Items 3.A. through 3.D with the recommended correction to the Regular Meeting Overview for February 3, 2010. The motion was **SECONDED** by Marge Colapietro and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **IV. Airport Director's Comments**

- SFO has seen a five percent year-over-year growth despite the economy
- SOIA PRM could only be used once since the last Roundtable meeting
- A white FAA business jet has been flying the approach to SFO as a part of the normal instrumentation flight check process
- San Mateo County held a dinner at the Airport
- Airport Staff performed portable noise monitoring in Hillsborough
- Attended the last Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC) meeting, anticipate public hearings soon on the Regional Airport System Plan Analysis (RAPSA)

Comments/Concerns/Questions: John Lee asked who was in charge of TV helicopters when they are in flight. John Martin responded that helicopters in flight are under the authority of the FAA and the pilot-in-command. Bert Ganoung indicated that the helicopter operators are trying to self-police their activity. John Martin suggested calling the specific TV station to complain.

## **V. Recognition of Roundtable Representatives for 2010**

- A. Adoption of Resolution 10-06 to Recognize Council Member Mark Addiego for His Service on the Roundtable as the Representative of the City of South San Francisco**
- B. Welcome to Council Member, Kevin Mullin as the New Roundtable Representative for the City of South San Francisco**

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Chairperson Church thanked Mark Addiego for his service to the Roundtable as a representative of the City of South San Francisco and welcomed Kevin Mullin as the new City of South San Francisco representative. Mark Addiego offered his thoughts and comments about the early days of the Roundtable and the benefit of its longevity to the community.

**Action:** Vice-Chairperson Newman **MOVED** the adoption of the resolution. The motion was **SECONDED** by Jeffrey Gee and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VI. Appoint Roundtable Work Program Subcommittee to Prepare a Draft Work Program for FY 2010/2011**

Chairperson Church discussed the need for a subcommittee to meet prior to the June 2, 2010 meeting to prepare a Draft Work Program for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 and then solicited volunteers, in addition to himself and Vice-Chairperson Newman, to serve on the subcommittee. Representatives Omar Ahmad, Sue Digre, David Canepa, and Michael Brownrigg volunteered to serve on the Work Program Subcommittee.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: None.

**Action:** Ken Ibarra **MOVED** the formation of Work Program Subcommittee with the membership consisting of the members who volunteered to serve on it. The motion was **SECONDED** by Omar Ahmad and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VII. Request for Allocation of Funds in the Roundtable FY 2010/2011 Budget to Prepare a Redesign of the Roundtable Website**

Roundtable Program Manager David F. Carbone discussed the need to allocate funds for an update of the Roundtable web site. The update is needed to incorporate the Roundtable's current logo, bring the architecture of the web site up to date, and to reduce the annual maintenance costs. Authorization to expend \$6,000 for this effort was requested.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative Omar Ahmad recommended that the web site update consider the variety of platforms people now use to access the web including PDAs. He also suggested that the URL accommodate misspellings. Roundtable Media Program Consultant Carla DeLuca indicated that the suggestions regarding platforms and misspellings can be examined in the update. Vice-Chairperson Newman asked if \$6,000 was a reasonable amount for this effort. Representative Ahmad said it was. Representative David Canepa suggested that the Roundtable explore using social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to help get out the Roundtable's message. Representative Ahmad suggested that a subcommittee should be formed to look at it. Representative Brownrigg suggested that a link for the SFO Roundtable web site be placed on the SFO Noise web page.

**Action:** Marge Colapietro **MOVED** the authorization of the \$6,000 needed to update the Roundtable web site. The motion was **SECONDED** by Art Kiesel and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### **VIII. Southwest Airlines /Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) Runway 12L BRINY Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Approach**

Bert Ganoung indicated that he was concerned about the proposed altitudes of aircraft over the Woodside VOR on the proposed Southwest Airlines RNP Approach to Runway 12L at Mineta San Jose International Airport so he brought topic to the attention of the Roundtable. Bert introduced Captain Gary McMullin from Southwest Airlines, who gave a presentation on the proposed RNP approach. The procedure is intended to reduce air emissions, noise, and fuel consumption.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative David Burow asked what the altitude over the Woodside VOR would be. Captain McMullin indicated the proposed altitude at the Woodside VOR is 5,400 above Mean Sea Level, but it is important to note that the aircraft throttle settings would be at idle. Representative Burow asked what the noise level would be at the aircraft. Captain McMullin said he did not have that data but expected the aircraft noise level heard on the ground would not be measurable, as he expects it would be below the ambient noise level. Representative Steve Toben asked if the cities in South San Mateo County could open up a dialogue with Southwest Airlines. Captain McMullin indicated that Southwest Airlines would be happy to answer any questions the cities may have. Vice-Chairperson Newman asked how are aircraft arriving now? Captain McMullin responded that aircraft are flying over a much broader area with respect to their ground tracks and at altitudes from 5,000 to 8,000 feet MSL over the Woodside VOR. When Captain McMullin concluded his presentation, Ms. Tina Nguyen, a resident of Portola Valley, expressed concern over the current aircraft noise levels and said that the lower the aircraft are the louder they are to her. Roundtable Program Manager David F. Carbone asked what was the timeframe for implementation of the RNP approach? Captain McMullin said they expected implementation by the end of the year. Bert Ganoung offered to monitor the altitudes of the Southwest Airlines aircraft at the Woodside VOR after the implementation of the RNP to Mineta San Jose International Airport.

## IX. FY 2009 - 2010 Roundtable Work Program Items

- A. Semi-annual Report on the Crossing Altitude of Oceanic Arrivals at the Woodside VOR (OSI)

Bert Ganoung reviewed the Report on the Crossing Altitude of Oceanic Arrivals at the Woodside VOR (OSI) contained in the Roundtable packet. Bert reported that trends in altitude have been similar over the past few reports.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative David Burow asked how many Oceanic Tailored Arrivals (OTAs) are currently being flown? Bert indicated about 4% are OTAs, which is about 5-7 per day. David Burow asked if the lower aircraft are the OTAs? Bert said it is hard to tell as the OTAs are not marked differently.

- B. Roundtable Strategic Planning Workshop, Part II: Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, Goals/Priorities/Actions, Resources/Results

Chairperson Church entertained a brief discussion to continue this item due to the late hour of the night. Vice-Chairperson Newman suggested that a subcommittee be formed to handle the strategic planning process, with a report back to the full Roundtable. Representative Burow suggested that the subcommittee return with alternatives and the pros/cons for each for the full Roundtable to consider.

**Action:** John Lee **MOVED** that a subcommittee be formed to undertake the strategic planning process with a report back to the full Roundtable. The motion was **SECONDED** by Sue Digre and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Chairperson Church requested volunteers to serve on the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. Representatives Sue Digre, David Burow, and Omar Ahmad volunteered. Chairperson Church and Vice-Chairperson Newman will also serve on the subcommittee.

- C. Review of Fly Quiet Program Quarterly Report (***Continued to a future Meeting***)
- D. Presentation of a Final Version of the Roundtable Fly Quiet Video (***Continued to a future Roundtable Regular Meeting***)
- E. Presentation of the Annual Fly Quiet Program Awards (***Continued to a future Roundtable Regular Meeting***)

## X. Aviation Noise News Update

Roundtable Coordinator Steve Alverson provided a brief update on a few newsworthy items related to aircraft noise, including the continued delay of funding of the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Southwest Airlines' conversion to RNP capability, as of the beginning of April for many of their aircraft with the rest to be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Alverson also indicated that the Oakland

Noise Forum was hosting a tour of the Northern California TRACON on May 2, 2010. Any Roundtable representatives interested in going should contact Steve Alverson.

Comments/Concerns/Questions:      None.

**XI. Member Communications /Announcements**

None.

Comments/Concerns/Questions:      None.

**XII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41 PM.