

**Airport / Community Roundtable  
Meeting No. 273 Overview  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

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

Vice Chairperson Richard Newman called the Regular Meeting of the Airport/Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:04 PM, in the David Chetcuti Community Room at Millbrae City Hall. Steven R. Alverson, Roundtable Coordinator called the roll. A quorum (at least 12 Regular Members) was present as follows:

**REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Mike McCarron**, City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission  
**Richard Newman**, C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC)/**Roundtable Vice-Chairperson**  
**Sepi Richardson**, City of Brisbane  
**Art Kiesel**, City of Foster City  
**Naomi Patridge**, City of Half Moon Bay  
**Larry May**, Town of Hillsborough  
**Marge Colapietro**, City of Millbrae  
**Sue Digre**, City of Pacifica  
**Steve Toben**, Town of Portola Valley  
**Jeffrey Gee**, City of Redwood City  
**Ken Ibarra**, City of San Bruno  
**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 (Vacant)  
 City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office  
 County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors (Vacant)  
 Town of Atherton  
 City of Belmont  
 City of Burlingame  
 City of Menlo Park  
 City of San Carlos

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Airline/Flight Operations**

None

**Federal Aviation Administration**

None

**ROUNDTABLE STAFF / CONSULTANTS**

**David F. Carbone**, Roundtable Program Manager  
**Steve Alverson**, Roundtable Coordinator

**SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STAFF**

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

**Ara Balian**, Noise Abatement Specialist

## II. Public Comment on Relevant Items Not on the Agenda

None.

## III. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Review of Airport Director's Report for January 2011
- B. Review of Airport Director's Report for February 2011
- C. Review of Airport Director's Report for March 2011
- D. Review of Roundtable Regular Meeting Overview for February 2011
- E. Review/Approval of Correspondence/Information Items for May 2011

Comments/Concerns/Questions: None.

**Action:** Marge Colapietro **MOVED** the approval of the Consent Agenda Items. The motion was **SECONDED** by ken Ibarra and **CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY**.

## VI. Airport Director's Comments

Mike McCarron, SFO's Director Bureau of Community Affairs, indicated that Airport Director John Martin was on vacation. He said that the Terminal 2 Grand Opening was a success and the Noise Office is now in its new office space. SOIA/PRM was used for 13 days since the last meeting and at one point the Airport was handling 45 arrivals per hour, which was quite good. The portable noise monitors that were in South San Mateo County have now been redeployed to Brisbane. In airline fleet news, American Airlines has now removed all of its MD-80s from SFO. Lufthansa began A-380 service on Tuesday of last week and Air France will begin A-380 service on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Bert Ganoung introduce a new member of the Aircraft Noise Abatement Office staff, John Hampel.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative Marge Colapietro acknowledge that the glossary of aircraft noise terms had been added to the meeting packet and thanked Roundtable staff for adding it.

## V. Recognition of City Council Member Leslie Daigle, Council Member and Chair of the City of Newport Beach Aviation Committee

Council Member Daigle had intended to attend this meeting to observe the Roundtable in action, but her flight was cancelled. Chairperson Richard Newman said the Roundtable would look forward to seeing Ms. Daigle at a future Roundtable meeting.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: None.

## VI. Review of Roundtable Letter Opposing Categorical Exclusions for RNAV and RNP Procedures

Roundtable Coordinator Steve Alverson reviewed the letter from Chairperson Newman that had been sent to Tom Petri, Chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee, expressing the Roundtable's concern about Representative Maria Cantwell's amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program Funding Reauthorization bill seeking blanket categorical exclusions for RNP and RNAV procedures related to NextGen implementation. The Roundtable letter requested that the Cantwell amendment be dropped from the final legislation and that the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process be followed. In particular, the letter requested that the public be afforded the opportunity to provide input on proposed RNP and RNAV procedures.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Several Roundtable members expressed appreciation to Chairperson Newman and Roundtable Staff for getting the letter out and being in front of this issue.

## **VII. Update on the Pending Brisbane Aircraft Noise Workshop**

Roundtable Coordinator Steve Alverson provided an update on SFO's efforts to schedule an aircraft noise workshop in Brisbane. He explained that all of the key airlines were not available on the proposed dates and that additional effort would be required to pin down a mutually agreeable date. Chairperson Rich Newman recommended that SFO coordinate with Vice Chairperson Richardson who represents Brisbane as well as the Brisbane City Manager, Clay Holestine. Chairperson Newman further encouraged all Roundtable members to attend the workshop. Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative Kevin Mullin asked that the date, time, and location of the Brisbane workshop be e-mailed to all Roundtable members and alternatives as soon as the specifics are pinned down.

## **VIII. FY 2011-2012 Work Program Items**

### **A. Roundtable Letter to Congressional Delegation Regarding 60 CNEL Standard**

This item was continued to the September 2011 meeting.

### **B. Report on the Status of the Caltrans Airport Land Use Handbook Update Effort**

Roundtable Program Manager David F. Carbone provided a briefing on status of the Caltrans Airport Land use Handbook Update process, which has been ongoing for the past year and is expected to wrap up during the summer of 2011. David explained that the Handbook guides development near airports so that it is compatible with airport operations. The Handbook provides guidance on acceptable noise levels, building heights, runway safety zones, and aircraft overflight areas. The current update is meant to catch the guidance up on relevant changes in regulations since the last Handbook was published in 2002 as well as input from the practitioners in the field who comprise the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). David reiterated that Caltrans staff assured him that no major changes to the Handbook from the 2002 document regarding height, noise, or safety changes has occurred in the update. David is a member of the TAC and expects to see a near draft version of the Handbook within the next month. David will provide the Roundtable members with an update at the September Roundtable meeting.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Chairperson Newman commented that he appreciated Dave's briefing and that promoting compatible development near SFO is of interest to the Roundtable members.

### **C. Update on Federal Research on Airport Noise**

David Carbone directed the Roundtable Members attention to the materials he provided in the packet, which cover a range of the current federal research efforts to minimize aircraft noise and emissions. He provided the table of contents from the Transportation Research Circular regarding critical issues in aviation and the environment by the Transportation Research Board, so that Roundtable members could explore the ongoing research in greater detail at their leisure. The report covers a variety of topics, including: noise, air quality, climate change, water quality, alternative fuels, sustainability, Next Gen, etc. The packet included the intro, an article on aviation noise, and an article on Next Gen.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Vice Chairperson Richardson thanked David for providing the information and said that she had attended a national conference at which some of the researchers were present and they are doing great work.

### **D. Fly Quiet Program Quarterly Report**

SFO Aircraft Noise Abatement Program Manager Bert Ganoung provided an overview of the Fly Quiet Program Quarterly Report for the First Quarter 2011. The Fly Quiet Summary is showing a downward trend as the SFO Noise Office has been working vigorously with the airlines. On a side note, Qantas is leaving SFO in favor of Dallas. Overall Fleet Noise is improving and will continue to do so with the departure of the American Airlines MD-80s from SFO. The airlines with regional jets continue to top the list. The Noise Office has met with Nippon Cargo to work on improving their performance. Noise Exceedances have been trending up. Nighttime preferential runway use is cyclical due to winds and weather patterns. There has been a bit of a downward trend do to winds. The noise office needs to work with Alaska and jet Blue to improve their performance. Shoreline departures are seeing a downward trend. The Noise Office is working with the bottom five airlines offenders to improve their performance. Although Gap Departures have been experiencing a downward trend, they have bucked it in the latest quarter. The Foster City procedure has seen a slight downward trend due to recent runway repaving and lighting projects.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative David Burrow asked if SFO makes any attempt to normalize the Fly Quiet data due to weather. Bert Ganoung responded that SFO does not attempt to normalize the data as it would be difficult to do due to different operating procedures for each airline and the need to know/analyze the minute-by-minute wind and weather data. Representative Kevin Mullin asked Bert to explain the difference in aircraft performance due to warm and cool weather. Bert explained that aircraft climb more quickly when the weather is cooler. Inversion layers can form during cool weather which has a tendency to reflect aircraft noise back down to the ground. Ground operations such as taxiing, start-of-takeoff roll, and reverse thrust can often be heard at large distances from the Airport during inversion conditions. Representative Colapietro asked why Qantas was leaving SFO. Bert explained that Qantas and American Airlines have a partner relationship, so being in Dallas, which is an American Airlines hub, makes a great deal of sense. Vice Chair Richardson asked Bert if the Fly Quiet reports could be e-mailed to the Roundtable member when they are released by SFO. Bert explained that the reports are posted on the Airports website, the Roundtable Members are free to access published reports at anytime. Vice Chairperson Richardson said she would prefer to receive the Airport Director's Report and Fly Quiet Report via e-mail. David F. Carbone said that due to the file size of the reports, they could not be e-mailed, but Roundtable staff could send out a link to the entire packet on the Roundtable website. Vice Chairperson Richardson said she would appreciate receiving a link to the packet.

#### **IX. Consideration/Approval of a Recommendation from the Roundtable Work Program Subcommittee, re: Recommended Work Program for FY 2011/2012**

Roundtable Coordinator Steve Alverson discussed the subcommittee's review of the 2011-2012 work program. The topics discussed during the subcommittee included updates on noise research, reports from SFO staff on activity at the airport, and having guest speakers when possible. The work program was discussed and approved by the work program subcommittee. The 2011-2012 work program was approved.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: Representative David Burrow wanted to make sure that the Work Program would be tracking the progress on NextGen implementation. Steve Alverson explained that Item 5 on the Work Program will cover it. Representative Jeffrey Gee said that there should be a placeholder on the November 2011 agenda to address the Bylaws request that was brought to the Roundtable by Brisbane and referred to the Operations and Efficiency Subcommittee. Vice Chairperson Richardson reiterated her request that the Operations and Efficiency Subcommittee look at the possibility of rotating the Chair position so that a chairperson serves no longer than two years.

#### **X. Update on the Roundtable 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

Roundtable Program Manager David F. Carbone reminded the Roundtable that Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the SFO/Airport Roundtable, which is located at the SFO museum. The purpose of the celebration is to recognize the Roundtable Program, as well as SFO's Fly Quiet Program. David recognized that the SFO/Airport Roundtable Program is one of the longest running of its type.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: None.

**XI. Aviation News Update**

Roundtable Coordinator Steve Alverson addressed the FAA Re-authorization Bill which was a focus of the Roundtable Letter, and stated that at that time there were no new updates. Steve provided an update on Boeing's tests of the 787 Dreamliner, which showed to have the lowest level of noise of any aircraft of its type. Steve also discussed the visit to the NorCal TRACON, which included one member of the Roundtable, Larry May, as well as representatives from United Airlines, and the Oakland Noise Forum.

Comments/Concerns/Questions: None.

**XII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.