

SFO Airport/Community Roundtable

Meeting No. 300 Overview

Wednesday, April 3, 2016

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Declaration of a Quorum Present

Roundtable Chairperson, Cliff Lentz, called the Regular Meeting of the SFO Airport / Community Roundtable to order, at approximately 7:08 p.m., in the David Chetcuti Community Room at the Millbrae City Hall. James A. Castañeda, AICP, 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
David Takashima – City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office
Elizabeth Lewis – Town of Atherton
Cliff Lentz – City of Brisbane
Ricardo Ortiz – City of Burlingame
Sam Hindi – City of Foster City
Ann Schneider – City of Millbrae
Sue Digre – City of Pacifica
Ann Wengert – Town of Portola Valley
Janet Borgens – City of Redwood City
Ken Ibarra – City of San Bruno
Matt Grocott – City of San Carlos
David Lim – City of San Mateo
Deborah Gordon – Town of Woodside

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Vacant)
County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors
C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC)
City of Belmont
City of Daly City
City of Half Moon Bay
Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park
City of South San Francisco
Town of Woodside

ROUNDTABLE STAFF

James A. Castañeda, AICP – Roundtable Coordinator
Cindy Gibbs – Roundtable Technical Support (Consultant)

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STAFF

Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager
David Ong, Noise Abatement Specialist
John Hampel, Noise Abatement Specialist
Nastasja Gjorek, Noise Abatement Specialist

2. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

A total of 11 members of the public spoke to express concern over aircraft noise over their communities. The communities represented were Pacifica, Montclair (Oakland), Woodside, Los Altos, South San Francisco and San Mateo. Comments included lack of fund for replacing windows provided as part of the Noise Insulation Program, the failings of NextGen implementation, and impacts to respective communities as either a result of NextGen or ongoing issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Review of Airport Director's Reports for October 2015
4. Review of Roundtable Regular Meeting Overview for December 2, 2015 and February 3, 2016

Pacifica representative Sue Digre requested that item 3 (Review of Airport Director's Report for October 2015) be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

DISCUSSION: Pacifica representative Sue Digre had some questions on the report to have clarified. Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager, answered those questions, as well as discussed areas where reports could provide additional information in the future. Millbrae representative Ann Schneider inquired about considering night reporting on engine noise from take-offs, as well as wind data. Town of Portola Valley Ann Wengert suggested including pre-NextGen data to use as a metric in comparing trends and impacts. Pacifica resident Ray Ramos submitted questions to be included as part of the minutes (attached).

ACTION: Elizabeth Lewis **MOVED** approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Janet Borgens and **CARRIED**, unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review of SFO FlyQuiet Report for Q4 2015 & Discussion/Feedback of FlyQuiet report format

Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager, provided an overview of the fourth quarter Fly Quiet report for 2015, as well as potential changes with the report's format and solicited feedback from Roundtable members.

DISCUSSION: City of Redwood City representative Janet Borgens asked what are the repercussions of directing what type of aircrafts can fly at SFO. Mr. Ganoung responded that due to the Airport Capacity Act of 1990, the airport is not allowed to do so. However since its inception, the FAA has required the airlines to adopt quieter aircraft by certain benchmark years. City of San Carlos representative Matt Grocott recommended having clearer correlation of complaints with the data presented in reports.

6. Airport Director's Comments

Airport Public Communications Officer Doug Yakel provided a brief update on the airport's current operation. Mr. Yakel indicated that Alaska Airlines is in the initial stages of purchase Virgin America. Details of the merger are limited, and it's unclear how that'll impact operations at SFO. It was reported that work is continuing to make adjustments to the noise reports presented to the Roundtable, and encourage Roundtable members to provide feedback.

7. Presentation and Discussion, FAA Initiative to Address Noise Concern

8. Status, Departures and Arrivals

Roundtable Technical Consultant Cindy Gibbs provided a brief overview of the Technical Working Group's goals and objectives from their meetings. Noise Abatement Manager Bert Ganoung displayed a visual presentation from the FAA that illustrates flights in the bay area on a typical day and the intricate network of flight paths from San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose.

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Lentz asked Kathleen Wentworth, aide to Congresswoman's Speirs' office, to give a brief update on the progress on establishing the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals as discussed at a recent meeting with the Congresswoman. Ms. Wentworth provided an overview of the makeup of the committee, as well as their expected purview. Members of the Roundtable who were in attendance provided their comments of the meeting as well.

Residents of Woodside and Los Altos provided comments regarding altitudes at the Woodside VOR, propose and goals of optimized profile descents, and additional investigations on vectoring. Woodside representative Deborah Gordon expressed that the map to evaluate noise needs to go further south. Vice-Chairperson Elizabeth Lewis indicated that there will be some overlap between the Roundtable and the new Select Committee, but that the Roundtable should be prepared to be more flexible with meetings and procedures. City of Pacifica representative Sue Digre advocated that the health be key consideration for airlines to help address as a cost of doing business at SFO.

OTHER MATTERS

9. Upcoming Noise 101 Workshop for Members

Roundtable Coordinator James Castaneda announced an upcoming Noise 101 will be offered to Roundtable members, and will be reaching out to coordinate dates.

10. Airport Noise Briefing

No briefing was provided.

11. Member Communications / Announcements

DISCUSSION: Roundtable Coordinator James Castañeda announced the next meeting will be conducted at SFO Aviation Library and Museum to conduct the Roundtable's 35th Anniversary event.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Roundtable meeting overviews are considered draft until approved by the Roundtable at a regular meeting. An audio recording of this meeting is available at the Roundtable's website.

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Comment A: The following questions are specific to Agenda Item 3 which is the Airport Directors Report to be presented as a consent item and is the Monthly Noise Exceedance Report for October 2015 (page 12 of the 44 page agenda package).

Question 1 – Here we are in April 2016 receiving a report about exceedances that occurred five months in the past – is it possible to report on more recent exceedances?

Question 2 – The report identifies the airline responsible for exceedances, but does not indicate where the exceedance was recorded – is it possible to report at which of SFO's numbered permanent noise monitoring station an exceedance was recorded.

Question 3 – Is it possible for the Director's Exceedance Report to clearly identify the exceedance threshold setting for each of the SFO permanent noise monitors and indicate in the report the maximum dBA reading was recorded for an exceedance?

Question 4 – **What are the consequences for an airline that causes an exceedance?**

Question 5 - Would it be possible for SFO to have a public link to its flight tracker program that indicates the dBA levels at each of its noise monitoring sites as each aircraft noise level is recorded?

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Comment B - Still related to Directors Exceedance Report – The report indicates a total of 1,154 exceedances by all the airlines listed, but it should be noted that six (6) airlines caused 62.4 percent (%) of the total, which were the following:

- 1. United (UAL) 308 exceedances or 26.7% of total**
- 2. Asiana (AAR) 152 exceedances or 13.2% of total**
- 3. Korean Air (KAL) 82 exceedances or 7.1% of total**
- 4. CATHAY PACIFIC (CPA) 64 exceedances or 5.5% of total**
- 5. American Airlines (AAL) 60 exceedance or 5.2% of total**
- 6. EVAAIR (EVA) 54 exceedances or 4.7% of total**

Question 6 - Would it be possible for the Director's Exceedance Report to present what aircraft types, makes, and models caused what number of exceedances?

Question 7 – Would it be possible for the Director's Exceedance Report include a statement from each airline that has exceedances as to what they intend to do to prevent future exceedances and how soon they believe they will no longer cause exceedances?

Comment C – On page 14 of 44 of the Agenda Packet the Monthly Noise Complaint Summary is presented for October 2015 indicating a total number of complaints received from a community.

Question 8 – Would it be possible for the Director to include in the Monthly Noise Complaint Summary additionally a summary of the types of disturbance (required when filing a official noise complaint with SFO) recorded for received complaints?