

SFO Airport/Community Roundtable

Meeting No. 302 Overview

Wednesday, August 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

Ivar Satero – City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission
David Takashima – City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors
Elizabeth Lewis – Town of Atherton
Douglas Kim – City of Belmont
Cliff Lentz – City of Brisbane
Ricardo Ortiz – City of Burlingame
Sam Hindi – City of Foster City
Alvin Royse – Town of Hillsborough
Peter Ohtaki – City of Menlo Park
Ann Schneider – City of Millbrae
Sue Digre – City of Pacifica
Ann Wengert – Town of Portola Valley
Ken Ibarra – City of San Bruno
David Lim – City of San Mateo
Mark Addiego – City of South San Francisco

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Vacant)
C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC)
City of Daly City
City of Half Moon Bay
City of Redwood City
City of San Carlos
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
John Hampel, Noise Abatement Specialist
Nastasja Gjorek, Noise Abatement Specialist
Anthony Carpeneti, Noise Abatement Public Service Aide (assistant to professional)
Tyler Hernandez, Noise Abatement Intern

2. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

A total of 4 members of the public spoke to express concern over aircraft noise over their communities. The communities represented were Pacifica, San Francisco, South San Francisco and San Mateo. San Francisco resident Charlie Wambeck expressed concerns for overflights in San Francisco, and the objectives of the community group S.C.R.E.A.M. to reduce aircraft noise. Pacifica resident Ahna Dominski raised the issue of noise impacts below 60dB not being included in the reports from the Noise Abatement Office, and expressed concern with the ongoing noise over Pacifica and lack of refuge from overflights in her community. William Faber advocated for additional assistance to those victimized by noise of aircraft noise flight. Finally, Glenn Morse of United Airlines announced that United will begin installing wake vortex generators on all their A319 and A320 aircraft. Mr. Morse and Noise Abatement Manager Bert Ganoung outline the benefits of such and the reduced impacts to those communities that receive arriving aircraft overflights.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Review of Airport Director's Reports for November 2015, December 2015, January 2016, February 2016, March 2016, April 2016, May 2016, and June 2016**
- 4. Review of Roundtable Regular Meeting Overview for April 6, 2016**

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review of SFO FlyQuiet Report for Q2 2016

Bert Ganoung, Noise Abatement Manager, provided an overview of the second quarter Fly Quiet report for 2016.

DISCUSSION: City of Foster City representative Sam Hindi expressed concern over the recent increase in noise over Foster City, and indicated it being the worst experienced in over 10 years, and did not find "nothing has changed" as an acceptable answer. Mr. Ganoung responded that in the Noise Abatement Office's investigation, the aircraft were where they were supposed to be, but will continue to investigate other factors (such as weather) that have contributed to the additional noise experienced in Foster City. Millbrae representative Ann Schneider asked that back blast be considered a Fly Quiet category to be measured. Mr. Ganoung provided a brief background on the numerous studies done in the past in the industry regarding back blast measurements, and some of the challenges in those studies in proposing mitigations. Mr. Ganoung indicated that it'll be looked into, but perhaps the Fly Quiet quarterly reports may not be the place to include back blast noise measurements, and will investigate where it would be best placed.

6. Airport Director's Comments

Chairperson Lentz introduced Ivar Satero as the new Airport Director for San Francisco International Airport. Mr. Satero provided a brief overview of his experience working at SFO, and expressed that he is fully committed in continuing the airport's work with the Roundtable. Vice-chair and Atherton representative Elizabeth Lewis commended SFO ongoing support of the Roundtable.

7. FAA Subject Matter Presentation

Mindy Wright and Steve Karnes, staff with the FAA Western Service Area, provided an overview of the status of the initiative and discussion of the various challenges in with the bay area air space. A brief view was presented to illustrate what air traffic controls view on their scopes on when performing their duties. Ms. Wright and Mr. Karnes indicated they look forward to reviewing the Roundtable's responses to the initiative.

DISCUSSION: Members of the audience asked if the presentation provided could be made available online. Roundtable Coordinator James Castañeda indicated it could be posted soon.

8. Update, Roundtable Response to FAA Initiative Results to Address Noise

Roundtable Technical Consultant Cindy Gibbs provided an overview of the current draft of the Roundtable's response to the FAA's Initiative that the Technical Working Group has been working on. Ms. Gibbs provided details of the attachments to the response document, which are designed to provide an in-depth analysis of various procedures and help illustrate the potential solutions that would help reduce noise.

DISCUSSION: Vice-chair Lewis inquired how raising the altitude of the SSITK waypoint would help communities. Ms. Gibbs responded that the raised altitude would help by having aircraft higher as they fly over the peninsula. Millbrae representative Ann Schneider asked that if the suggestions being made would add capacity and increase the number of airplanes taking off at night on the 01s (that impact Millbrae and Burlingame with back-blast noise). Ms. Gibbs indicated that it wasn't the case, and the suggestion were to ask for changes after planes take off from the RYW 01s but not increase the utilization of RWY 01s. Ms. Schneider expressed concern regarding suggestions contained in the Roundtable's response that could potentially add additional impact as a result of additional back-blast noise.

Brisbane resident Leila Aziz commented that the Airport Capacity Act of 1990 disenfranchise residences, and should be discussed as a long term solution to aircraft noise impacts. Pacifica resident Ray Ramos expressed support for aircraft to be routed more over the ocean as a solution that should be strongly considered. He also indicated that if a workshop is to be conducted between the Roundtable and the FAA that it should be open to the public. Brisbane resident Patrick Tainter remarked that the response is an excellent step forward, but asked to have some areas of the response reviewed further. Leslie Ransbottom, representing Save Our Skies East Bay, expressed that Oakland should have representation on the Roundtable in order to coordinate better the responses being proposed, and considerate of communities in the East Bay that would be impacted as part of recommendation made by the Roundtable.

Pacifica representative Sue Digre asked the Roundtable to consider placing on the agenda discussion of the Airport Capacity Act of 1990 in order to lobby for change that would address noise impacts.

Chairperson Lentz directed the Roundtable's attention to the draft letter to the FAA contained in the packet asking for a workshop to work with Roundtable staff to discuss in depth some of the ideas proposed thus far.

ACTION: Sue Digre **MOVED** approval of the draft letter to the FAA requesting a workshop. The motion was seconded by Ann Schneider and **CARRIED**, unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

9. Airport Noise Briefing

No briefing was provided.

10. Member Communications / Announcements

DISCUSSION: Roundtable Coordinator James Castañeda announced the next Roundtable regular meeting scheduled for October 5, 2016 will need to be rescheduled due to the California League of Cities Conference. A new date will be investigated and an update provided soon.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Roundtable meeting overviews are considered draft until approved by the Roundtable at a regular meeting. Due to technical difficulties during the meeting, an audio recording of this meeting is not available.