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Dear SFO Roundtable,

At your last Technical Working Group meeting, I requested for your group to please clarify with the FAA about FAA rules and policies for accepting community related proposals.

Some background:

- The IFP Gateway involves federal resources, which should have accountability to everyone.
- In July 2021, FAA Western Regional Director Raquel Girvin told communities that the FAA would only accept community proposals which have 100% community acceptance.
- So far, only the SFO Roundtable has had "votes" which the FAA has used to document community consultation for NEPA purposes, and to justify a green light for these procedures.

Ms Kathleen Wentworth has stated that the Roundtable's GBAS proposals are an "incremental" change. My observation is that the "incremental" proposals can represent the creation (or the cutting off) of arteries, with the potential to change traffic patterns substantially. It's been "the playbook" so to speak to allow the agency to act arbitrarily.

As a reminder, GBAS is a navigational aid - **recall how the transition to GPS was supposed to mean "nothing" and the airport insisted on telling the public that "nothing has changed"?** Changes cannot be called "nothing" using speculation. I suggest that any future GBAS changes need a full EA or EIS. At the very least, please ask the agency (that SFO and your staff has regular contact with), to *please explain their rules*.

Thank you,

Jennifer