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Dear Members of the SFO Roundtable,

Please find below a copy of a question I submitted to the GBAS team on December 27th.

Thank you,

Jennifer

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From: Jennifer Landesmann <jlandesmann@gmail.com>
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Subject: Arbitrary handling of "community" proposals
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Dear SFO and FAA,

At the SFO Roundtable meetings and Technical Working group (Nov & Dec 2022), SFO actively solicited concepts and ideas for GBAS procedures to submit to the FAA, contradicting July 2021 FAA Western Regional Administrator comments that FAA would not entertain community proposals without 100% consensus. Since the FAA has been attending these meetings, I would like to know why this arbitrary handling of proposals (using federal time and resources *in the name of "communities"*) is allowed when there is no consensus? Also because this can feed into poor handling of NEPA at the agency. Already, the FAA's NEPA 65 DNL threshold does not have any scientific basis, and the Government Accountability Office has recommended improvements for PBN development.

I respectfully request that communications please be clarified as to what the rules are for the FAA to accept "community" proposals (to devote our tax dollars, federal resources and time for them). In addition, **is the agency using their arbitrary collection of proposals to influence NEPA documentation?** For example, for the GBAS overlays, the SFO Roundtable appears to have been used for a community consultation checkbox to pass a Catex, when in fact the SFO Roundtable does not represent all Arrivals communities.

For the record, the ONLY recommendations with 100% community consensus, for SFO Arrivals. are from the Select Committee. An effort that involved policy makers from Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties which are the Arrivals communities.

Lastly, what is the FAA's process to vet "other" proposals that go into the IFP Gateway? Is there a distinction, or is everything called a "community proposal?"

Thanks for any info,

Jennifer