

Hello SFO Roundtable Members, Alternates and interested members of the community:

Earlier this week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published new regulations for Powered Lift vehicles – Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing aircraft (eVTOL).

The SFO Roundtable will discuss these new regulations at the December 4, 2024 Roundtable meeting in Millbrae, California and via zoom. The meeting agenda and Zoom link will be posted no later than 3 business days prior to the meeting and can be obtained at that time from the [Roundtable Home Page](#).

According to the October 22, 2024 FAA press release on this topic:

*“The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is ready for **powered lift**, which will be the first **completely new category of civil aircraft** since helicopters were introduced in the 1940s. Powered lift operations include air taxis, cargo delivery and a variety of operations within urban and rural areas.”*

*The agency today issued a [final rule](#) for the qualifications and training that instructors and pilots must have **to fly aircraft in this “powered-lift” category, which have characteristics of both airplanes and helicopters. The rule also addresses their operational requirements, including minimum safe altitudes and required visibility.** The rule is the final piece in the puzzle for safely introducing these aircraft in the near term. The opportunities for the use of powered lift operations are far reaching, from transporting passengers in urban areas and short-haul operations such as air ambulance services and cargo operations to potentially serving smaller communities over time.”*

The FAA has provided links to this aircraft type and new regulations:

LINK to the new regulations: https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/2120-AL72_Integration_Powered-Lift_Pilot_Certification_and_Operations_Miscellaneous_Amendments_Related_to_Rotorcraft_Airplanes_Final_Rule.pdf

LINK to very short FAA video: <https://youtu.be/0j409MABY2A>

LINK to FAA page on Air Taxis: <https://www.faa.gov/air-taxis>

LINK to FAA Administrator’s “blog” on the new air taxi regulations:

<https://medium.com/faa/faa-completes-framework-for-air-taxis-to-take-off-8cc2621bcfd8>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Royce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Al Royce, Chairman SFO Airport Community Roundtable
Member, Hillsborough Town Council