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Mary-Lynne Bernald
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Dear Ms. Bernald:

Thank you for the email regarding a letter the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties Airport/Community Roundtable received on June 25, 2019, from a member of the public, Mr. Alastair Fyfe. His letter addressed recommendations made in the 2016 Select Committee Final Report and nine criteria in designing the new route, and you asked for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) position on these nine criteria and the development of the BIG SUR (BSR) Overlay.

The Phase Two Report recommended that the SERFR flight path be moved to the historical path flown to BSR. The Select Committee approved with an eight to four vote. The FAA initially determined that such a procedure was operationally feasible. However, the design of the new procedure is ultimately subject to the FAA's design criteria and safety/operational requirements. A Full Working Group convened June 4-5, 2019, and included all affected stakeholders with regard to this procedure. If and when the FAA determines the new procedure meets safety criteria and is operationally feasible, the FAA will consult with elected representatives and airport roundtables about next steps.

Thank you for this opportunity to answer your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Raquel Girvin
Regional Administrator