



SANTA CRUZ/SANTA CLARA COUNTIES AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the First Legislative Committee Meeting of the Roundtable

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 | 10:00AM – 12:00PM

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. Members of the Legislative Committee participated by video conference, with no physical meeting location. A video recording of this meeting can be found on the SCSC Roundtable website by [clicking on this link](#).

Committee Members Present

Lisa Matichak, City of Mountain View, Committee Chairperson
Glenn Hendricks, City of Sunnyvale
Kathy Watanabe, City of Santa Clara
Lydia Kou, City of Palo Alto
Michelle Wu, City of Los Altos Hills (Called-in at 10:11 a.m./Left at 11:00 a.m.)
Ed Bottorff, City of Capitola

Congressional Staff

Tom Pyke, Congressman Ro Khanna's Office

SCSC Roundtable Consultant Staff

Steve Alverson, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
Andi Jordan, Cities Association – Executive Director

1. Call to Order (video timestamp 1:00)

Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak called the Legislative Committee meeting of the SCSC Community Roundtable to order at 10:04 AM. Committee Chairperson Matichak provided an overview of the agenda, the format for the virtual meeting, and the topics/items to be discussed. Committee Chairperson Matichak noted that members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda, with an audio recording of the meeting and additional resources to be found on the SCSC Roundtable [website](#) upon conclusion of the meeting.

2. Identification of Members Present – Legislative Committee Members (video timestamp 3:10)

The Roundtable Legislative Committee members identified themselves. A quorum of the Committee members was present. The only Committee member who was not present at the time of the roll call was Member Michelle Wu. Member Wu joined the meeting by phone at approximately 07:30 on the video timestamp.

3. Oral Communications/Public Comment (video timestamp 4:50)

Public comment: Marie-Jo Fremont; Robert Holbrook; and Jennifer Tasseff.

Follow-up Comments: None.

4. Review the Role of the Legislative Committee – Legislative Committee Chairperson Matichak (video timestamp 10:25)

Committee Chairperson Matichak provided an overview of the role of the Legislative Committee:

- Act as a standing committee of the Roundtable;
- Review and monitor proposed legislation;
- Advocate for changes in aircraft noise reduction policies at local and state level;
- Introduce legislation for consideration; and
- Review FAA environmental review process.

In addition, Chairperson Matichak provided information from the Work Plan in regards to actions of the Committee:

- Actions need to be discussed and approved by the Roundtable;
- One exception is the Chair of the Roundtable can approve an action if it is time sensitive and the Roundtable is not meeting in time to discuss and potentially approve the action.

Chairperson Matichak also offered her perspective on what constitutes a Committee action as well as what is not a Committee action indicating that:

- For example, an action would be sending a letter or advocating in person with elected officials;
- Holding Committee meetings and setting agendas are not actions that would be subject to the full Roundtable's approval.

The Legislative Committee did not differ with Chairperson Matichak's perspective on this matter.

Public comment: Darlene Yaplee; Marie-Jo Fremont; Robert Holbrook; and Tom Pyke (Congressman Ro Khanna's Office).

Follow-up Comments: Member Lydia Kou; and Member Glenn Hendricks.

5. Review, Discussion, and Potential Action on the Proposed Noise Certification Regulations for Supersonic Airplanes – Legislative Committee Chairperson Matichak (video timestamp 29:45)

Committee Chairperson Matichak and SCSC Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson provided an overview of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposed rulemaking regarding noise certification levels for supersonic airplanes.

Member Comments: Member Glenn Hendricks; Member Lydia Kou; Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak; and Member Ed Bottorff.

Public comment: SCSC Roundtable Member Rowena Turner; Darlene Yaplee; Marie-Jo Fremont; Jennifer Landesmann; Robert Holbrook; and Jennifer Tasseff.

Committee Chairperson Matichak summarized the conclusions of the Legislative Committee regarding this agenda item as follows:

- The Committee agreed on the following three main points to be included in the draft comment letter regarding this proposed rule for the full Roundtable's consideration:
 - The FAA should adhere to its long-stated position requiring new supersonic airplanes to meet the same noise certification levels as subsonic airplanes.
 - Supersonic airplanes need to meet or exceed Stage 5 requirements. There is no need to create a new category.
 - If VNRS/PLR are used during noise certification, the FAA must require manufacturers to use them, and not be able to circumvent use, until an airplane reaches 10,000 feet above the airfield elevation.

Follow-up Comments: Member Glenn Hendricks; Member Lydia Kou; Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak; and Member Kathy Watanabe.

ACTION: Member Hendricks' motion to direct Legislative Committee Chairperson Matichak to draft a letter on behalf of the SCSC Roundtable that included the points the Committee raised above. Member Hendricks' motion was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously by the Committee, with one Committee member absent at the time of the vote (Member Michelle Wu).

6. Future Agenda Items – Legislative Committee Chairperson Matichak (video timestamp 1:35:04)

Committee Chairperson Matichak summarized the list of potential Committee agenda items to address in the future as listed below:

- The Committee agreed on the following items to be considered for discussion at future Committee meetings:
 - Fifteen noise-related bills introduced in the House;
 - FAA reauthorization bill, status update and any reports that have been generated
 - Airline bailout funding;
 - Airport expansion plans;
 - Calendar;
 - Consider proactive legislation;
 - Discuss how best to work with Congressional staff regarding new legislation or existing legislation in order to be most effective.

Member Comments: Member Lydia Kou; Member Glenn Hendricks; Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak; Member Kathy Watanabe; and Member Ed Bottorff.

Public comment: Jennifer Tasseff; Darlene Yaplee; Marie-Jo Fremont; Jennifer Landesmann; and Robert Holbrook.

Follow-up Comments: None.

Committee Chairperson Matichak assigned SCSC Roundtable staff to assist in:

- Developing a plan for future Legislative Committee agenda items.
- Preparing a proactive list of items the Roundtable would like the Congressional Representatives to consider. Start with considering the list of existing bills in the House.
- Member Watanabe volunteered to assist SCSC Roundtable staff.

7. Committee Member Reports – Legislative Committee Members (video timestamp 2:02:20)

Member Comments: Committee Chair Matichak provided general information regarding the National League of Cities meeting in Washington D.C., at which a group of Council Members met with the United States Department of Transportation, and learned that Boston-Logan Airport and other airports nearby are working with MIT to build dispersion into NextGen flight tracks within the Boston area.

Public comment: None.

Follow-Up Comments: None.

8. Adjournment – Legislative Committee Chairperson Matichak (video timestamp 2:04:30)

Committee Chairperson Matichak adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM. During the meeting, it was noted that the next regular SCSC Roundtable meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM, to be held virtually with an agenda and registration information to be sent out prior to the meeting.