



SANTA CRUZ/SANTA CLARA COUNTIES AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Roundtable

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 | 1:00PM – 4:00PM

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. All members of the Committee will participate by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

Roundtable Members Present

Mary-Lynne Bernald, City of Saratoga, Chairperson
Lisa Matichak, City of Mountain View
Anita Enander, City of Los Altos
Glenn Hendricks, City of Sunnyvale
Kathy Watanabe, City of Santa Clara
Liang Chao, City of Cupertino
Lydia Kou, City of Palo Alto
Steve Preminger, Santa Clara County

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Sky Laron, Community Engagement Officer
Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator
Faviola Garcia, Senior Advisor
Joseph Bert, Operations Support Group

Congressional Staff

Eric Henshall, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office
Karen Chapman, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office
Phil Deppert, Congressman Jimmy Panetta's Office
Tom Pyke, Congressman Ro Khanna's Office

SCSC Roundtable Consultant Staff

Steve Alverson, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
Evan Wasserman, ESA

Presenters

Andi Jordan, Cities Association of Santa Clara County – Executive Director
Chantene Koplrow, Legal Counsel

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson welcomed the members of the public and reviewed the meeting format. He provided an overview of process for providing public comment and stated he expects everyone to remain cordial and respectful. He noted that a video recording of the meeting and additional resources can be found on the SCSC Roundtable [website](#).

2. Call to Order and Identification of Members Present

Chairperson Mary-Lynne Bernald called the SCSC Community Roundtable to order at 1:00 PM and called roll to identify the Roundtable members present. A quorum of the members was present.

Chairperson Bernald provided an overview of the agenda, topics/items to be discussed, and introductions were provided for Congressional Representative staff members, and FAA representative Sky Laron.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to reorder the agenda by shifting the portion of Item 9 regarding the FAA's BSR Overlay Update to occur after agenda Item 3, and to have the rest of Item 9 occur before agenda Item 8 was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously. (Video timestamp 00:01:25)

3. Election of the Vice Chair – All Roundtable Members (Video timestamp 00:05:57)

The following members were nominated for the SCSC Roundtable Vice Chairperson role with the nominees providing statements to the Roundtable for consideration prior to the vote.

Nominees for Vice Chair of the Roundtable

- Member Anita Enander – nominated by Member Matichak
- Member Kathy Watanabe – self nominated

ACTION: By vote of the Roundtable, Member Enander was elected as Vice Chairperson.

9. Member Discussion - Brief FAA update on the BSR Overlay Development Process (Video timestamp 00:14:00)

Based on an earlier vote of the Roundtable members, this portion of Item 9 was moved after Item 3.

FAA Representative, and Public Engagement Officer, Sky Laron provided an update on the BSR overlay development process by reading aloud a summary letter from the FAA as transcribed below:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) continues to work on a proposed change to the SERFR Standard Terminal Arrival Route into the San Francisco International Airport, which overflies some of your local communities. This proposed flight procedure amendment is designed to address recommendations submitted by the Select Committee on South Bay arrivals. The proposed amendment would move the current SERFER to more closely align with the old Big Sur conventional flight procedure.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA, the FAA is conducting an environmental review of the proposed procedure design amendment. Outside of the FAA's NEPA obligations, the agency will continue to communicate with congressional members and their staff to determine next steps for public outreach. The FAA is developing various communication tools to include videos, flight track maps, storyboards, and other informational materials to communicate this proposed change. So, the agency undertook this project at the recommendation of the Select Committee, which is why as an agency we look to both congressional leaders as well as this body's leadership to aid in future public engagement and discourse.

To date, as part of our environmental review, the FAA has sent letters of initiation of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and three local governments associated with the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The FAA also sent a letter to the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), a potentially interested or consulting party in this Section 106 process asking for their input about potential effects to cultural resources.

As the FAA was in the process of initiating consultation, the Covid-19 pandemic occurred. The FAA recognizes that this situation effects the consultation timetable, and ultimately those of other federal, state, and local agencies. The FAA will continue to evaluate the situation in the coming weeks, and will continue to reach out to other consulting and interested parties.

So, as you know, there is no easy answer to address aircraft noise. These active public airports here in the Bay Area have byproducts, both good and bad to communities. Aviation is taking quite a hit right now, but aviation activity at your airports is an economic engine that brings benefits to your communities. Unfortunately, at the same time such activity, the coming and going of airplanes, can bother some members of your communities. Which is why the collective effort of everyone involved, as we are here today, is so important. We're committed to continue to work with you, the airports, the airlines, and elected leaders on all efforts to address your concerns.

Thank you.

Member Comments: Chairperson Bernald; Member Hendricks; Member Enander; and Member Kou.

Questions from the Roundtable members were about clarifying where the FAA is in the overall design process, and about the timetables and schedules for review and public comment. FAA Representative Sky Laron clarified that the design process is complete. The FAA is now reaching out to other interested agencies for input prior to opening up the procedure for the community involvement process, which is still forthcoming. Mr. Laron also clarified that the input regarding

cultural resources relative to the NHPA is currently being solicited from the SHPO and local jurisdictions including Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County. He noted that the typical amount of time requested for gathering input is between 30 to 90 days.

Public comment: Darlene Yaplee; Robert Holbrook; Jennifer Landesmann; Marie-Jo Fremont; Jennifer Tasseff; and Alastair Fyfe. (Video timestamp 00:33:33)

Follow-Up Comments: Chairperson Bernald

4. Discuss and Approve the Revised Fiscal Year 2020/2021 SCSC Roundtable Budget (Reflecting Changes in Membership) – Andi Jordan, Cities Association of Santa Clara (Video timestamp 00:52:10)

Ms. Andi Jordan, Executive Director of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget adopted at the May 27, 2020 SCSC Roundtable meeting for the same amount as the previous year, at \$250,000. At that meeting, the members from Santa Cruz County, City of Santa Cruz, and City of Capitola announced that their jurisdictions were withdrawing from the SCSC Roundtable, and subsequently the City of Monte Sereno also sent notification that it would be withdrawing as well, which results in a 26 percent reduction in revenue from the previous year. As requested at the May 27, 2020 Roundtable meeting, Ms. Jordan provided a revised budget for the Roundtable's consideration and approval. Per the Roundtable Bylaws, the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget was introduced 60 days prior to the anticipated date of its adoption. The purpose of the presentation was to inform each member of his or her municipality's anticipated increase in funding amount based on the membership changes. Ms. Jordan noted that the annual budgeted amount for Fiscal Year 2021 would be \$189,600.

Member Comments: Member Enander; Chairperson Bernald; Member Watanabe; Member Kou; Legal Counsel Koplou; Member Preminger; Member Matichak; Member Chao; and Member Hendricks.

Questions from the Roundtable members were about clarifying specific budget line items, language being used in the contracted scope of work for the Cities Association Project Manager, how the role of the Project Manager is defined in comparison to the role of the Roundtable Chairperson, and how the budget is approached with regard to the Cities Association acting as the fiscal agent for the SCSC Roundtable. In addition, Roundtable members discussed if the change in membership might influence how certain topics are addressed for communities that are no longer represented.

Specific member suggestions for updates to the scope of work/budget included:

- Reducing the amount of funds budgeted for legal support;
- Reducing the amount of funds budgeted for the website support and maintenance;
- Reducing the amount of funds budgeted for responding to inquiries from the public;
- Addressing the role of the Project Manager in the Roundtable contract, as it relates to the Roundtable Chairperson.

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

Follow-Up Comments: Chairperson Bernald; Facilitator Alverson; Member Preminger; Member Hendricks; Member Chao; Member Enander; Member Matichak; and Legal Counsel Koplow.

ACTION: The motion by Member Preminger to approve the budget as presented by Andi Jordan with an acknowledgement that there may be minor ministerial updates to the language in the scope and minor consistency updates to the budget was seconded by Member Hendricks and failed by a 4-4 vote.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to approve the budget with an acknowledgement that there may be minor ministerial updates to the language in the scope and minor consistency updates to the budget with the following more substantive changes was seconded by Member Matichak and passed by a 6-2 vote:

- Reduce the allocated budget for legal services to \$5,000, and place the balance into the reserve;
- Update the scope of work (SOW) to acknowledge that the Cities Association is the Roundtable's current fiscal agent for administrative and contract responsibilities; and
- The elected officials of the SCSC Roundtable will hold the responsibility for policy and technical issues.

Break in the Meeting (5 minutes at video timestamp 2:13:15)

5. Reassign the Legislative Committee and Technical Working Group Membership to Respond to the Changed Composition of the Roundtable to Comply with the Brown Act – Chairperson Bernald (Video timestamp 02:20:00)

ACTION: The following members were reassigned by the Roundtable Chairperson Bernald as an update to the prior committee assignments in order to adapt to updated member participation and Brown Act considerations:

Technical Work Group Committee

- Member Anita Enander (Committee Chair)
- Member Lydia Kou
- Member Liang Chao

Legislative Committee

- Member Lisa Matichak (Committee Chair)
- Member Glenn Hendricks
- Member Kathy Watanabe

6. Committee Reports* (Video timestamp 02:22:29)

*These reports would be taken together with member comment and public comment to occur after both reports prior to any action.

a.) Legislative Committee Report – Legislative Committee Chair Lisa Matichak

Legislative Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak provided a summary of the June 10, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting, and the items of which the Legislative Committee would like to receive approval from the full Roundtable to work on. The Legislative Committee proposed the following actions to be taken, for approval by the full Roundtable.

Legislative Committee Requests:

1. Provide input on proposed noise certification rule for supersonic airplanes - Complete
2. Provide input to Quiet Skies Caucus for meeting with FAA Administrator, and send letter to congressional representatives, including follow up with congressional staff, while also exploring the idea of dispersion.
3. Propose policies for new noise metrics.
4. Propose how to address public health impacts and environmental impacts of noise and emissions.
5. Approve two meetings of the Legislative Committee to occur prior to the next full SCSC Roundtable meeting, and a special meeting if needed.
6. Acknowledgement that if a time sensitive meeting occurs, the Legislative Committee would like to be able to address that topic.

Member Comments: Member Matichak and Chairperson Bernald.

Congressional Staff Member Tom Pyke from Congressman Ro Khanna's Office provided an update on a staff-level meeting of the FAA and Quiet Skies Caucus.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to approve and endorse all of the requests from the Legislative Committee as listed above, with the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee to work with the Chairperson of the full Roundtable in writing a letter regarding the Quiet Skies Caucus and the topic of dispersion based on our current knowledge and understanding of the topic (if there is an urgency to send out the letter, but to have further education about dispersion if sending the letter is not time sensitive) was seconded by Member Matichak and passed unanimously.

b.) Technical Working Group Report – Technical Working Group Committee Chair Anita Enander

Technical Working Group Chairperson Anita Enander provided a summary of the June 17, 2020 committee meeting, and the items of which the Technical Working Group would like to receive approval from the full Roundtable to work on. The Technical Working Group proposed the following actions to be taken, for approval by the full Roundtable.

Technical Working Group Requests:

- Send a letter to the FAA regarding the SERFR STAR procedure and the transition back to BSR;
- Develop a specific project and scope of work for ESA to evaluate the procedure changes, assess results, and propose solutions (e.g., further changes to procedures) as a result of FAA action taken on recommendations by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals, with Member Hendricks to draft the scope of work.

- Send a follow-up letter to the FAA regarding PIRAT, and the possibility of another response after the FAA issues its Section 572 Report;
- Write letter asking for the FAA's plan regarding this procedure or, if appropriate, incorporate work and collaborate with the SFO Roundtable and OAK Noise Forum.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to approve the requests by the Technical Working Group was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously.

Member Comments: Member Enander; and Chairperson Bernald.

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

Follow-Up Comments: Chairperson Bernald and Member Matichak.

7. Create an Ad Hoc Committee to Explore the Possibility of the Roundtable Becoming Independent From the Cities Association in Response to the Cities Association Executive Board Direction – Chairperson Bernald (Video timestamp 03:09:48)

ACTION: In order to consider this item further, Chairperson Bernald designated the following members to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee:

- Chairperson Mary-Lynne Bernald
- Member Glenn Hendricks
- Member Kathy Watanabe

Public comment: Jennifer Landesmann; and Robert Holbrook. **(Video timestamp 03:12:45)**

9. Member Discussion (Video timestamp 03:10:30)

Member Comments: Member Watanabe provided a summary of some information gathered by her City's lobbyist in regards to active legislation. Congressman Harley Rouda was able to get a provision in the House Appropriations Committee report to help address aircraft noise and improve the FAA's community engagement activities. The language would include increasing funding by \$5 million to hire additional staff and requiring the FAA to submit a report to Congress on activities undertaken.

8. Oral Communications/Public Comment (This Item was inadvertently skipped and was heard after Item 9.)

Public comment: Jennifer Landesmann.

10. Review of Roundtable Action Items

Facilitator Alverson stated that due to time constraints, the Roundtable actions taken during the meeting would be as noted in the meeting recap above, and that a list of the actions taken by the Roundtable at today's meeting be circulated to Roundtable members as soon as possible.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Bernald adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.